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Re: Application of American Transmission Company LLC, as an Electric Public Utility, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate the Ozaukee Co. Distribution Interconnection Project, Consisting of New 345 kV Transmission Lines, Uprated 345 kV Transmission Lines, Potential New 138 kV Transmission Lines in Calumet, Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, and Washington Counties, New Substations in the Towns of Sherman and Lima, Sheboygan Co., Town of Jackson, Washington Co., Town of Osceola, Fond du Lac Co., Town of Port Washington, Ozaukee Co., and Modifications to Existing Substations

137-CE-221

To the Person Addressed,

The Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) received an application from American Transmission Company LLC (ATC) to construct and operate the Ozaukee County Distribution Interconnection Project. (PSC REF#: 567811.) The Commission is sending this letter to property owners along the proposed routes and individuals who have asked to be placed on our mailing list. It is also being sent to public officials in the project area. This letter is also being sent to public officials who may wish to place this notification in a location where it can be viewed by the public.

ATC has filed an application with the Commission for approval to construct up to approximately 96-123 miles of transmission lines and to construct up to five new substations and conduct minor back-end work at existing substation to support the interconnection of a new large system load in Port Washington, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin into the existing electrical transmission and distribution network. If approved, and dependent on the route chosen, work would take place in Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington, Calumet, Manitowoc and Fond du Lac Counties, Wisconsin. The infrastructure would be constructed, owned, and operated by ATC. A more detailed proposed project description is included below in this letter.

The proposed project cost for construction and placing into service is estimated to be between approximately $1.36 billion and $1.64 billion, depending on route selection.

An online map and links to project documentation is available on the PSC website.[1]

[1] PSC Project Page: PSC Ozaukee Co. Distribution Interconnection Project

Public Comments

Commission and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff are now analyzing the application and conducting a review of the environmental impacts of the proposed project to include in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). As part of this effort, the agencies are conducting a public EIS scoping comment process. During this comment period the public is encouraged to submit comments and suggestions to help the state agencies determine the scope of the EIS.

As part of this effort, the agencies are holding public outreach/scoping sessions throughout the project area. At these sessions, Commission staff will explain the regulatory review process and solicit input from the public to help the state agencies determine the scope of the EIS that must be prepared regarding the proposed project. The agencies encourage persons with local information or environmental concerns to attend the scoping sessions and provide comments and suggestions. The sessions will be held in an open house format. Anyone interested in this proposed project is invited to attend.

Locations and dates of scoping sessions

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 Holiday Inn Express Banquet Hall 350 E Seven Hills Road Port Washington, WI 53074 Time: 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., identical sessions.
Thursday, January 22, 2026 Generations 1500 Douglas Drive Suite D Plymouth, WI 53073 Time: 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., identical sessions.
Wednesday, January 28, 2026 Brillion Community Center 120 Center Street Brillion, WI 54110 Time: 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., identical sessions.

Comments on the scope of the EIS can be submitted via:

- At these public scoping sessions
- The Commission's website at https://psc.wi.gov, where you can scroll down to the E-Services heading toward the bottom of the webpage, then click "File a Public Comment" in the middle of the page, then locate docket 137-CE-221; or

- A letter addressed to the Commission's Environmental Review Coordinator for this docket (see contacts at the end of this letter). Emails are not an acceptable format to provide a comment.

Please note that comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's Electronic Records Filing System. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions. Effective topics to mention in comments on the scope of the environmental assessment may include:

- Any potential human and environmental impacts from the proposed project facilities,
- Any specific comments regarding particular locations of project infrastructure, or
- Any specific actions or changes to the proposed project that could minimize or mitigate potential impacts from the proposed project.

The deadline for submitting scoping comments on the environmental impact statement for the Ozaukee County Distribution Interconnection Project is Friday, February 6, 2026.

If you need an interpreter, translator, materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access this service, activity or program, please contact the PSC Docket Coordinator below by January 20, 2026.

Si necesita un intérprete, un traductor, materiales en formatos alternativos u otros adaptaciones para acceder a este servicio, actividad o programa, comuníquese al número de teléfono que figura a continuación antes del 20 de Enero de 2026.

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There will be additional public comment periods throughout the review process, including comments on the draft EIS and testimony submitted at the public hearing.

