



## Appendix I. Individual, Business, and NGO Comment Index and Comments and Responses

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			Electrical Characteristics	I-169-004
	I-170	Mauszycki, Thomas	Comment Noted	I-170-001
	I-171	McCann, Daniel & Jane	Socioeconomics	I-171-001
			Conservation Easement	I-171-002
			Route Alternatives	I-171-003
	I-172	Niccum, Marilyn	Comment Noted	I-172-001
	I-173	Niccum, Michael	Comment Noted	I-173-001
	I-174	Nauss, Lee	Conservation Easement	I-174-001
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-174-002
			Recreation	I-174-003
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-174-004
			Route Alternatives	I-174-005
	I-175	Olson, Ken	Socioeconomics	I-175-001
			Route Alternatives	I-175-002
			Socioeconomics	I-175-003
			Land Use	I-175-004
	I-176	Olson, Larry	Comment Noted	I-176-001
			Route Alternatives	I-176-002
			Route Alternatives	I-176-003
	I-177	Peters, Annette	Route Alternatives	I-177-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-177-002
			Project Alternatives	I-177-003
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			Project Alternatives	I-177-005
			Route Alternatives	I-177-006
			Agriculture	I-177-007
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-177-008
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			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-177-010
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			Health & Safety and EMF	I-178-003
			Historic, Arch, Cultural Sites	I-178-004
			Biological Resources	I-178-005
			Agriculture	I-178-006
			Comment Noted	I-178-007
			Comment Noted	I-178-008
			Project Purpose and Need	I-178-009
	I-179	Possin, Kevin & Lavine, Ann	Comment Noted	I-179-001
	I-180	Prow, Kristopher	Project Purpose and Need	I-180-001
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-180-002
			Comment Noted	I-180-003
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			Health & Safety and EMF	I-180-010
			Project Purpose and Need	I-180-011
			Biological Resources	I-180-012
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-180-013
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-180-014
	I-181	Randall, Josh & Abby	Socioeconomics	I-181-001
			Residential	I-181-002
	I-182	Sacher, Anthony	Comment Noted	I-182-001
	I-183	Scheidegger, John	Project Alternatives	I-183-001
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-183-002
			Project Purpose and Need	I-183-003
	I-184	Steffes, Patricia H.	Biological Resources	I-184-001
			Route Alternatives	I-184-002
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-184-003
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-184-004
			Route Alternatives	I-184-005
	I-185	Thedens, Corrie	Socioeconomics	I-185-001
			Biological Resources	I-185-002
	I-186	Thedens, Mike	Socioeconomics	I-186-001
		Thedens, Mike	Route Alternatives	I-186-002
		Thedens, Mike	Other	I-186-003

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			Health & Safety and EMF	I-187-002
			Historic, Arch, Cultural Sites	I-187-003
			Socioeconomics	I-187-004
			Route Alternatives	I-187-005
			Processes	I-187-006
			Route Alternatives	I-187-007
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-187-008
			Biological Resources	I-187-009
			Recreation	I-187-010
			Other	I-187-011
			Processes	I-187-012
	I-188	Walch, Sara	Health & Safety and EMF	I-188-001
			Route Alternatives	I-188-002
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-188-003
			Socioeconomics	I-188-004
			Biological Resources	I-188-005
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-188-006
			Project Purpose and Need	I-188-007
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-188-008
	I-189	Wald, Gale	Project Alternatives	I-189-001
			Route Alternatives	I-189-002
			Route Alternatives	I-189-003
			Project Purpose and Need	I-189-004
	I-190	Wald, Wesley	Comment Noted	I-190-001
	I-191	Way, Jim	Health & Safety and EMF	I-191-001
			Route Alternatives	I-191-002
			Route Alternatives	I-191-003
	I-192	Whipple, Allen	Socioeconomics	I-192-001
	I-193	Wirt, Dennis	Health & Safety and EMF	I-193-001
			Route Alternatives	I-193-002
	I-194	Wood, Bernadette	Project Alternatives	I-194-001
			Connected Actions	I-194-002
			Project Alternatives	I-194-003
			Processes	I-194-004
			Project Alternatives	I-194-005
			Other	I-194-006
	I-195	DuPay, Jane	Comment Noted	I-195-001
	I-196	Fox, Susan	Comment Noted	I-196-001
	I-197	Food, Ruth	Project Purpose and Need	I-197-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-197-002
	I-198	Francois, Joan	Project Alternatives	I-198-001

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			Project Alternatives	I-199-002
			Processes	I-199-003
			Other	I-199-004
	I-200	Custer, Cristeen	Environmental Justice	I-200-001
			Processes	I-200-002
			Biological Resources	I-200-003
			Other	I-200-004
	I-201	Daley, Nancy and Kevin	Project Purpose and Need	I-201-001
			Other	I-201-002
	I-202	Dukerschein, Jeanne T.	Project Purpose and Need	I-202-001
			Other	I-202-002
			Interconnection to Generation	I-202-003
			Project Alternatives	I-202-004
			Processes	I-202-005
	I-203	Flicek, Ryan	Comment Noted	I-203-001
	I-204	Food, Ruth	Project Purpose and Need	I-204-001
	I-205	Fuhrmann, Roy	Comment Noted	I-205-001
	I-206	Gilmer, Andrew	Project Purpose and Need	I-206-001
			Processes	I-206-002
			Route Alternatives	I-206-003
	I-207	Gregerson, Linda	Project Purpose and Need	I-207-001
			Interconnection to Generation	I-207-002
			Socioeconomics	I-207-003
			Project Alternatives	I-207-004
			Processes	I-207-005
	I-208	Hammes, Barbara and Bernard	Biological Resources	I-208-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-208-002
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-208-003
			Other	I-208-004
	I-209	Helmberger, Cindy	Connected Actions	I-209-001
			Socioeconomics	I-209-002
			Processes	I-209-003
			Land Rights & Esmt Acquisition	I-209-004
			Project Purpose and Need	I-209-005
	I-210	Kleese, Doug and Mary	Processes	I-210-001
			Agriculture	I-210-002
			Processes	I-210-003
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-210-004
			Project Purpose and Need	I-210-005
	I-211	Lexa, Caroline	Processes	I-211-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-211-002
			Project Alternatives	I-211-003
			Processes	I-211-004

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	I-213	Murphy, Brian	Comment Noted	I-213-001
	I-214	Nordstrom, Mike and Cathy	Socioeconomics	I-214-001
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-214-002
			Electrical Characteristics	I-214-003
			Route Alternatives	I-214-004
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-214-005
	I-215	Olson, Robert	Project Purpose and Need	I-215-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-215-002
			Other	I-215-003
			Interconnection to Generation	I-215-004
			Project Alternatives	I-215-005
			Processes	I-215-006
	I-216	Rozovics, Kathryn	Processes	I-216-001
			Biological Resources	I-216-002
			Route Alternatives	I-216-003
			Processes	I-216-004
	I-217	Rozovics, Jim	Project Purpose and Need	I-217-001
	I-218	Shea, William	Route Alternatives	I-218-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-218-002
			Processes	I-218-003
	I-220	Kubes, Sonja	Comment Noted	I-220-001
	I-221	Theel, Wayne	Geology and Soils	I-221-001
			Route Alternatives	I-221-002
			Project Purpose and Need	I-221-003
	I-222	Tiede, Duane	Health & Safety and EMF	I-222-001
			Processes	I-222-002
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			Health & Safety and EMF	I-222-004
			Project Alternatives	I-222-005
			Project Alternatives	I-222-006
	I-223	Troielli, Ernestina Troielli, Ernestina	Project Purpose and Need	I-223-001
			Other	I-223-002
	I-224	Trost, Jessica	Recreation	I-224-001
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-224-002
			Project Purpose and Need	I-224-003
			Project Alternatives	I-224-004
			Land Use	I-224-005
	I-225	Turpening, Linda	Comment Noted	I-225-001
	I-226	Vaughn, Gail	Project Alternatives	I-226-001
	I-227	Weerts, Charles and Delrae	Comment Noted	I-227-001



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			Processes	I-228-003
			Route Alternatives	I-228-004
			Route Alternatives	I-228-005
			Socioeconomics	I-228-006
			Processes	I-228-007
	I-229	Weiberg, Carl F.	Comment Noted	I-229-001
	I-230	Beam, William	Comment Noted	I-230-001
	I-231	Boyle, Duane	Comment Noted	I-231-001
	I-232	Coughlan, M.	Processes	I-232-001
			Agriculture	I-232-002
			Project Purpose and Need	I-232-003
			Mississippi River Crossing	I-232-004
	I-233	Holtegaard, Roger and Melinda	Route Alternatives	I-233-001
			Processes	I-233-002
			Processes	I-233-003
	I-234	Kitching, Vincent G.	Route Alternatives	I-234-001
			Agriculture	I-234-002
			Project Purpose and Need	I-234-003
			Project Alternatives	I-234-004
	I-235	Kroening, Curtis	Route Alternatives	I-235-001
	I-236	Klepperich, Richard and Julie	Comment Noted	I-236-001
	I-237	Auerbeck, Joan	Socioeconomics	I-237-001
			Recreation	I-237-002
			Biological Resources	I-237-003
			Agriculture	I-237-004
	I-238	Zahasky, Katie	Biological Resources	I-238-001
	I-239	Peters, Gary and Annette	Project Purpose and Need	I-239-001
			Socioeconomics	I-239-002
			Route Alternatives	I-239-003
			Project Alternatives	I-239-004
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-239-005
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-239-006
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-239-007
			Electrical Characteristics	I-239-008
			Socioeconomics	I-239-009
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-239-010
			Socioeconomics	I-239-011
	I-240	Batzler, Michael	Route Alternatives	I-240-001
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-240-002
			Project Purpose and Need	I-240-003
			Project Purpose and Need	I-240-004

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			Other	I-241-002
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	I-242	Taylor, Lois	Project Alternatives	I-242-001
			Project Alternatives	I-242-002
			Socioeconomics	I-242-003
			Project Alternatives	I-242-004
			Processes	I-242-005
			Processes	I-242-006
	I-243	Deering Jr., Hartland	Comment Noted	I-243-001
	I-244	Deering, Melanie K.	Comment Noted	I-244-001
	I-245	Delehanty, Mark W.	Residential	I-245-001
			Route Alternatives	I-245-002
	I-246	Haney, Leslie and Lorraine	Comment Noted	I-246-001
	I-247	Congdon, Ken	Route Alternatives	I-247-001
			Agriculture	I-247-002
			Agriculture	I-247-003
			Agriculture	I-247-004
			Project Alternatives	I-247-005
			Route Alternatives	I-247-006
	I-248	Kroening, Jonathan	Route Alternatives	I-248-001
	I-249	Monroe, Norma	Project Purpose and Need	I-249-001
			Biological Resources	I-249-002
			Processes	I-249-003
			Socioeconomics	I-249-004
			Electrical Characteristics	I-249-005
			Geology and Soils	I-249-006
			Geology and Soils	I-249-007
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-249-008
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-249-009
			Geology and Soils	I-249-010
			Noise	I-249-011
	I-250	Mauszycki, Thomas E.	Route Alternatives	I-250-001
			Biological Resources	I-250-002
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-250-003
			Socioeconomics	I-250-004
	I-251	Johnson, Tom	Comment Noted	I-251-001
	I-252	Coffing, Larry	Comment Noted	I-252-001
	I-253	Ott, DVM, Kathryn M.	Comment Noted	I-253-001
	I-254	Custer, Cristeen	Processes	I-254-001
	I-255	Regnier, Dean	Residential	I-255-001
	I-257	Heimbecker, Phillip	Health & Safety and EMF	I-257-001
			Land Use	I-257-002

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			Socioeconomics	I-258-002
			Socioeconomics	I-258-003
			Other	I-258-004
	I-259	Balfany, Anastasia	Route Alternatives	I-259-001
			Processes	I-259-002
	I-260	Cocker, Denice	Route Alternatives	I-260-001
			Electrical Characteristics	I-260-002
			Route Alternatives	I-260-003
	I-261	Doyle, Jody	Comment Noted	I-261-001
	I-262	Torkelson, Louis	Processes	I-262-001
	I-263	Rohlfing_Dale&Suzanne	Socioeconomics	I-263-001
			Biological Resources	I-263-002
			Transportation and Access	I-263-003
			Land Use	I-263-004
			Route Alternatives	I-263-005
			Route Alternatives	I-263-006
	I-264	Barthel, Larry	Other	I-264-001
			Noise	I-264-002
			Project Alternatives	I-264-003
	I-265	Kerfeld, Carrie	Processes	I-265-001
		Lexa, Caroline	Comment Noted	I-266-001
	I-267	Nagel, Chris	Health & Safety and EMF	I-267-001
			Biological Resources	I-267-002
			Project Alternatives	I-267-003
	I-268	Congdon, Deb	Project Alternatives	I-268-001
			Processes	I-268-002
			Route Alternatives	I-268-003
			Agriculture	I-268-004
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-268-005
	I-269	Dubbels, Wesly	Project Alternatives	I-269-001
			Other	I-269-002
	I-270	Erickson, Benjamin	Socioeconomics	I-270-001
	I-271	Haag, Glen	Route Alternatives	I-271-001
	I-272	Kleese, Doug	Project Purpose and Need	I-272-001
			Route Alternatives	I-272-002
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-272-003
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-272-004
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-272-005
			Agriculture	I-272-006
			Project Purpose and Need	I-272-007
			Project Alternatives	I-272-008
			Route Alternatives	I-272-009

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			Project Purpose and Need	I-273-002
	I-274	Lazaretti, Mary	Route Alternatives	I-274-001
	I-275	Lenway, Mark	Project Purpose and Need	I-275-001
			Project Alternatives	I-275-002
			Socioeconomics	I-275-003
			Biological Resources	I-275-004
			Recreation	I-275-005
			Historic, Arch, Cultural Sites	I-275-006
			Project Purpose and Need	I-275-007
	I-277	Monroe, Norma	Project Purpose and Need	I-277-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-277-002
			Geology and Soils	I-277-003
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-277-004
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-277-005
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-277-006
			Agriculture	I-277-007
			Socioeconomics	I-277-008
			Geology and Soils	I-277-009
			Biological Resources	I-277-010
			Electrical Characteristics	I-277-011
			Noise	I-277-012
	I-278	Musgjerd, Hazel	Health & Safety and EMF	I-278-001
			Route Alternatives	I-278-002
	I-279	Peters, Gary & Anette	Project Alternatives	I-279-001
			Project Alternatives	I-279-002
	I-280	Reynolds, Dick	Socioeconomics	I-280-001
	I-281	Rochl, S.	Processes	I-281-001
			Route Alternatives	I-281-002
			Project Purpose and Need	I-281-003
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-281-004
			Socioeconomics	I-281-005
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-281-006
	I-282	Strong, Tim	Project Alternatives	I-282-001
			Land Rights & Esmt Acquisition	I-282-002
			Project Alternatives	I-282-003
	I-283	Tiede, Doug	Project Alternatives	I-283-001
			Socioeconomics	I-283-002
			Land Use	I-283-003
			Route Alternatives	I-283-004
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-283-005
			Other	I-283-006
			Other	I-283-007

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			Electrical Characteristics	I-284-004
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-284-005
	I-285	Trost, Jan - 2	Project Purpose and Need	I-285-001
			Project Alternatives	I-285-002
			Agriculture	I-285-003
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-285-004
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-285-005
			Electrical Characteristics	I-285-006
			Other	I-285-007
			Route Alternatives	I-285-008
			Project Purpose and Need	I-285-009
			Processes	I-285-010
			Agriculture	I-285-011
			Biological Resources	I-285-012
			Processes	I-285-013
			Historic, Arch, Cultural Sites	I-285-014
			Land Rights & Esmt Acquisition	I-285-015
			Project Purpose and Need	I-285-016
	I-286	Trost, Jeff	Project Purpose and Need	I-286-001
			Project Alternatives	I-286-002
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-286-003
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-286-004
			Socioeconomics	I-286-005
	I-287	Trost, Jessica	Other	I-287-001
			Route Alternatives	I-287-002
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-287-003
			Project Alternatives	I-287-004
			Project Purpose and Need	I-287-005
			Agriculture	I-287-006
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-287-007
			Recreation	I-287-008
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-287-009
			Biological Resources	I-287-010
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			Health & Safety and EMF	I-287-013
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			Other	I-288-003
			Route Alternatives	I-288-004
			Route Alternatives	I-288-005
	I-289	Wrolstad, Elise	Route Alternatives	I-289-001
			Socioeconomics	I-289-002
			Other	I-289-003
			Historic, Arch, Cultural Sites	I-289-004
	I-290	Yeiter, David	Comment Noted	I-290-001
	I-291	Yeitev, Dennis	Project Purpose and Need	I-291-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-291-002
			Biological Resources	I-291-003
	I-292	Zahasky, Emil & Mary	Route Alternatives	I-292-001
			Agriculture	I-292-002
			Socioeconomics	I-292-003
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-292-004
			Route Alternatives	I-292-005
	I-293	Hofschulte, Laverne	Project Alternatives	I-293-001
			Land Use	I-293-002
			Biological Resources	I-293-003
			Geology and Soils	I-293-004
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	I-293-005
			Biological Resources	I-293-006
			Route Alternatives	I-293-007
	I-294	Karl, Lisa	Project Purpose and Need	I-294-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-294-002
			Route Alternatives	I-294-003
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-294-004
			Electrical Characteristics	I-294-005
			Electrical Characteristics	I-294-006
			Other	I-294-007
	I-295	Karl, Tim	Project Purpose and Need	I-295-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-295-002
			Route Alternatives	I-295-003
			Processes	I-295-004
			Electrical Characteristics	I-295-005
			Health & Safety and EMF	I-295-006
	I-296	Rother, Larry	Agriculture	I-296-001
			Project Purpose and Need	I-296-002
			Agriculture	I-296-003
	I-297	Stacey, Colleen	Route Alternatives	I-297-001
	I-298	Lystrom, Wayne	Route Alternatives	I-298-001
	I-299	Suther, Tom	Processes	I-299-001
			Route Alternatives	I-299-002
			Processes	I-299-003

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			Project Alternatives	B-001-005
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			Biological Resources	B-001-007
			Processes	B-001-008
	B-002	Rohlfing Tree Farm	Processes	B-002-001
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			Processes	B-002-003
			Processes	B-002-004
			Processes	B-002-005
			Processes	B-002-006
			Processes	B-002-007
			Processes	B-002-008
			Processes	B-002-009
			Route Alternatives	B-002-010
	B-003	Woodland Camp	Recreation	B-003-001
	B-004	Wiese, Bruce	Electrical Characteristics	B-004-001
			Route Alternatives	B-004-002
	B-005	Nieder Korn Farms	Comment Noted	B-005-001
	B-006	Carleton College	Route Alternatives	B-006-001
	B-007	Czech Country Farms	Comment Noted	B-007-001
	B-008	Ott, Kathryn	Comment Noted	B-008-001
	B-009	Czech Country Farms	Comment Noted	B-009-001
	B-010	Flom Family Farm	Land Rights & Esmt Acquisition	B-010-001
			Other	B-010-002
	B-011	Czech Country Farms	Comment Noted	B-011-001
	B-013	Camp Victory Ministries	Processes	B-013-001
			Route Alternatives	B-013-002
			Recreation	B-013-003
	B-014	Blue Horizon Dairy Farm	Route Alternatives	B-014-001
			Health & Safety and EMF	B-014-002
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			Health & Safety and EMF	B-014-004
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			Interconnection to Generation	B-015-002
			Health & Safety and EMF	B-015-003
			Interconnection to Generation	B-015-004
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	B-017	RTP Company	Route Alternatives	B-017-001
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			Processes	B-019-006
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			Processes	B-019-009
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			Project Alternatives	N-002-003
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			Other	N-002-021
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	N-002-022
			Biological Resources	N-002-023
			Processes	N-002-024
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			Electrical Characteristics	N-002-027
			Socioeconomics	N-002-028
			Health & Safety and EMF	N-002-029
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			Processes	N-002-031



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Non-Government Organization	N-003	Mississippi River Revival	Processes	N-003-001
			Processes	N-003-002
			Socioeconomics	N-003-003
			Biological Resources	N-003-004
			Land Use	N-003-005
			Route Alternatives	N-003-006
			Processes	N-003-007
			Route Alternatives	N-003-008
			Land Rights & Esmt Acquisition	N-003-009
			Biological Resources	N-003-010
			Processes	N-003-011
			Historic, Arch, Cultural Sites	N-003-012
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			Health & Safety and EMF	N-004-002
			Cumulative Impacts	N-004-003
			Project Alternatives	N-004-004
			Biological Resources	N-004-005
			Socioeconomics	N-004-006
			Visual/Aesthetic Resources	N-004-007
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			Socioeconomics	N-006-002
			Other	N-006-003
			Project Purpose and Need	N-006-004

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Wetlands, T<sup>he</sup> Drainage - wildlife  
Long term effect on health

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Crop Farming

Beef Cattle

Septic Disposal Site

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Biological, Cultural

Property Values

Farming Impacts - Cattle - crops

I-001-001

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

yes, but is it really for peak  
Electric Demand for premium \$  
in benefit for excel ??

Don't get me wrong - I love electricity  
and need it

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-001-001

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Which meeting did you attend? Johnson Falls - Wrennawingo

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- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-002-003  
I-002-002

The use of lost of crop land - safety to  
families and livestock.

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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We have good farm land. Remember we would be feeding the world. It is a great blessing in the spring to see the crops planted, watch them grow for harvest and the land getting ready for winter. The wonderful seasons to watch and be close to.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-002-001

3 With all of us using less electricity trying to go green - our cost of electric power has begun to rise. I think we have a long way to educate people to go green, but the path would be better for it

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-002-001

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I-002-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-002-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: House + outbuildings being taken by route option through St. Charles township / Section 4

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-003-001 My families home + outbuildings are in the direct path of route option through St. Charles township / Sec 4. For 35 years we have attempted to maintain + improve this farmstead. My wife has many upgrades + improvements in the house + we would be devastated to lose it — it is the base of operation for our farm, along with 2 very functional tool sheds, hog barn, drier barn, older barn, garage, + older grainery. Hopefully an alternate route would allow us to retain these buildings. Thank you

Darrell Borneman

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### I-003-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. The criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? Plainview

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- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-004-001 |

Biological - clear cutting trees is disappointing

I-004-002 |

- staying away from existing residences/farms

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#### I-004-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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#### I-004-002

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-004-003 | plenty of information provided at meeting.

I-004-004 | Understand the need

Do your best to limit the impact

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-004-003

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

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I-004-004

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety

I-005-001 ☐ Other: Williams Pipe Line

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-005-002 Health problems from the transmissions  
I-005-003 Have a gas pipeline on my property  
now, don't need electric also.

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### I-005-001

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### I-005-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-005-003

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-005-004

The land is crop farmed.  
My property connects to the area  
that has "short listed parcels".  
Gas line is across the property.  
There is 3 houses on the property  
and you list only 1.

I-005-005

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Need to have the 160 acres  
in order to sell the property  
to relatives. Farmington requires  
a certain number of acres which  
would be a hardship.  
The lack of all the towers line

#### I-005-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-005-005

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I-005-006

*We really need more electricity seeing the government is not wanting us to use more wind and solar panels. Isn't our president giving money for the above. Isn't that where he's putting some of our money*

I-005-007

*why not use existing lines they you don't have to buy more land as that should be owned by the electric company.*

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-005-006

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I-005-007

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW 6/16/09

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

ALREADY ESTABLISHED CORRIDORS

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I-006-001

THIS AREA IS A SKI & SNOWBOARD AREA. TERRAIN IS VERY HILLY AND FULL OF TREES. THIS WOULD ADD A LOT OF COST AND DIFFICULTY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT. WHAT IS WRONG WITH HWY 52 / I-90 CORRIDOR (FLAT/OPEN AND ALREADY USED)

I-006-003

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

ALL OF THE TREES THAT WILL HAVE TO BE CUT DOWN AND HILLY TERRAIN WITH SOME OF THE ROUTES.

#### I-006-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-006-002

CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU CAN'T USE  
ESTABLISHED CORRIDORS (IE, HWY 52/I-90)

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-006-002

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I-006-003

Your letter/comment card has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-006-002.

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Which meeting did you attend? ST. CHARLES

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- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: PROPERTY VALUES

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-008-001

*property values, a big ugly tower  
in my yard would lower property  
values which in turn would lower  
the tax base!*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*TAX BASE*

#### I-008-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-008-002

Accountability, Case X is not held responsible enough for the <sup>research</sup> ~~research~~ and trumped up numbers, its just Mayors way of getting their power and not putting up with DM&E!

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: MIKE EASTER

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: ST CHARLES State: MO Zip Code: 65972

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I-008-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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## COMMENT FORM

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☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? St. Charles

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: affects of property value

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-009-001

cost to taxpayers

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### I-009-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

agricultural - obvious

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*Please tell us how to reach you.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Val Easter

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 12746 Co Rd 35

City: St Charles State: Mn. Zip Code: 55971

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Which meeting did you attend?

*Plainview 6/16/09*

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- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

*Not displacing people or animals*

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### I-010-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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**I-010-002**

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-010-001.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture *horse/pasture* ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*Land/home is just north of the  
intersection of Co. 12 & 11th Ave.  
We own the 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the right (east).  
Land to our immediate south was  
just fenced in this spring for sheep  
pastures. Our property has a horse  
barn & pasture & apple orchard on it.*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*Biological resources are Key. Its  
rural farmland and river valleys  
that should be left undisturbed.*

I-010-002



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-010-003

We've been told it was needed, but I'm not convinced there is a problem. There has been some definite growth in the Rochester area, but emphasis should be placed on conservation & alternative energy uses.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Loren & Chris Grev  
 Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: 11724 11th Ave NE  
 City: Rochester State: MN Zip Code: 55901  
 Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-753-2069

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I-010-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo, June 17, 2009

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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-011-001 - What easement issues/eminent domain problems are applicable?

I-011-002 - Why have local power stations been thrown over for massive cross county lines?

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### I-011-001

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would provide compensation in the form of a one-time easement payment to property owners who host transmission lines. Property owners would retain ownership of the land and may continue to use the land around transmission structures. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process. If agreement on terms for an easement cannot be reached, the utilities can submit the dispute to the eminent domain process.

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### I-011-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-011-003

We are at the juncture of 415 Ave and 591st St Mazzeppa MN. The corridor will greatly disrupt the agricultural, woodland and Zumbro River area.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-011-007

The real need has not been established. According to utility studies usage is Down. Local Power is better for all involved.

I-011-004

### I-011-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-011-004

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid. The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-011-005 No - many people at the early stages were completely uninformed.

I-011-006 The Public Utilities Commission of Minnesota has dropped the ball. There were legitimate objections made at the Certificate of Need hearing to have certain members blocked from voting - yet they were allowed to sit in on the vote - very inappropriate!

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional):

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I-011-005

The utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

I-011-006

Your comment has been noted. The RUS does not have jurisdiction over the State of Minnesota Certificate of Need evaluations or content of those proceedings.

I-011-007

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.



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Which meeting did you attend? Plainview June 16 2009

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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*most important  
for me to understand  
why it's needed --  
then the other  
stuff needs to  
be considered*

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-012-001 std city Rd 11 south of Viola Rd + North of Cty 9  
is proposed/potential route for East Circle  
bypass around Rochester -- need to  
consider this when thinking of placement  
(3 or 4 lanes)

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### I-012-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
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**I-012-002**

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-012-001.

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

see note about East bypass  
around Rochester along Cty 11 -  
suggest you need to move that stretch  
to the east of the reservoir

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-012-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I still don't understand the need. Do assumptions still seem valid? So much has changed, and there is more change coming relative to our energy usage patterns + ~~the~~ power generation options

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-012-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW

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- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-013-001

PROJECT SHOULD FOLLOW EXISTING  
LINE'S WHERE POSSIBLE, THERE SHOULD BE  
NO REASON TO ENCRUST ON A1 AS LAND  
TO CONSTRUCT THIS LINE

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### I-013-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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**I-013-002**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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- ☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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OF THE ECONOMY IS SUFFERING AND NOW  
IF ALL AG LAND IS TAKEN OUT OF PRODUCTION  
TO SUPPORT THIS IS NOT RIGHT AS WELL  
AS ENCOURAGING ON RESIDENCES WHERE  
PEOPLE LIVE AND RAISE FAMILIES

I-013-005

I-013-002

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-013-003

THIS PROJECT SHOULD FOLLOW EXISTING ROUTES SO AS NOT TO DISTURB ANY MORE PROPERTIES UNNECESSARILY. THERE WAS NOT

I-013-004

ENOUGH EXPLANATION AS TO THE NEED FOR THIS TO GO THRU RURAL AREAS WHEN URBAN AREAS REQUIRE THE EXTRA POWER, BUT THAT VOICE IS LOUDER.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: PAIMUICU State: MN Zip Code: 5596

Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-273-0531

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I-013-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-013-001.

