

Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative

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Greetings Stakeholders,

For your information, the Executive Committee of the UMTDI apprises you of our progress in meeting the milestones and schedule provided to you at the commencement of our effort.

We are pleased to say that we continue on schedule. After holding stakeholder meetings in each State and seriously considering all stakeholders' comments, the UMTDI Executive Committee used that information in its discussions regarding the "zone" scenarios previously provided by the Midwest ISO. After several meetings and much analysis and discussion, the Executive Committee has narrowed the scenarios to two options:

UMTDI-A scenario disperses the generation resource zones among the five states and takes advantage of the highest wind resource areas in the western portion of the five-state footprint.

UMTDI-B scenario, again, disperses the generation resource zones among the five states and continues the development of the high wind resources found along the entire Buffalo Ridge area running southeast through the eastern edge of South Dakota, southwestern Minnesota and northwestern Iowa.

Both of these scenarios have been discussed with the Midwest ISO. The Midwest ISO has agreed to study the two scenarios simultaneously (and both 345kV as well as 765kV/DC export potentials) and provide the results back to the UMTDI to use in the remainder of their work.

Once again, the Executive Team of the UMTDI thanks all stakeholders for their comments and participation to inform the Executive Team during this process. Once maps are drawn up, in the coming weeks, UMTDI will share them with stakeholders.