

BECI 765kV Transmission Line Resources for Marshall Town Board – August 13, 2026

* Midcontinent Grid Solutions Project Website (MGS-Projects.com/BECI) *

<https://mgs-projects.com/BECI> Be sure to scroll through the entire home page. Lots there to explore and links to more information. A few notes and tips:

- **View Project Map:** You have to accept cookies in your browser to use the map. Ctrl+scroll to zoom in & out. Click menu dots to change between Road Map, Satellite, and Terrain views.
- **Map Books:** This is a large PDF file you can download; contains 34 separate maps, requires some work to find specific parcels.
- **Open Houses:** No formal presentation. Come any time during the scheduled meeting time. You can attend a meeting in any location. **The same information and opportunities for feedback will be provided at each meeting.** “Detailed maps will be available for review and we welcome your comments at the open houses. **We are requesting public feedback on the study segments by September 7, 2026.**”
- **Virtual Open House:** This option walks through **the same display boards that will be displayed at the in-person open houses.** The page indicates how you can submit comments virtually. You can also download the display boards as a PDF file under Project Resources.
- **Recent Landowner Mailing:** The Project Resources section contains two documents that contain the four pages included in the mailing recently sent to landowners: [Announcement Packet](#) (cover letter and map) and [Fact Sheet](#) (overview and project schedule).

* NO 765kV Line *

No 765 Line is a non-profit citizen coalition formed to serve as an umbrella to provide education, outreach, and assistance with opposition throughout SW Wisconsin, for the MariBell and BECI 765kV transmission lines going through the Driftless region.

- <https://no765line.org/> Resource section for Landowners: <https://no765line.org/resources/>
- **Recent Richland County activities:** July 16 – Informational Meeting in Richland Center at Phoenix Center; August 6 – Community Picnic in Richland Center at Old Mill Pond Park Shelter.
- **What’s Happening Now:** Scroll down to bottom of website home page for press releases and to sign up for email updates.
- Aug 12 Press Release: **Transmission Line Developers Crunch Timeline, Taking Landowners By Surprise** <https://no765line.org/press-release-beci-timeline/> includes “**What residents can do now**”
- **Landowner information request template:** Printed copy in packet, digital version in online packet

* Marshall Township - Agendas & Meeting Minutes *

<https://townofmarshallwi.org/meeting-minutes-and-agendas/>

* Richland County Board and Committees – Agendas and Meeting Minutes/Recordings *

- All Richland County Board and Committees Agendas and Minutes: <https://administrator.co.richland.wi.us/minutes/>
- Richland County Board Agendas, Minutes, Packets, Videos, Webex information for attending online <https://administrator.co.richland.wi.us/minutes/county-board/>
- Video from July 21, 2026 Board meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqO3vdEGe9s>

BECI 765V Line **Time Sensitive Action Items**

Stay Informed, Focused, Communicate

! #1 Contact BECI developers MGS- Midcontinent Grid Solutions-

- ★ **Right Away:** Review map/info they recently published. [Midcontinent Grid Solutions](#)
 - Email them questions— connect@mgsWisconsin.com
 - ASK clear questions re you and neighbors land, etc affects, get specific.
 - Use document #1 letter in shared folder for guidance
 - Cc your state officials when you email the letter
 - Sen.Keyeski@legis.wisconsin.gov (608)266-0751
 - Rep.Kurtz@legis.wisconsin.gov (608)282-3641
 - Keep a record of your communication.
- ★ Ask for response by Aug 31. Follow-up until you receive an answer

! If you are contacted by MGS or one of their reps

- ★ Don't sign and agree to anything
- ★ Don't take money
- ★ Know your rights and the negative consequences of signing

! #2 Contact your State Senator and Representatives and ASK

- ★ Update WI laws to protect landowners
- ★ Review developer tactics of using green land against WI stat 1.12(6)
- ★ Follow Iowa's prompts: re electromagnetic field strength, structures on cropland/farms, urge PSC/Public Service Commission to request developers follow rules
- ★ Use document #2 in shared folder for state contacts

! #3 Communicate

- ★ Let your neighbors and fellow Wisconsinites know.
- ★ Ask your town, city to adopt a resolution supporting landowners.
- ★ Let your local business, especially those you do business with, know.
- ★ Let your local land, wildlife, and ag, etc groups know.

