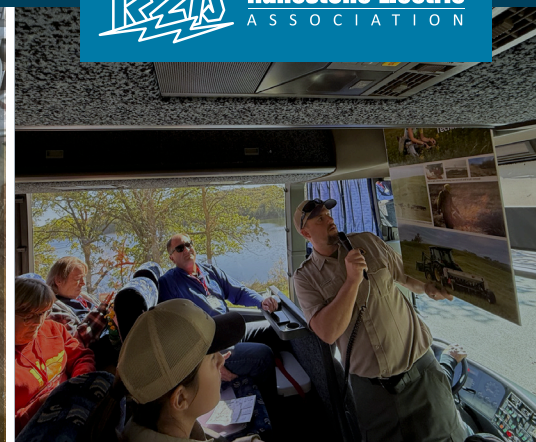
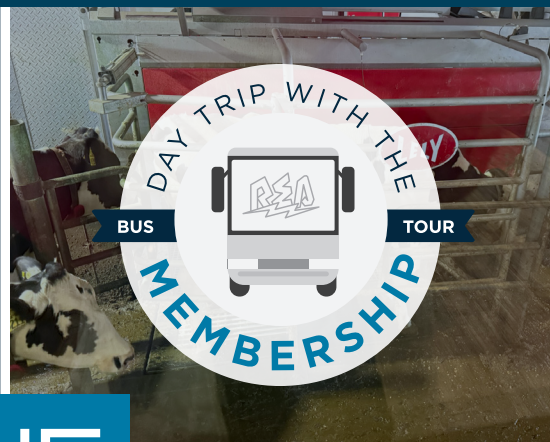




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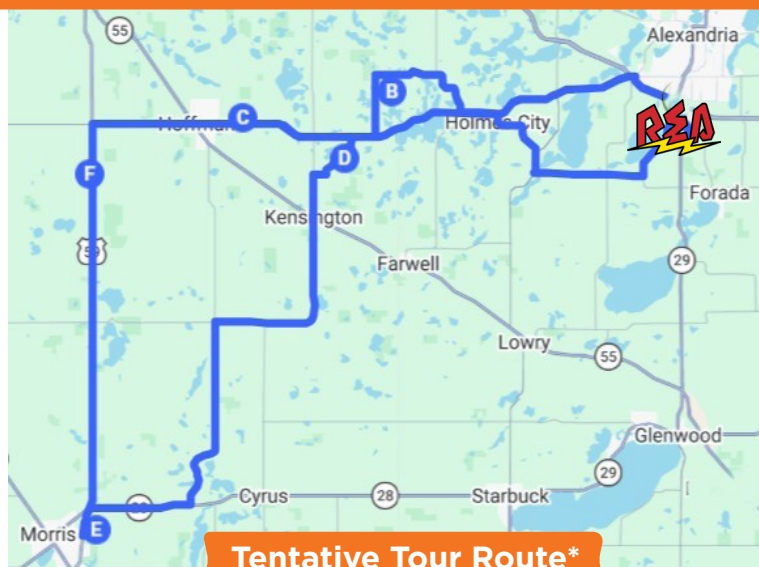
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A Note from the CEO

Route approved for Big Stone South to Alexandria transmission line

Construction of high-voltage transmission power lines has attracted significant attention over the past few years. Enhancing reliability, improving resilience to extreme weather, reducing congestion, and

expanding access to lower-cost energy are all drivers of the effort.

Locally, powerline construction crews have been busy this summer adding a second circuit to the existing CapX2020 transmission line from Alexandria to Becker. Xcel Energy is leading the project and started stringing the line near Alexandria in May, working along Interstate 94 with a helicopter and far-reaching bucket trucks. This work should be completed in 2027.

Just west of the Alexandria I-94/Hwy 29 interchange sits the Missouri River Energy Services Alexandria Substation. Construction crews have been working on a substantial expansion of the substation to accommodate growth in the regional transmission system over the coming years.

Big Stone South to Alexandria

Those who own property along the MN PUC-approved final route (map on right) should have received additional communications, including a landowner information booklet highlighting next steps, and other project specific information. Right-of-way (ROW) agents are also in the process of reaching out to landowners, so if you haven't been contacted yet, you'll receive a phone call shortly from a ROW agent.

Construction is expected to begin in Spring of 2028, with the new transmission line tentatively planned for energization by the end of 2030.

Representatives with the project will continue to work closely with landowners, local government officials, and other stakeholders in preparation for construction.