Project Description

ATC is seeking approval to construct new 345 kV and 138 kV transmission lines and four to five substations in the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Manitowoc, Sheboygan and Washington. The project is divided into two geographic parts: the north scope and south scope.

In the north scope, both the North Proposed and North Alternative routes include one new 345kV transmission line that originates at the Forest Junction substation in Calumet County and travels south to the proposed Sheboygan River Substation in Fond du Lac County.

In the south scope, the South Proposed and South Alternative Route would include a 345kV transmission line that would connect the proposed Mullet River Junction Substation, run south connecting to several intermediary substations, before terminating at the proposed Cedar Creek

Junction in the Town of Jackson. Both routes would include a Common Route, consisting of two new 345kV transmission lines running parallel east to west to connect to the proposed intermediary Decker Substation in Port Washington. The South Alternative Route also would include building two new 138kV transmission circuits to connect to the proposed intermediary Adell Substation in Sherman Center and the existing Holland Substation.

Included in both scopes, uprate modifications would occur on approximately 45 miles of existing lines that include replacement of 60 structures across three lines in the north scope, and replacement of 61 structures across five lines in the south scope. These existing line modifications consist of replacing select structures on existing transmission lines to improve clearances due to line uprates. Uprate portions of the project are also indicated as "Network Upgrades" or "Existing Line Modifications" and labelled as N/S-MOD-# within the application.

Overall, the applicants have identified three routes for the north scope: Proposed, Alternative and Common; and four routes for the south scope: Proposed, Proposed – Contingent, Alternative and Common. Within the scope of the project, the applicant proposes between approximately 96-123 miles of new and updated 345 and 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines, varying between proposed routes. Additionally, the project includes the construction of between four and five substations, depending on the route selected, while also requiring modifications to four existing substations. Both routes would include new proposed substations: Sheboygan River, Mullet River Junction, Decker, Cedar Creek Junction. Only the north scope Proposed Route includes modification to the existing Cypress substation. Only the south scope Alternative Route includes the new Adell substation and modification work to existing Holland and Saukville (Cedarsauk) substations.

The proposed project's effect on existing ROW varies. The typical ROW width for the north scope ranges from 100 feet to 280 feet. The typical ROW width for the south scope ranges from 100 feet to 250 feet.

State and Federal Agency Jurisdiction

The proposed transmission line project requires a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Commission before construction can begin. The record of analysis of potential environmental and societal impacts will inform the Commission's decision whether to approve, modify, or deny the applicant's proposal.

The DNR will consider the application for wetland and waterway permits, if applicable under Wis. Stat. ch. 30, potential impacts to rare species, and other affected resources under its jurisdiction. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection will produce an Agricultural Impact Statement (AIS) under Wis. Stat. § 32.035. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will consider permits to build in or across state and federal highway rights-of-way and will examine impacts to scenic easements, if applicable. The Wisconsin Historical Society may review the proposed projects for any potential adverse impacts

to listed cultural resources under Wis. Stat. § 44.40. Other reviews, approvals, or permits may be necessary from state or federal agencies.

Environmental Impact Statement

The proposed transmission line project is a Type 1 project under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(1). An EIS is required as specified under the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act, Wis. Stat. § 1.11. The EIS will cover the siting and need of the project and all of the associated facilities, as well as potential environmental, community, socioeconomic and private property impacts. The draft EIS will likely be issued in the spring of 2026 and will be followed by a 45-day comment period. Comments on the draft EIS will be used to prepare the final EIS.

When completed, the final EIS will be made available, and a notice of its availability will be provided to the public.

Public Hearings and Commission Decision

In addition to the environmental scoping meetings listed above, the Commission will hold technical and public hearings on the proposed project. The final EIS will be available at least 30 days before the hearings. At least 30 days before the hearings, the Commission will issue a Notice of Hearing. The Notice will include the time, date, and location of the hearings, as well as instructions regarding how to provide testimony for the hearing record. Comments made during this EIS Scoping period do not become part of the record of decision, so members of the public may want to provide comments now as well as at the later hearing stage of the project review. The Commission must base its decisions about the project, in part, on the record of the hearings. The Commission will discuss the record for this project at a meeting open to the public as it makes its decisions.

