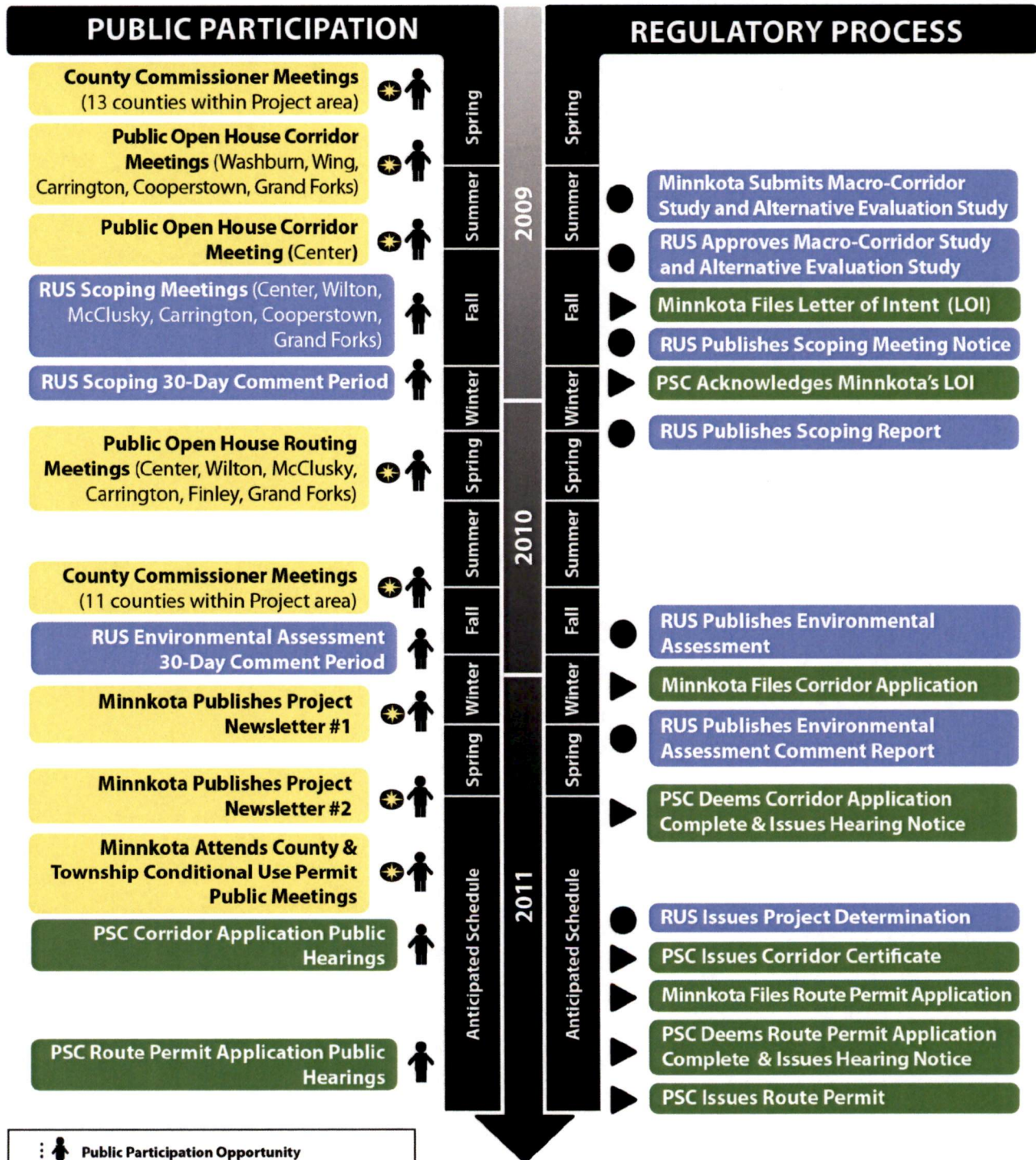


# Exhibit 9

## Overview of State and Federal Permitting Processes with Public Involvement



**KEY**

- Person icon: Public Participation Opportunity
- Sun icon: Minnkota Outreach Effort
- Triangle icon: State Milestone: Public Service Commission (PSC)
- Circle icon: Federal Milestone: Rural Utilities Service (RUS)