! #4 Attend Meetings and Events

- ★ Mon Aug 17 Town Hall. Retreat Sportsman's Club, DeSoto 5:30p
- ★ Tue Aug 18 Richland County Board Meeting - 6-8p
- ★ Mon Aug 24 BECI developer open house at Richland Center High School 10a-1p
- ★ See no765line.org for more events

! Important resource for additional information and help: No765Line.org

You asked to hear from us. Here's where things stand.

Neighbor,

Some time ago you gave us your email — at a community meeting, on a petition, or at no765line.org. You asked to be kept informed about the 765,000-volt transmission line proposed across southern Wisconsin. This is that email: the first issue of **On the Line**, and a promise kept later than we wanted. We've been building the team and the tools this effort needs. Here's what you missed — and why the next three weeks matter more than the last three months.

The short version

What we'd lose. The MariBell and BECI lines — yes, these are two separate projects, with different names and different developers — would cut a new permanent corridor through family farms, wildlife habitat, bluffs, and coldwater streams of an ancient landscape that has never carried a mega-transmission line, with towers up to 200 feet tall.

Who gains. The companies developing these lines are largely private, for-profit businesses that earn a guaranteed, regulated return on a multi-billion-dollar build. Wisconsin ratepayers help pay the bill.

Whether it's needed. Wisconsin used less electricity in 2024 than in 2005 (U.S. Energy Information Administration) — a point the BECI developer now concedes on its own website, writing that state electricity sales have been “roughly flat since 2005.” That case deserves a hard, public look before a corridor is cut through anyone's land, or our shared natural resources.

[Start with the full picture →](#)

The one thing to do this month: go look at their map for the BECI line

On July 29 the BECI developer, Midcontinent Grid Solutions, posted **county-by-county study-segment maps** on its project website and scheduled **eight open houses the week of August 24**. It is asking the public to comment on those segments **by September 7**.

We found out because the maps appeared on their website. If you live in the study area and this is the first you're hearing of it, you are not the only one — and that is exactly why this email needs to travel.

Here is what to look for. Open your county's map book and find the segments nearest you. Then ask one question: *do they follow a corridor that already carries a transmission line — or do they cross open ground that never has?* Wisconsin's siting statute, [Wis. Stat. § 1.12\(6\)](#), lists existing utility corridors *first* in the order of priority for routing new transmission — ahead of highway and rail corridors, trails, and new corridors. You do not need an engineering degree to see which one a line on a map is following.

Open houses — week of August 24

[Richland](#) · Mon Aug 24, 10 AM–1 PM

Richland Center High School, 1996 US-14 W, Richland Center

[Crawford](#) · Mon Aug 24, 4–7 PM

Gays Mills Community Center, 16381 WI-131, Gays Mills

[Sauk](#) · Tue Aug 25, 10 AM–1 PM

UW-Platteville Baraboo (Lange Center), 1006 Connie Rd., Baraboo

[Columbia](#) · Tue Aug 25, 4–7 PM

Whispering Pines, 101 Bethel Dr., Poynette

[Jefferson](#) · Wed Aug 26, 10 AM–1 PM

County Fairgrounds Activity Center, 503 N. Jackson Ave., Jefferson

[Dane & Dodge](#) · Wed Aug 26, 4–7 PM

The Round Table, 1611 N Bristol St., Sun Prairie

[Walworth](#) · Thu Aug 27, 10 AM–1 PM

Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 E Geneva St., Delavan

[Rock](#) · Thu Aug 27, 4–7 PM

Woodman's Center, 2510 Milton Ave., Janesville

Tap a county for directions, add-to-calendar, and what to bring — or see [all eight on our calendar](#). Times and locations as published by the developer at mgs-projects.com/BECI. There is no formal presentation — come and go any time during the window.

[See your county's map book](#)

On their site, scroll to “Map books” and pick your county.

Go if you can. Comment either way. Written comments go to the developer through the GeoVoice map tool on their project page (the “View project map” button), or to **Connect@MGSWisconsin.com**. Say where you live, name the segment you’re looking at, and say plainly whether you think it belongs there. Specific beats angry, every time.