Information and Contacts

For more information about the Commission's review procedures and information about how to participate, please see the Commission's website: https://psc.wi.gov/. To receive electronic notifications when new documents are filed in this docket, go to ERF - EZ Subscriptions[2] and follow the instructions to subscribe to this docket. With a subscription, a notification will be sent when the Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been uploaded to the docket.

To Review Project Application Materials and Additional Related Documents

- Local libraries and municipal clerks' offices in the project area.
- PSC website (https://psc.wi.gov) under the docket's "eServices" tab, click "Docket Search (CMS)" link, and search case number 137-CE-221.
- A project specific webpage is available at: PSC Ozaukee Co. Distribution Interconnection Project.

[2] PSC ERF EZ Subscriptions https://apps.psc.wi.gov/ERF/ERF/ERFhome.aspx

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Attachment: EIS Scoping Maps

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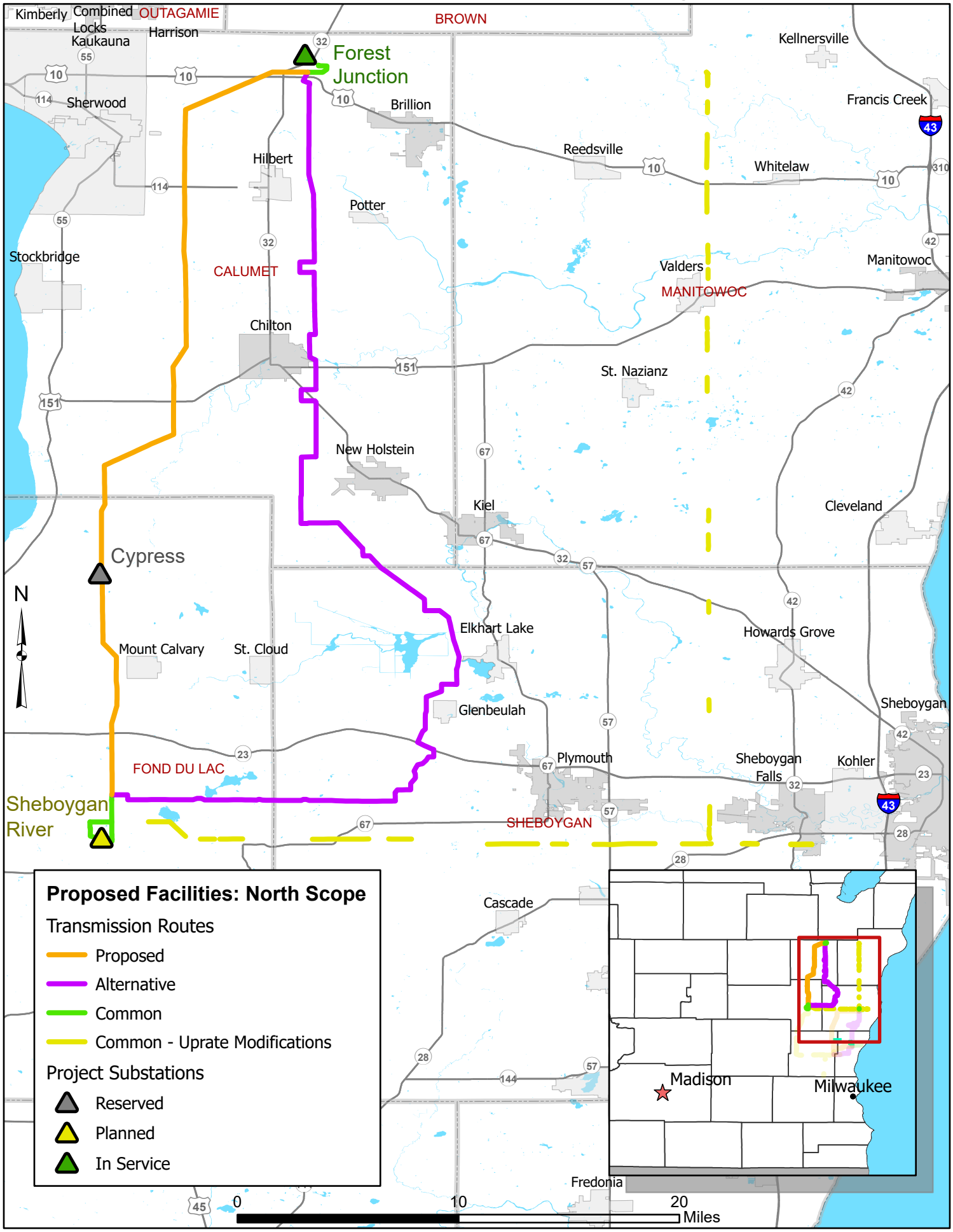
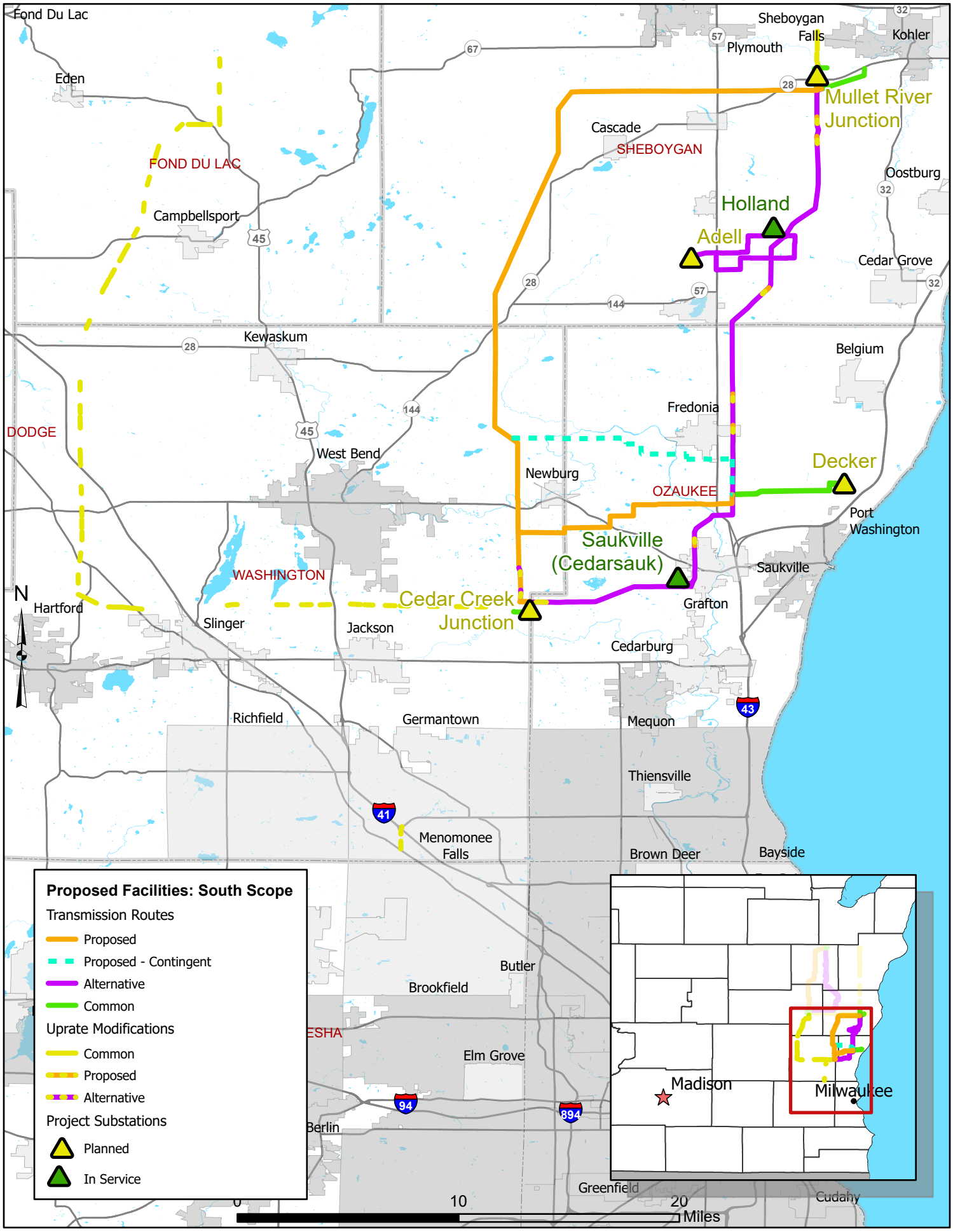
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