I-013-004

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I-013-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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Which meeting did you attend? JUNE 16, 2009 PLAINVIEW

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- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
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- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-014-001 | TAKING AG LAND OUT OF PRODUCTION

I-014-002 | POLES INTERFERING WITH LARGE FARM EQUIPMENT

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### I-014-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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### I-014-002

Your letter/comment card has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-014-001.

**I-014-003**

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

LOCATED IN SECTION 19, ORONOCH TOWNSHIP,  
OLMSTED COUNTY, MN.  
ONE ROUTE OF 161KV OPTION IS UP 60TH AVE NE  
PAST MY FARM. IF THIS OPTION IS SELECTED  
AND IF THE POWER LINE IS ON THE EAST SIDE  
OF 60TH AVE NW THEN I WOULD LOOSE SOME  
AG LAND TO THE EASEMENT AND LOOSE AG  
PRODUCTION.

I PREFER THE 161KV OPTION GOING UP THE  
DOUGLAS TRAIL.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

\* TAKING PRODUCTIVE AG LAND FROM  
USE.

I-014-003



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

ADEQUATE

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional):

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City: ORONO State: MN Zip Code: 55960

Daytime Phone (Optional): (507) 259-7554

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Which meeting did you attend?

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☐ Project Purpose and Need

☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☐ Health and safety

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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### I-015-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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☒ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☒ Other: FUTURE RESIDENCE

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

WEST OF EITRICK WIS.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

City: Rochester State: MI Zip Code: 55902

Daytime Phone (Optional): 507 292 0671

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.



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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo 6/17/09

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-016-001

→ How will structures w/in the ROW be compensated?  
→ Why following existing corridors (major Hwys) are not  
the most sought after route. PLEASE USE EXISTING  
HWY and UTILITY CORRIDORS!!

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### I-016-001

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would pay for land rights based on an independent appraisal and will work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-016-002

Location - Sec 16 Macleppa Twp see attached map

I-016-003

New home construction scheduled for early 2010 on our property. A shed will be located w/in 90 feet of S property line where the proposed line w/ be routed. And a home will be located w/in 150'-200' of proposed line. Our neighbors home is located w/in proposed ROW. (Brian Distel's, the property to the south of ours).

We are all concerned about the exposure these lines will create, the noisiness, and the decreased land value.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-016-004

Biological -> Property is an old growth, hardwood forest. 150-200 year old oaks are prevalent throughout property. Extreme slopes

I-016-005

and native plant communities are also on property. Trout (Lily & wild ginger and other rare/endangered species)

Recreation/wildlife -> Property serves as a wildlife corridor connecting bottomlands of the Zumbro River to the bluff tops above.

#### I-016-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-016-003

Your letter/comment card has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-016-002.

#### I-016-004

Your letter/comment card has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-016-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation, including federal and state regulated species, will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-016-006

Need more information on why these lines do not follow major highways. The landscapes along major highways are already ruined, why ruin the landscape of portions of the Zumbro River Valley virgin.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): Myself

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-016-006

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.



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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo June 17, 2009

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-017-001

Compensation for decreased land value. How close can  
homes be to the line. What if a home exists within the  
150 ft. zone the line requires who is going to clear the  
land and make sure that it is left in an acceptable way.

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### I-017-001

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**I-017-002**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-017-002

New home to be built in April 2010 within 125 feet of proposed line traveling through the Mazeppa Area (Sleepy Chase).  
Section 16 of Mazeppa Township. A shed will be located within 25 feet of proposed line. Existing home (Distal Residence) within 50 feet of proposed line.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Biological - Trout lily, lady slippers, many valuable trees that would have to be eliminated. Extreme slopes on hills - cutting of trees would increase erosion.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-017-003 No. Did not even know there was a proposed line through my property until a neighbor happened upon the information and informed us. Where has this information been posted... when were you planning on informing land owners?
- I-017-004 Why is there not a plan to follow major highways and lines already in use as to minimize destruction to the biological resources. Land is already cleared there so it seems to be the most logical option. Need info as to why there needs to be new lines. I do not know even where lines are ending or why they are needed. Esp in a time where town growth has stagnated. Need information as to how the optional lines were chosen and who was asked to provide input on line locations.
- I-017-005
- I-017-006

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-017-003

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-017-004

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-017-005

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-017-006

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? Wago Corn Center - June 17

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

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- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-018-001

In section 34 - Wago Township - block 170 - we  
would like to see both lines combined

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### I-018-001

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**If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:**

- ☒ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.**

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**In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?**

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Which meeting did you attend? Wana mingo

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- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety

I-019-001

☐ Other: My property value will go down

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

People and the lives they have built  
and put their heart + Soul into it.

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### I-019-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Other: Beauty.

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

We bought property as a retreat & the  
view. It will ruin it. My health

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Our farm address is 46728 135th  
Ave Sumbrota. The one line  
is going on the back of our property

Go down 52, or down 35 to  
90 over to Rochester

#### I-019-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
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I-019-002

I-019-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Put it underground! No one wants to look at a powerline.

I'm sure you already have it figured out but I hope you listen to us.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-019-003

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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Which meeting did you attend? Plumville, MN June 16, 2009

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need  
☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources  
☒ Proximity to residences  
☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)  
☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)  
☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)  
☐ Historic and cultural sites  
☐ Radio or television interference  
☒ Noise  
☒ Health and safety  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-020-001

Our property is located in Mazappa Township ~~Section 27~~ and in Oakwood Township, 27 (both in Wabasha County). The one proposed transmission line crosses the middle of the farm in Oakwood Township. Establishing a conservation easement on this property is in progress.

I-020-004

The line also crosses within 50 yards of our house in Mazappa Township. Health and aesthetic issues are a concern. Even though it is thought that EMF does not cause disease, proof that it does not interfere with body physiology has not been proven. Living that close to the line gives me reason for concern.

I-020-003

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-020-005

Human - The proposed line in Mazappa Township (Wabasha County) goes past many residential areas, including Lake Zumbro and a recreational campground. This affects a large number of people. Both by EMF and the aesthetic problem in a unique and beautiful setting, including abundant wildlife.

## I-020-001

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-020-002

Yes, I have no argument that more electricity is needed.  
However, I ~~am~~ am concerned with the proposed route  
of the line. I question why a better method of protection  
has not been developed to safeguard health issues from  
EMF. Perhaps burying the line or a better method  
of insulation might be beneficial.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-020-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-020-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-020-002.

I-020-004

Your letter/comment card has been noted. In addition to health and safety, potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-020-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

## CapX2020 Environmental Concerns

Section B32 of the proposed CapX power line runs along the southern border of our property. The entire area of which consists of woods and a fencerow. The fencerow is a stand of 100-year-old oak trees. These trees, along with a wide swatch of grass underneath, have been left undisturbed for years and for good reason. It provides habitat for pheasants, deer, turkeys and birds. Bees nest in multiple trees and migrating Monarch butterflies use it to rest during migration. Sitting high on a ridge, the fencerow provides a much-needed windbreak to prevent land erosion.

We purchased this land in 1996. Shortly after purchase we enrolled the land in the Minnesota Land Stewardship program. Our desire to protect this land was our intent, and now more than ever remains our passion. In our opinion, optional routes along roads and exiting easements should be used for the proposed power line.

Consider the current environmental conditions. Bee's; a vital link in our existence are on the decline. Pheasants find fewer places to inhabit due to fewer fencerows and a decline in CRP acres. Think about all the efforts and money spent by the ASCS to limit land erosion. Groups like Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited and the Sierra club, donate large amounts of time and dollars to protect and provide habitat. Who hasn't been exposed to today's hottest buzzwords, "Going Green" and "environmentally friendly"?

To ignore such efforts and build a power line forever destroying vital habitat would be a shame. To hold public environmental meetings only to proceed without total regard to public interest would be hypocrisy. To disrupt the ecosystem when other options are available would demonstrate profound irresponsibility.

"To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent thinking".  
Aldo Leopold.

Daniel & Jane McCann  
55743 299<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Millville MN 55957

### I-021-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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### I-021-002

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

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36885 County 24 Blvd  
Dennison, MN 55018  
June 17, 2009

MS Stephanie Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Utilities Service  
Engineering and Environmental Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue SW  
Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Dear MS Strength:

Attached is a document I prepared describing how electric transmission lines affect the various farming practices. Many of the decision makers do not have a farm background, so I thought it was important to explain in detail a farmer's point of view.

I am a retired federal employee living on our home farm. I was the Minnesota state design engineer for the Soil Conservation Service, USDA; retiring after 32 years of service. The agency is known as the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

If you have any further questions on my written concerns and observations, please give me a call. My telephone number is 507-789-6765. We need to protect our clean water and good cropland because hard working farmers are trying to provide a reliable food and bio-fuel supply while protecting the innumerable fragile natural resources of our community.

Sincerely,

  
Howard C. Midje

Witnessed June 17th, 2009



### Interruption of Farm Practices

I-022-005

Place CapX2020 electric transmission lines on road right-of-ways, stay away from fields and do not cut across farms. If USDA federal funds through the Rural Utilities Service are used to finance this reach of the transmission line, the agricultural resources of the area and the productive land on our family farms should be strictly protected.