Then tell us what you saw. Reply to this email, or write to info@no765line.org. One person’s account of an open house is an anecdote. Eight counties’ worth is a record.

Two deadlines, one date

September 7 is also the close of public comment on the U.S. Department of Energy’s **draft national transmission study** — the document developers will cite as federal proof their lines are needed. It’s a separate, federal process, and it takes about 15 minutes. Reply **DOE** and we’ll send the short guide. Do both on the same afternoon and you’ve had your say in the two places that are listening right now.

What your neighbors have already done

- **16 local governments** have formally adopted resolutions — see the [live tracker](#).
 - The BECI study area spans parts of **nine counties** — Crawford, Richland, Sauk, Columbia, Dodge, Dane, Jefferson, Walworth and Rock. It’s their map, rendered exactly as they drew it, on [our maps](#).
 - Local businesses are [standing with affected communities](#), publicly. We’d love it if you’d add yours.
 - Reporters are covering this story — collected at [In the News](#).
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Also worth your time

- [Put up a yard sign](#) — \$20 or \$30, picked up locally, and it funds the work of our all-volunteer team.
- [Come to an event](#) — hearings, meetings, and volunteer days, all on one calendar.
- We asked candidates in the Governor and WI House-03 races where they stand on transmission siting. Not everyone answered. [Read what they said](#).
- **Forward this email** to one neighbor in the study area. Right now that is the highest-value thing you can do in 30 seconds.

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What to expect from us

One or two **On the Line** emails a month: action alerts when a deadline or hearing is coming, updates when something real happens. No noise. The big ones are ahead — the MariBell developers are expected to file with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission this fall, and BECI's developer says it will file in **early 2027**, after a second round of open houses later this fall. When those dockets land, we'll tell you what they actually say and exactly how to be heard.

Reply anytime. A real person reads every message.

With gratitude,

The No 765 Line team

You're receiving this because you signed up at no765line.org, at a community meeting, or on a petition and asked for updates on the MariBell and BECI 765 kV transmission lines. We never sell or share your email. To make sure these updates reach you, add **info@no765line.org** to your contacts.

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Dear Midcontinent Grid Solutions (MGS) / connect@mgsWisconsin.com

I am a landowner in the Town of _____ in _____ County. My land parcel numbers that I write in reference to, below, are:

It is my understanding that MGS is proposing a large 765 kV transmission line potentially affecting me and my neighbors. It is also my understanding that the time period MGS has allotted to supply me the information I require in order to provide sufficient input and to participate in other required communications is very restricted due to MGS interest in submitting a CPCN application to the PSC as soon as February, 2027.

I have examined the resources currently on your website. The supplied maps are inadequate in several respects that I have accounted for, below.

For these reasons, I ask MGS to place me on your contact list to receive all future notifications and to provide me the answers and specified documents in electronic format specified, below, no later than August 31, 2026.

1. Please email to me, digital format, high-resolution, to-scale, satellite imagery-based maps for each of the above listed land parcels portraying the following features:

- (a) If applicable, depict the centerline of the existing transmission facilities on each parcel;
- (b) Graphic lines depicting the parcel boundaries.
- (c) A graphic line, scaled to no more than 10' in width, depicting the considered location of the center line of the proposed 765 kV transmission facility line on each land parcel;
- (d) The centers of the proposed locations, with geo-coordinates, for all proposed 765 kV transmission towers on each land parcel;
- (e) Graphic lines depicting the boundaries of the proposed easement for the 765 kV facility on each land parcel;
- (f) The height, in feet, for each proposed 765 kV transmission tower on each land parcel;
- (g) To-scale, plan and elevation renderings, in feet, of all tower designs being considered for each parcel.
- (h) Depict the areas required for construction and newly created access roads on each land parcel.

2. Please provide documentation accounting for the design and equipment measures that would be considered to help minimize audible noise and visible corona light pollution.

3. Please provide the calendar date by which transmission line siting engineers under MGS direction will have met, individually, with directly impacted landowners to consider and make necessary adjustments for inclusion in the 765 kV application to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Sincerely,

Name Printed:

Street Address:

Email Address:

Date: