

INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION CONNECTIONS PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO LOWER-COST POWER, RENEWABLE ENERGY

Interstate transmission connections allow local utilities access to power produced throughout the Midwest wholesale energy market. Additional connections improve access to lower-cost energy by reducing transmission congestion and increasing transfer capacity. Current congestion on Wisconsin's interstate connections increases costs to serve Wisconsin customers and reduces the ability of Wisconsin utilities to sell power to regional energy markets.

Wisconsin currently has seven 345-kilovolt interstate transmission connections — far fewer than neighboring states' connections:

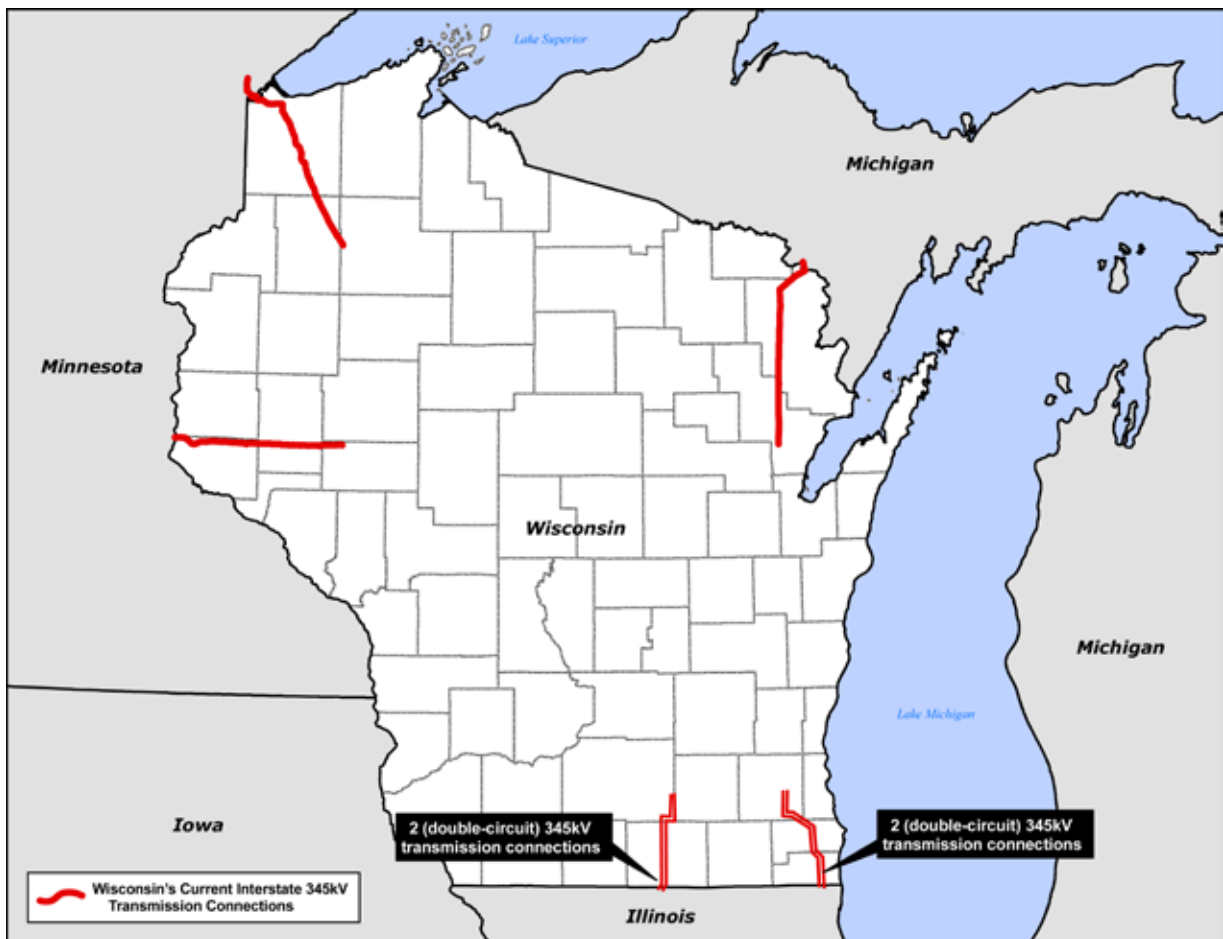
Iowa: 10 connections 345-kV or higher

Michigan: 11 connections 345-kV or higher

Illinois: 24 connections 345-kV or higher

Minnesota: 8 connections 345-kV or higher

The Badger Coulee Transmission Line Project would add an additional 345-kV connection to Wisconsin, which would increase the ability of utilities in the state to import high-quality wind and other lower-cost power from throughout the region and sell power to higher-cost regions during some hours.



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