We are Louise and Howard Midje who farm in Warsaw township, Goodhue County. We have two parcels which transect continuously one and one-half miles perpendicular to one of the alternative CAPX2020 transmission line. We will discuss how a transmission line across our property will interrupt most of our farming practices. It is extremely important that when selecting the line location to not divide farms! The farm property lines should be strictly observed. The practices of concern are as follows:

#### 1. Contour Terraces

I-022-006

We have approximately 70 acres with contour terraces. There are four parallel terraces about 1/3 mile long. These terraces have a 228 foot spacing from terrace channel to channel. This yields individual fields 184 feet wide by 1/3 mile long. When we built these terraces in 2001, at a cost of about \$24,000, they were designed for a 12 row corn planter with 30 inch spacing. This means that each individual field could be planted with 6 passes of the planter or 3 full rounds. Since that time, our renter has now switched to a 24 row planter with the same row spacing. This now means he makes 3 passes or 1 1/2 rounds between each terrace. The latest trend now is 36 row planters which means 2 passes or one round between the parallel terraces. The new John Deere 36 row planter has a price tag of \$240,000 and a tractor large enough to pull it costs \$250,000 with GPS guidance system. This leads up to my question. What do I do if a CAPX2020 grid power pole is placed within the 184 foot wide field between the individual terraces? I cannot cross the terrace because the ridge is too high. The 24 row planter is nearly too wide to turn around in the 184 feet, not to think about a 36 row planter. The only other alternative is to abandon the entire field 184 feet by 1/3 mile between two terraces.

#### 2. Tile Drainage

I-022-001

Most of the farm land in southern Minnesota has tile drainage as a conservation practice. The tile drains may be on individual farms or may be part of a group drainage system encompassing several farms. It yet remains the most profitable practice for farmers to use to increase crop production. The tile systems are put in as random or grid systems. Both systems use a herring bone layout with parallel lines spaced from 70 to 90 feet depending on the soil type. Most of the laterals in the systems are 4 to 5 inch diameter with an installation cost of about one dollar per foot. The tiles are generally 42 to 48 inches deep. Tile mains may be as large as 10 to 12 inches or larger. Installation of these cost five dollars a foot or more. When CAPX2020 purchases easements 175 feet wide, they are assured to affect tile lines whether they be laterals or mains. Heavy construction equipment can crush the tile lines. Foundation footings for towers can certainly block an existing line. What happens when a tile line is blocked? A blow hole develops in the field above the blockage. The pressure in the blocked tile builds up because of the pressure from water in the tile from up the hill or slope on the farm. This will soon build up a pressure great enough to blow out a hole above the plug. These holes are generally 10 to 15 feet in diameter and four feet deep. Heavy delivery, gravel and concrete truck cause excessive soil loading that would crush the lines. Large farm equipment is also very heavy but has a much

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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greater foot print under the tires. The larger the foot print under a vehicle the lower the pressure under the tires in pounds per square inch. Farm equipment is designed to minimize the pressure to compact the soil. This is why rubber tracked tractors are becoming more popular. The mentioned blow holes in the field can cause much damage to farm equipment. When one is harvesting corn with a 12 row header on a large combine at 5 to 6 miles per hour, it is impossible to see these blow holes before you are in it. The cost to fill the blow hole and repair the tile is not that great, but the repair of \$300,000 combine can be prohibitive. How do we determine the cost of such problems attributed to CAPX 175 foot easements?

### 3. Center Pivot Irrigation.

I-022-002

Much of Dakota Counties farm land is or will soon be irrigated with center pivot irrigation systems. Cap X 2020 transmission lines will certainly disrupt or prevent one from installing a center pivot irrigation system. Not using irrigation systems on lighter soils or soils with sandy or gravely subsoils reduce the potential of increasing your crop yields. In today's market, with increasing input costs for crop production, every farmer has to maximize his profit margin. We personally have been lucky that we haven't needed irrigation, but as global warming continues more and more farmers may see the need for irrigation. With the climate change, new crop management techniques, government regulation of water usage and changes in crops that we may raise; farmers will find that the grid power poles will make it unacceptable to use irrigation. This will be the demise of the farmer's operation and the loss of his farm's value for agriculture.

I-022-007

### 4. GPS Guidance Control of Modern Equipment

Global Positioning Systems (GPS) is the latest in farm machinery guidance systems. Large farmers are using this system for its' efficient control tillage equipment. The farmer will drive the tractor for the first outside round of the field and set the proper coordinates, from this point on, the tractor guides its self until the field is completed. The main reason it improves efficiency is because the farmer can set the overlap from one pass of the tillage equipment. This overlap can set down to 6 or even 3 inches, depending on the accuracy of the system. The more accurate a system is, the more the initial cost of the guidance system. An example of this is our renter, whose Father celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday last fall. After the boundary of the field is fed into the system, this happy grandfather rides in the tractor drinking coffee and listening to the radio until the field is complete. This system is also used when planting row crops on irregular shaped fields. When the field is nearly complete and you end up on point rows; the system will shut off consecutively planter rows where it begins to over seed adjacent rows. This is a real efficiency to save on wasted seed. Harvest time is when GPS is also used. When the combine harvests a crop, it records the yield though the field in relation to the location in the field. This data is then used the following spring to regulate the rate of fertilizer application.

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I-022-003

The question we do not have an answer for is: "Does the electromagnetic field generated by the electric transmission lines affect the operation of the GPS guidance system of the farm

## **I-022-002**

Your letter/comment card has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-022-001.

## **I-022-003**

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

I-022-003

machinery? The manufacturers of agricultural GPS guidance systems tell us that electrical transmission lines and petroleum pipe lines energized to detect leaks can interfere with GPS guidance systems. How does a farmer determine the cost of damages caused by the transmission lines on his property when he relies on GPS guidance systems?

I-022-008

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I-022-004

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By: Howard C. Midje 6-9-09

Minnesota State Design Engineer, Retired - Soil Conservation Service, USDA

Presently: Natural Resource Conservation Service NRCS - USDA

#### I-022-004

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would pay for land rights based on an independent appraisal and will work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

#### I-022-005

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#### I-022-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

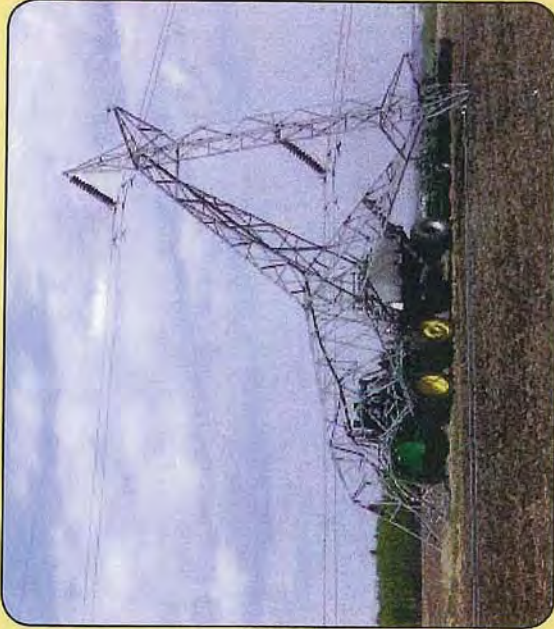
#### I-022-008

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### Interruption of Farm Practices

Place CapX2020 electric transmission lines on road right-of-ways, stay away from fields and do not cut across farms. If USDA federal funds through the Rural Utilities Service are used to finance this reach of the transmission line, the agricultural resources of the area and the productive land on our family farms should be strictly protected.

We are Louise and Howard Midje who farm in Warsaw township, Goodhue County. We have two parcels which transect continuously one and one-half miles perpendicular to one of the alternative CAPX2020 transmission line. We will discuss how a transmission line across our property will interrupt most of our farming practices. It is extremely important that when selecting the line location to not divide farms! The farm property lines should be strictly observed. The practices of concern are as follows:

#### 1. Contour Terraces

We have approximately 70 acres with contour terraces. There are four parallel terraces about 1/3 mile long. These terraces have a 228 foot spacing from terrace channel to channel. This yields individual fields 184 feet wide by 1/3 mile long. When we built these terraces in 2001, at a cost of about \$24,000, they were designed for a 12 row corn planter with 30 inch spacing. This means that each individual field could be planted with 6 passes of the planter or 3 full rounds. Since that time, our renter has now switched to a 24 row planter with the same row spacing. This now means he makes 3 passes or 1 1/2 rounds between each terrace. The latest trend now is 36 row planters which means 2 passes or one round between the parallel terraces. The new John Deere 36 row planter has a price tag of \$240,000 and a tractor large enough to pull it costs \$250,000 with GPS guidance system. This leads up to my question. What do I do if a CAPX2020 grid power pole is placed within the 184 foot wide field between the individual terraces? I cannot cross the terrace because the ridge is too high. The 24 row planter is nearly too wide to turn around in the 184 feet, not to think about a 36 row planter. The only other alternative is to abandon the entire field 184 feet by 1/3 mile between two terraces.

#### 2. Tile Drainage

Most of the farm land in southern Minnesota has tile drainage as a conservation practice. The tile drains may be on individual farms or may be part of a group drainage system encompassing several farms. It yet remains the most profitable practice for farmers to use to increase crop production. The tile systems are put in as random or grid systems. Both systems use a herring bone layout with parallel lines spaced from 70 to 90 feet depending on the soil type. Most of the laterals in the systems are 4 to 5 inch diameter with an installation cost of about one dollar per foot. The tiles are generally 42 to 48 inches deep. Tile mains may be as large as 10 to 12 inches or larger. Installation of these cost five dollars a foot or more. When CAPX2020 purchases easements 175 feet wide, they are assured to affect tile lines whether they be laterals or mains. Heavy construction equipment can crush the tile lines. Foundation footings for towers can certainly block an existing line. What happens when a tile line is blocked? A blow hole develops in the field above the blockage. The pressure in the blocked tile builds up because of the pressure from water in the tile from up the hill or slope on the farm. This will soon build up a pressure great enough to blow out a hole above the plug. These holes are generally 10 to 15 feet in diameter and four feet deep. Heavy delivery, gravel and concrete truck cause excessive soil loading that would crush the lines. Large farm equipment is also very heavy but has a much



greater foot print under the tires. The larger the foot print under a vehicle the lower the pressure under the tires in pounds per square inch. Farm equipment is designed to minimize the pressure to compact the soil. This is why rubber tracked tractors are becoming more popular. The mentioned blow holes in the field can cause much damage to farm equipment. When one is harvesting corn with a 12 row header on a large combine at 5 to 6 miles per hour, it is impossible to see these blow holes before you are in it. The cost to fill the blow hole and repair the tile is not that great, but the repair of \$300,000 combine can be prohibitive. How do we determine the cost of such problems attributed to CAPX 175 foot easements?