**For more information on the Big Stone
South to Alexandria transmission line**

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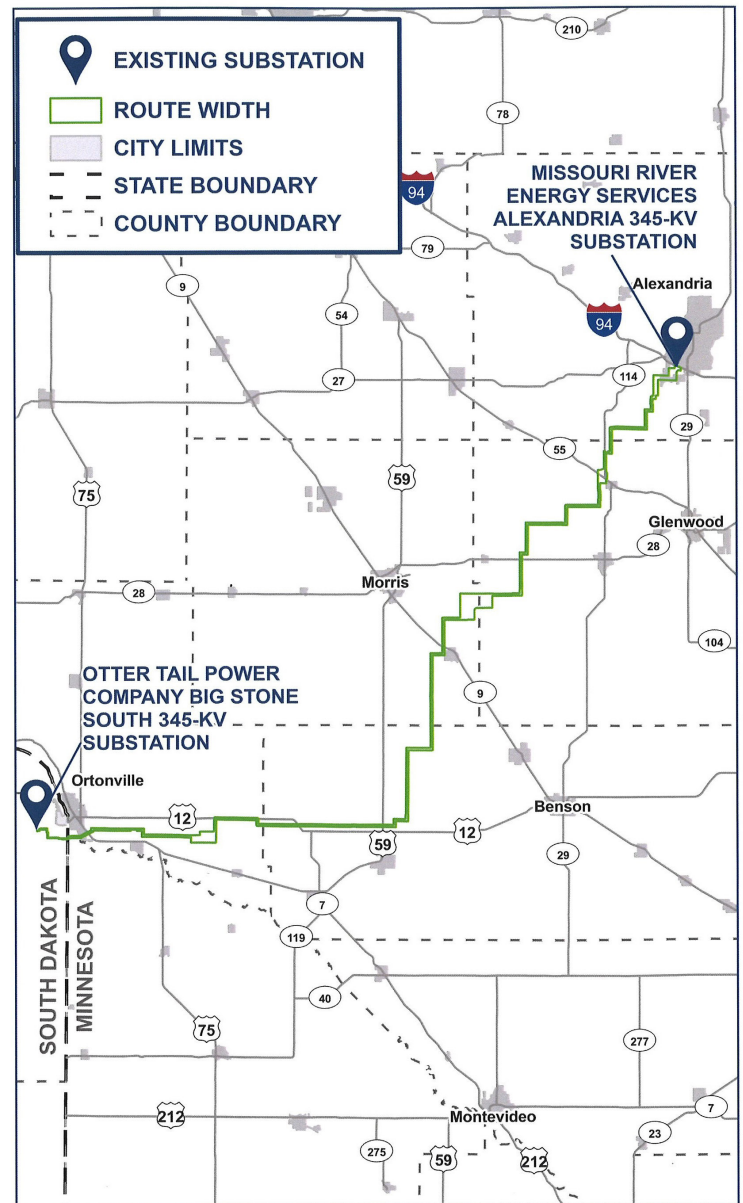
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Big Stone South to Alexandria

Transmission Line



REA Board of Director Meeting Highlights - July 2026

- » Reviewed the June 2026 Financial Report noting distribution plant maintenance was high for June, with crew overtime and mutual aid help for the June 10-11 storm. Electric revenue YTD is on budget when including WPCA charges. REA margin remains behind budget for the year due to lower gross margin.
- » The Board selected Director Johnson to serve as the guest director to the GRE Board of Directors meeting on April 7 - 8, 2027
- » Mr. Rooney provided the Board with an update on irrigation sales and considerations for future rates and control strategy.
- » CEO Haman reported on the Great River Energy (GRE) strategic planning session, Heartland Security board meeting, and STAR Energy Services board meeting.
- » **The regular September Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

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Let us answer your questions about cold weather shut-off protection

What is the Cold Weather Rule?

The Cold Weather Rule protects some members from having their electricity shut-off due to non-payment between October 1 and April 30.

Can my heat be shut off in the winter?

Yes. The Cold Weather Rule allows electricity to be shut off for non-payment. You will only be protected if electricity provides your primary source of heat AND you have done ALL the following things:

- » Your household income meets the state guidelines.
- » You receive referrals to energy assistance, weatherization/conservation, or other programs likely to reduce your energy bills from REA.
- » You have a payment arrangement with REA for which you make reasonably timely payments.

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In order to re-establish power, contact Runestone Electric for the total balance due, which will include additional fees and a deposit.

Will you disconnect me without my knowledge?

No. You will receive a "Notice of Disconnection." The mailing will contain an income verification form for you to complete and return. There will also be a list of rights and responsibilities for you as well as REA and a list of agencies that may help you. If you receive a Notice of Disconnection, you MUST take the next step and call us. We do attempt to make phone calls if we have correct phone numbers. We will not shut-off electricity on a Friday, a weekend, or the day before a holiday.

What must I do to receive shut-off protection?

If you are behind in your electricity payments, your first step is to contact Runestone Electric Association.

Please call **(800) 473-1722** or email rea@runestoneelectric.com.

We don't want to shut off anyone's electricity. We will work with you to set up a payment arrangement or help you to see if you qualify for shut-off protection. Below is a list of energy assistance providers that can help with your energy bills. It is up to you to contact them for help.

Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which helps renters and homeowners pay for energy bills and heating system repairs. For example, a family of four could earn up to \$70,552 annually and qualify to receive financial assistance with energy bills.

To learn more about the EAP program or to apply for assistance:

- » Visit the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Assistance website, <https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance-program/>
- » Contact your county EAP service provider. (See list below)

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- » Be sure to have a corded phone or a charged cell phone in the house, because cordless phones won't work when the power is out.
- » Program the number above into your cell phone for easy access.
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