



Keystone XL pipeline denied

President Barack Obama denied the presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, based on the US Department of State recommendation. In its official press release, the State Department reported that there wasn't sufficient time to fully evaluate the proposed pipeline and determined it wasn't in national interest to support it. TransCanada would be able to apply again for approval. [Read the official release here](#). An AP article reports TransCanada officials are currently weighing options in light of the decision, including reapplication for the full Keystone XL pipeline, connecting smaller segments of existing pipeline to American refineries, or developing Asian markets ([Read the Bismarck Tribune story here](#)). Yet another national report states that TransCanada will re-apply and will not change the route ([Read the CNBC interview with TransCanada official here](#)).

North Dakota leads wind energy development

In 2012, North Dakota is expected to develop hundreds of megawatts of wind energy, thanks to the availability of high-voltage transmission lines to Minnesota. Compared to neighbor, South Dakota, with hundreds of proposed projects, but few options for transporting energy out of state. Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, a nonprofit regional transmission organization, breathed new life into those proposed projects, however, by approving 17 new transmission lines to move that energy out of state. [Read more in the Bismarck Tribune story](#).

Public hearings scheduled for two proposed transmission lines

Three dates are set in February and March for public comment on Minnkota Power Cooperative's proposed transmission line that will move energy from its power plant near Center to Grand Forks. The ND Public Service Commission is reviewing the proposed route of the \$300 million, 260 mile-long line. [Read the Grand Forks Herald story here](#). The Commissioners are also reviewing Allete's proposed power line to move North Dakota-produced wind energy to Minnesota customers. A public hearing will be held in March for the 11-mile line that would be built in Oliver and Morton counties. [Read the GF Herald story here](#).

Energy Corridor blog is officially up and running

Read the Energy Corridor weekly newsletter for regional energy news highlights; read the blog for the rest. This week on the blog, check out highlights on:

- World Future Energy Summit
- IEA oil consumption report
- Biomass and landfills
- Geothermal catching a break

If you have any news or events you want to share, send me a note. I'll try to include them when applicable. [Check out the blog here](#).



Energy Events

January 24-26	Energy Generation Conference	Bismarck, ND
February 14-16	Renewable Energy World Conference & Expo North America	Long Beach, CA
May 22-24	Williston Basin Petroleum Conference	Bismarck, ND
June 4-7	Fuel Ethanol Workshop & Expo	Minneapolis, MN
July 24	WEST! Event	Williston, ND



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