### 3. Center Pivot Irrigation.

Much of Dakota Counties farm land is or will soon be irrigated with center pivot irrigation systems. Cap X 2020 transmission lines will certainly disrupt or prevent one from installing a center pivot irrigation system. Not using irrigation systems on lighter soils or soils with sandy or gravely subsoils reduce the potential of increasing your crop yields. In today's market, with increasing input costs for crop production, every farmer has to maximize his profit margin. We personally have been lucky that we haven't needed irrigation, but as global warming continues more and more farmers may see the need for irrigation. With the climate change, new crop management techniques, government regulation of water usage and changes in crops that we may raise; farmers will find that the grid power poles will make it unacceptable to use irrigation. This will be the demise of the farmer's operation and the loss of his farm's value for agriculture.

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW MW - 6-16-09

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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I-023-001

My property is located in Mayaguez Township, sec 27 and in Oakwood Township, sec 27. The one proposed Transmission line crosses the middle of the farm in Oakwood Township. I am in the process of establishing a conservation easement on this property. The line also crosses within 50 feet of my home in Mayaguez Township and I am concerned to health & aesthetic issues. I am aware EMF does not cause disease, but can interfere with body physiology & I feel there can be definite problems living that close to the power line.

I-023-004

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Natural & human resources. I think the natural look of the area needs to be preserved as much as possible. Also human needs have to be met. The proposed line across the north part of Lake Zumbro crosses close to many residents, the lake recreational area and camp grounds as well. This route follows close to the Zumbro River Valley, which is one of the most scenic areas of southeast Mn. It is unreasonable to destroy this beauty with a powerline but could easily be run along a road or railway.

### I-023-001

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-023-003

I-023-002

Yes! I can not argue with the need of more electricity, but I am concerned with the route of the line. I am also concerned as to why a better method of protection from EMF has not been developed. Perhaps a better method of insulation or burying the line would be beneficial. It should also be routed thru an area where there is already power lines, roads, railways etc. not thru more remote natural beauty. Unfortunately we have very little nature that hasn't been destroyed.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-023-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-023-003

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Which meeting did you attend? June 16, 2009 Plainview

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- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

We live 1/4 mile west of Cty 11 & 1/4 mile south of Cty 2  
There are number of residences close to proposed route,  
that will be extremely close to the proposed 340 kv line.  
We prefer B120 as the route, 2nd choice would be  
B119 the B117 line.

Other we would like to discuss a way to route  
just around the residences to the west, so basically  
part of B117.

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### I-024-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
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I-024-001

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Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Which meeting did you attend? St. Charles

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☐ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

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☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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We have an electric fence  
which runs parallel to the proposed  
line for one-half mile

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Agriculture land

I-025-001

I think it should follow the I-90  
corridor. MN DOT needs to be made  
to allow it.

#### I-025-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Lee PERSONS

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: St. Charles State: MO Zip Code: 63072

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Which meeting did you attend? Wausau MN (June 17, 2009)

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- ☐ Health and safety

☒ Other: Distribution Grid and Reliability of Power Sources

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Full description of Distribution GRID defining all Power Sources and Grid detail that answer Reliability concerns, even during major and worst disaster such as equipment failure, Natural disaster, terrorist activities etc. GRID Reliability etc.

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### I-026-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-026-001

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*Other comment addresses impacts of EMF*

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Yes

Please tell us how to reach you.

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#2 ☒ Other: Electromagnetic Interference with the Grid

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

#1) Health issues resulting from continuous exposure to EMF does not have sufficient medical confirmation from any reputable firm, so I believe the CAPX2020 communities are sidestepping a primary concern of much of the population near the ~~new~~ routes proposal. This issue must be addressed with data from studies that will provide medical evidence that EMF is a "primary concern, a biological concern, a minor concern."

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### I-027-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-027-001

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*Residential Property within 1 mile of Hwy 52  
in MN. from Township*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*Biological Impacts to Animal and Plant Life  
due to EAPF*

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I-027-002

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes - but better describe the sources of power feeding  
this single transmission line

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-027-002

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid.

The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

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Which meeting did you attend? Plainville MA, June 16, 2009

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☐ Project Purpose and Need

☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☒ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☐ Health and safety

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Why not run most of the lines down Hwy 52 to Rochester?

Why are 345/161 combo lines being funneled through a narrow densely populated area around Orange Co 12 area when there is a straighter route that is less densely populated to the North?

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### I-028-001

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### I-028-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-028-001

I-028-002

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☒ Other: *run off pond & dam* <sup>earthen</sup>

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*Section 10 Oranico Township (see attached map) Most of my property is a valley area that slopes down to the Zumbro River. The valley is an area that funnels run off from a large watershed area into the Zumbro. An earthen dam was built over 25 yrs ago to control erosion, run-off and silt going into the Zumbro. Behind the dam is a stormwater retention pond that is full most of the years. I believe it was constructed by the Olmsted County Soil and Water Conservation District.*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*This run off pond is a nesting area for ducks and is used by area wildlife as a water source. The wide valley going down to the Zumbro is frequented by turkeys, raptors, pheasants, deer. There are eagles nesting on the cliffs by the Zumbro and they use the open valley and prevailing winds as a fly way.*



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-028-003

Yes, it was. It's just that the info choices etc keep changing and ~~it is not~~ the changes over time are not always communicated in a timely manner.

I-028-004

X Avoid B102 because <sup>under it is</sup> ~~it is~~ a major run-off/drainage area with extremely deep ditches. The drainage is directly under the route.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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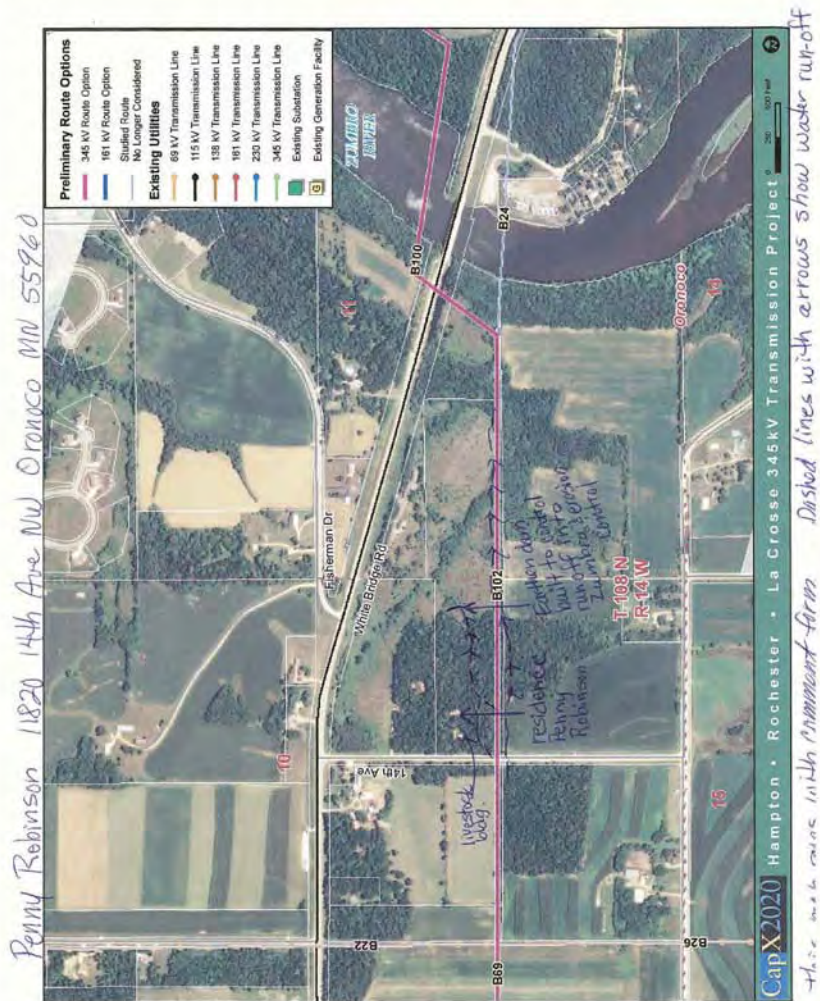
I-028-003

Your comment has been noted. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

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I-028-004

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.







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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
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- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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**I-029-001**

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MAZEPPA TOWNSHIP ALONG COUNTY HWY 1 ON TOWNSHIP  
ROAD T191 ALONG THE PROPOSED LINE FROM  
PINE ISLAND EAST. (THE MIDDLE PROPOSED LINE)

**I-029-001**

-MY CONCERN IS THAT THE SOUTH PROPOSED LINE FROM  
PINE ISLAND EAST MAKES MORE SENSE. IT WOULD  
FOLLOW HWY 52 SOUTH THEN GO EAST @ DUNOCO.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

AGRICULTURE, HOMES, NATURAL RESOURCES



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-029-002

IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT MORE DENSE POPULATED AREAS USE MORE OF THE POWER & THE PROPOSED LINE ROUTES NEED TO GO WHERE THERE IS LESS POPULATION. IT WILL GET PUSHED OUT IN THE COUNTRY SO THE CITY POPULATION DOES NOT HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT BUT THEY WILL BE USING MORE OF THE POWER.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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State: MN

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I-029-002

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- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-030-001 | Fair market value of my home. If my land/home  
is claimed now, it does not have the value it  
will when the economy rebounds. How much  
money will I lose - I would be able to  
afford moving my family & animals.

