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IUB hearing on proposed Cardinal-Hickory electric transmission line begins December 10

ITC Midwest LLC and Dairyland Power Cooperative seek a franchise to build a new electric power line in Clayton and Dubuque counties

(Des Moines) – The Iowa Utilities Board will conduct an evidentiary hearing on December 10-12, 2019, at the Hotel Julien in Dubuque, Iowa, regarding a petition for a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate a new electric transmission line in Clayton and Dubuque counties by ITC Midwest LLC and Dairyland Power Cooperative. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. each day and will be available via live-streaming video at <https://iowautilitiesboard.eduvision.tv/LiveSched.aspx>.

The petition (application) referred to as the Cardinal-Hickory Creek (CHC) transmission line project in [Docket No. E-22386](#) was filed with the IUB by ITC and Dairyland on May 11, 2018.

ITC and Dairyland seek to build approximately 14.25 miles of 345kV electric transmission line and 2.44 miles of 161 kV electric transmission line as part of a larger project that would extend to Montfort and Middleton, Wisconsin. The proposed 345 kV line in Iowa would connect to the existing ITC Midwest Hickory Creek substation in Dubuque County. The proposed 161 kV line would be double-circuited with the proposed 345 kV line and would connect to ITC Midwest's Turkey River substation in Clayton County.

[Iowa Code chapter 478](#) gives the IUB authority to grant or deny the petition; ITC and Dairyland cannot build the proposed transmission lines unless the IUB grants the franchise to do so. To obtain a franchise, the petitioners are required to show that the proposed lines are necessary to serve a public use and represent a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electricity in the public interest.

Also, ITC and Dairyland have requested the right of eminent domain over seven parcels of property affected by the proposed transmission line route. [Iowa Code section 478.15](#) gives the IUB authority to grant or deny the right of eminent domain. A hearing is required before eminent domain may be granted. Information about the electric transmission line franchise process and [frequently asked questions about](#)

[eminent domain](#) are available on the IUB's website.

Following the hearing, the IUB will review all evidence presented by ITC and Dairyland, the Office of Consumer Advocate, a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, the parties granted intervention in this matter, and any objectors or persons with an interest in a parcel potentially subject to eminent domain proceedings. The IUB also will review Iowa law and rules, previous court cases, and IUB orders that apply to this case before issuing a written Final Decision and Order regarding the proposed CHC project.

All documents regarding this proposed project can be reviewed by searching under [Docket No. E-22386](#) in the IUB's electronic filing system at efs.iowa.gov.

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