

# MariBell Transmission Project

## Regulatory Process

Before a transmission line can be built in Wisconsin, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) needs to be obtained by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW).

### Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

The PSCW must examine a number of factors when considering whether or not to grant a CPCN. For example, the Commission will consider whether a proposed project satisfies the reasonable needs of the public for an adequate supply of energy; whether the design and location of the proposed project is in the public interest; whether the benefits of the proposed project are reasonable in relation to its cost; and whether the proposed project has an undue adverse impact on the environment. The Commission requires an application for a CPCN to include substantial analyses and information about the proposed project, including two proposed routes and the factors evaluated in developing the routes.

### Review Process

The PSCW will conduct a contest case to evaluate the request for a CPCN. The first formal step in the process is the filing of an application. Dairyland expects to apply for a CPCN with the PSCW in 2026.

Once the Commission receives the application, its technical staff will review whether the application is complete or if more information is needed. Once the application is deemed complete, the PSCW will require Dairyland to provide copies of the application to local libraries and governments in the area of the proposed project. Members of the public may also view the public portions of the Application on the PSCW's website.

### ONCE THE APPLICATION IS CONSIDERED COMPLETE, THE REVIEW PROCESS BEGINS:

The review process includes numerous opportunities to provide feedback.



The PSCW will hold public meetings and hearings with opportunities to comment on the proposed project.



Landowners located along the proposed routes will receive a notification in the mail from the PSCW when the public hearings are scheduled and when written comments can be submitted to the PSCW. Comments may be provided in person at the public hearing, by mail, or on the PSCW's website.



Following this process, the PSCW will issue a decision, expected in 2027.

More information on the regulatory process can be found at: <https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/CommissionActions/ConstructionProjectApproval.aspx>

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