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### I-030-001

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**In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?**

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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*Please tell us how to reach you.*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Kirk Scherping

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: Dennison State: Mn Zip Code: 55018

Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-789-6934

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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

DO NOT USE ZMINATE DOMAIN ON PRIVATE FARMLAND

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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- I-031-001 | THE FARM IS A CENTURY FARM SINCE ABOUT 1895. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT PUTTING A LINE THROUGH THE CENTER OF IT WE HAVE LIVESTOCK AND HAY SO WE ARE WORKING IN FIELDS ALL SUMMER - NOT JUST SPRING + FALL. THE LINE WOULD ALSO BE CLOSE TO HOUSE - MY WIFE SAYS SHE WILL NOT LIVE IN HOUSE IF THEY BUILD LINE. SO IT COULD DESTROY THE FARM AND CAUSE A DIVORCE. WE ALSO HAVE LIVESTOCK AND ELECTRIC FENCE UNDER LINE. ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD IS REPORTED TO CAUSE ABORTIONS AND CAUSE FENCE PROBLEMS. THIS IS IN SECTION 13 PINE ISLAND TOWNSHIP GOODHUE CO. AND INCOME
- I-031-002 | ALSO IN THIS AREA THE LINE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF FARMS FOR 2-3 MILES - NOT ON PROPERTY LINES
- I-031-003 | THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL LARGE SINKHOLES ALONG THIS ROUTE - THERE IS ALSO A OIL PIPELINE OVER 30 YEARS OLD ALONG THIS LINE.
- I-031-004 |
- I-031-005 | THIS LINE COULD FOLLOW MAJOR HIGHWAYS LIKE 35 W. NORTH FIELDS / OWATONNA DOWN TO I-90 THEN EAST ALONG I-90. NOT CROSS ALL PRIVATE LAND

#### I-031-001

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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#### I-031-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

#### I-031-003

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-031-004

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-031-005

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-031-006

IT IS ALL ABOUT THE COAL IN WESTERN DAKOTA

THE RAILROAD WANTS TO HAUL THE COAL EAST

YOU WANT TO BUILD A POWERLINE AND TRANSPORT IT WITH ELECTRICITY

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-031-006

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVILLE

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☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-032-001 | LINE SHOULD FOLLOW MAJOR HIGHWAYS

I-032-002 | NOT CROSS AND DIVIDE CENTURY FARM

AND GO CLOSE TO HOUSES

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### I-032-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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### I-032-002

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: Livestock

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Divide Century Farm  
Several Large Sink holes on property  
Close to house  
Livestock under line  
Oil Pipe Line

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Private Property  
Dividing PARCELS  
Close to houses

### I-032-003

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-032-004

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-032-003 |

I-032-004 |

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

City: MAZEPPA State: MD Zip Code: 55956

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: all people - all farm animals

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

City: Plainville State: MA Zip Code: 06061

Daytime Phone (Optional): N/A

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-034-001

*Farmington Township has had an ordinance to keep the township agricultural since 1981 - this should be taken into consideration over some townships that did not do this - Farmington Township has kept this ordinance in place all these years and should have this consideration.*

I-034-002

*Our particular farm has been nominated to be on the National Registry of Historic Places. It has been approved by the Hampton - Rochester - La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project that of M and is now considered in Washington DC.*

### I-034-001

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### I-034-002

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



**I-034-003**

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: Historic

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*We live in Farmington Township section 32 - and have lived here for 43 years. We have been preserving our farm buildings for history - We also believe in keeping farmland for our food. These power lines would not be in keeping with our historic place or with Farmington Township's keeping of its ordinances since 1981*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW, MN

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☐ Project Purpose and Need

☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☒ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

SECTIONS 27, 28, 33, 34 ZUMBRO TOWNSHIP

Health of my children.

I DO NOT WANT THIS NORTH ROUTE, IT IS TO CLOSE TO HOUSES. STEEP DRAINAGES AND TREES. THE SOUTH ROUTE IS FLATTER AND LESS HOUSES AND LESS TREES.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

→ TAKE THE SOUTH ROUTE  
DO NOT TAKE B-27 ROUTE

TAKE B-28, B-91, B-111, B-93, B-161, B-162

#### I-035-001

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#### I-035-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-035-001

I-035-002



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-035-003

Is it really needed, !!! ???

→ Take the southern route

\*\*\* Take the south route

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional):

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City: Rochester State: MN Zip Code: 55901

Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-753-2009

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I-035-003

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Which meeting did you attend? Plainville NH

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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### I-036-001

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Plainville Twp. Wabasha County

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R 11W

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Allyn Stoltz

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 555 71 Hwy 42

City: Plainville State: MI Zip Code: 55964

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Which meeting did you attend? 6-17-09 Wausau Town Hall

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- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-037-001

If they need add'l. lines add them to  
the existing corridor of transmission lines.  
It's just a "COMMON SENSE" solution

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### I-037-001

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Warsaw Township, Goodhue Co, Minn. USA  
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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Biological, The US needs to wake up & quit building new coal fired electrical plants.  
We need to start building new nuclear power plants & alternative energy sources.  
Coal fired plants may be cheaper in the short run, but they will cost us & future generations dearly. The carbon footprint is just too big.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

If eastern Wisc + Ill. need diff. tower, build the plants down there, not in So. Dakota/North Dakota.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: Dennison State: Mn. Zip Code: 55016

Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-263-4617

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Which meeting did you attend? Waukegan

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- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

no additional - however, bear in mind that the  
countryside environment for people is sacrificed  
for city folks who will not have their  
environment intruded upon.

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wetlands, wildlife, health issues regarding  
stray voltage (migraine headaches)

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-038-003 | River valleys are wildlife corridors - bird  
I-038-002 | migration corridors - these transmission lines  
are visually ugly.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-038-001

No. Who needs this electricity - of course we all do - However, don't "bet the farm" on continued growth of U.S. population and economy.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Larry Thomforde

Representing (Optional):

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City: Zumbrota State: MN 55992 Zip Code:

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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I-038-001

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I-038-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-038-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend?

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☐ Noise

☐ Health and safety

☐ Other:

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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I-039-001

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

YES

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Bob Wolter

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address:

City: St. Charles State: MN Zip Code: 55972

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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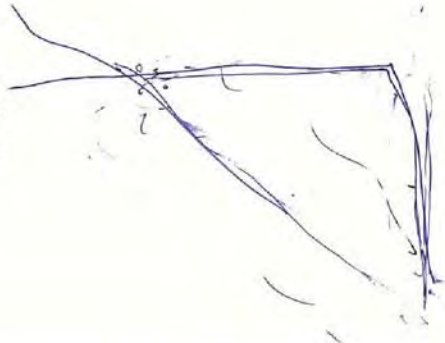
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Which meeting did you attend? Plainville / June 17, 09

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I-040-001

The description and purpose of this project should be more defined. I think that the need for more power <sup>resources</sup> should be emphasized. If we don't find a way to provide expanded resources for energy, how can we keep up with the demand. I think that the need is there...

People (personnel that were in charge of the presentation / open house) were informed and shared their information effectively.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional):

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Daytime Phone (Optional):

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Which meeting did you attend?

Plainview

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☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☒ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☐ Health and safety

☒ Other:

cost of building the line and it's impact on electric rates

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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### I-041-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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Cultural - landowners should be adequately compensated for right-of-way rights on their property.

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#### I-041-002

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would provide compensation in the form of a one-time easement payment to property owners who host transmission lines. Property owners would retain ownership of the land and may continue to use the land around transmission structures. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

The need is obvious. We continuously use and demand more electricity and this certainly requires updating and adding to existing generation and transmission capacity. We cannot have it both ways either we build more infrastructure or must lower our expectation of reliable electric service. It seems to me that with the environmental safeguards and studies that are mandated by state and local government, safety is not a concern.

I am in favor of building this line using the shortest, least expensive route even though this route would pass through my neighborhood.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional):

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City: Plainview State: MN Zip Code: 55964

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I-041-003

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I-041-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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Which meeting did you attend? Cothamne Fountain City

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What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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Yes, very informative.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Greg Cagle

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Which meeting did you attend? Cochrane / Fountain City

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-044-001

With falling real estate values, consideration  
needs to be given to the impact the project  
will have on home values & saleability.

I-044-002

Consideration should also be taken for regional  
wild life and fish populations.

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### I-044-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to landowners and property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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### I-044-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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land + river wildlife

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yes - Capx2020 representatives were very helpful.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Wendy Cagle

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: 52847 Elm St

City: Fountain City State: WI, 54629 Zip Code:

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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Which meeting did you attend? Cochran Frontiers City School

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need (Power usage is decreasing) local reports
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Power lost through lines -

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-045-001 The power companies raise rates to pay for program plus their profits. Our incomes are going down. When power usage goes down they raise rates. If they are requesting rate hikes because of reduced usage - the need for more power does not work.

I-045-002 The power companies want us to pay for power to Rochester, LaCrosse, Madison and so on. How far is the power going to be sent? How much will be lost along the way.

