## Cardinal-Hickory Creek

TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

## State and federal regulatory review

The Cardinal-Hickory Creek Project will require state regulatory approvals from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and Iowa Utilities Board as well as federal approvals from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Army Corps of Engineers and the Rural Utilities Service. Due to the length and geography of the project, we anticipate that a federal environmental assessment under the

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) also will be conducted as part of the process.

Based on the regulatory process and involvement of multiple local, state and federal regulatory agencies, the companies are anticipating that the project would be in service in 2023.

## Anticipated state and federal regulatory review timeline State process **Beginning Prior to filing** 2018-2019 **Prior to line being** 2016 2019-2020 Solicit public Anticipated File in 2014 state applications placed in service decisions from input on applications Solicit public input Final engineering, Public outreach preliminary on narrowed corridors with state state regulators easement acquisition corridors regulators and route options and construction 2023 Anticipated in-service date Federal process Notification and involvement of participating federal agencies Federal **Beginning** Study of Mississippi River Crossing alternatives Record of in 2016 **Environmental Impact Studies** Decision Apply for federal issued approvals