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### I-045-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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### I-045-002

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-045-003**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*Safety - loss power is an unsafe situation. If it isn't needed (based on need) and much is lost along the way. If Madison or Chicago, or etc need the power build the plant there. We know that won't work so we will send it from the Dakotas*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*Safety of the environment, wildlife, and people. This project will not be healthy for any of them*

*The one exception - profitable for the power companies.*

*To get power to the big cities ~~you~~ fear apart the rural areas instead of the big cities.*

I-045-003



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-045-004

No, I would like to see information on power loss, final destinations of power - if has already changed, other options available, alternative sources being investigated, conservation potential, ~~and how~~ cost to the consumer, and generally how the individuals or small areas can protect themselves from the companies that share a portion of the truth to protect their interests

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Larry Cyrus

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 100 152 Summers Rd

City: Fountain City State: WI Zip Code: 54621

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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I-045-004

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Which meeting did you attend? COCHRANE - FOUNTAIN CITY 06-25-09

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-046-001 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT - UPGRADING EXISTING LINES  
WOULD HAVE THE LEAST EFFECT  
ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
WOULD ALLOW THE PROJECT  
TO COMPLETE ITS NEED.

I-046-009 PERSONS HEALTH + AG LAND PRESERVATION  
WIND + ICE DAMAGE - PREVIOUS ABOVE GROUND LINES WERE DAMAGED  
BY ICE + WIND - THOSE LINES ARE NOW UNDERGROUND LINES

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### I-046-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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S. 2445 BELVIDERE RIDGE - COCHRANE, WI

PROPOSAL WOULD CROSS SEVERAL AGRICULTURAL FIELDS, CURRENTLY ALL ABOVE GROUND POWER LINES WERE CONVERTED TO BURIED LINES, CREATING A LESSENO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. AND PROVIDES ASTHETIC VALUE. PROPOSED LINE WOULD CROSS NEAR MY NEWLY BUILT HOME, THE NAME OF MY INFANT SON. THIS LINE WOULD DEVALUE MY PROPERTY. I CURRENTLY HAVE SEVERAL EAGLES THAT NEST IN PROXIMITY TO THE PROPOSED LINE.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WOULD HOLD GREAT WEIGHT ALONG WITH PRESERVING AGRICULTURAL LAND AND PRESERVING LAND USED BY GENERATIONS FOR HUNTING AND RECREATION. AGRICULTURAL LAND IS BEING DEVELOPED FOR HOUSING AT A GREAT WEIGHT, ~~BE~~ UPGRADING EXISTING POWER PATHS WOULD PRESERVE THE AG. LAND AND PRESERVE ANY PRESENT CULTURAL NEEDS OF NON-POWER PATH LAND. PRESERVING THE ASTHETIC VALUE OF THE AREA IS ALSO A GREAT CONCERN, AS TOURISM IS VITAL TO BUFFALO COUNTY.

#### I-046-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-046-003

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to landowners and property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-046-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-046-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-046-006

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-046-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-046-008

THE EXPLANATION FOR EACH POTENTIAL ROUTE  
WAS NOT EXPLAINED OR WHAT ROUTES WERE  
BEING CONSIDERED AS A PRIORITY

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: LEE ENGFER

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: S. 2445 BELVIDERE RIDGE

City: COCHRANE State: WI Zip Code: 54622

Daytime Phone (Optional): 608-248-2126

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I-046-008

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-046-009

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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Which meeting did you attend? Cochran Mountain City School

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- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-047-001 | The landowners view + cost  
The Mississippi flyway area would be in danger  
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### I-047-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*This land has been in the family for over 100 years  
and we use it for recreation and rent out parcels.*

*This would cut down on rental income and the  
scenery would be gone forever.*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*Farm land - divided up into small parcels  
recreational - wild life would not be the same when  
the forests are cut up. There are so few recreational  
areas left*

#### I-047-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-047-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-047-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-047-002 |

I-047-003 |

I-047-004 |

I-047-005

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

yes - Why the existing lines toward Asadua couldn't be used for these wires also. would cut down cost and easements are already taken care of

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Marian Engfer

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: W1436 Rose Valley Rd

City: Cochran State: WI Zip Code: 54622

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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I-047-005

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? June 25<sup>th</sup> - C-FC School

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
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- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: land values

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-048-001 | Final destination - East coast?
- I-048-002 | Energy loss with power sent over long distances
- I-048-003 | Questions not yet answered concerning health issues
- I-048-003 | Financial impact on individuals whose land parcels will be drastically altered.

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### I-048-001

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### I-048-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-048-003

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: *Building site*  
*Hunting-lease income*  
*Investment-retirement*

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*125 Acre scenic valley - value is its beauty & desirability as hunting property.*

*85 acres - last remaining family farm property - left to my son through father*

*This would destroy the beauty & value of this property. It would cross a small marsh and join an existing line which crosses another side of my property.*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*(Environmental) Biological - crossing wetlands and into areas whose value is in their remote beauty and supported wildlife.*

*Recreational - Land used as hunting, snowmobiling, hiking*

*In many of these rural areas the value is as remote, beautiful, scenic spots. The value of my property is not agricultural it is natural and a sensitive resource as such!!*

#### I-048-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-048-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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ity  
No! There are too many sources which conflict with the information you give. I get the impression we are only hearing the first small part of this scenario

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Joy Hittner

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 52968 Hwy G

City: Fountain City State: WI Zip Code: 54629

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-049-001

*Health and safety*  
*We are very close to one of the projected routes*

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#### I-049-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Marlene Ralbrecki

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 3334 Brandhorst Rd

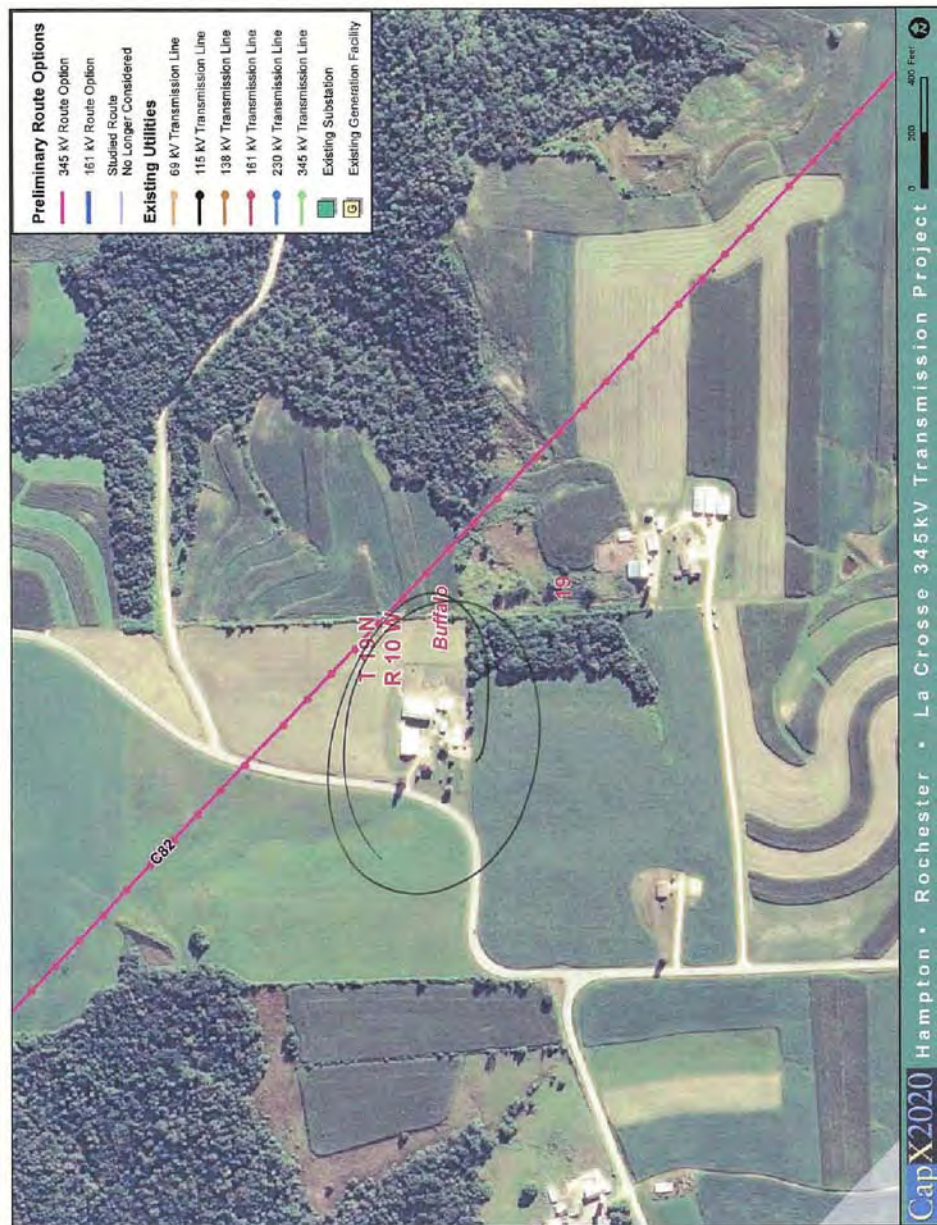
City: Fountain City State: WI Zip Code: 54627

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-050-001 Safety concerns due to close to home/  
farm buildings - human and animal

I-050-002 Loss of tillable farm acres

I-050-003 Lease / Right-of-way monetary consideration  
Can't replace farm feasibility  
to continue being self supporting

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### I-050-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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### I-050-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-050-003

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to business owners affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-050-004

Existing Line (C76) is very close to farm & home buildings presently. Expanding ROW would effect safety of human & animals

I-050-005

Also visability of expanded route would greatly decrease property valuation and retirement income when farm is sold

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-050-006

Preserving the integrity of current farm land productivity

#### I-050-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-050-005

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-050-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-050-007

The proposed route (C76) does not take into consideration of using most viable route of right down riverway along STH 350. This route would affect no farm land - (only rec land - woods). That is the most logical route as I see it.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Representing (Optional): land owner  
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 City: Alma State: WI Zip Code: 54610  
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I-050-007

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- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.**

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**In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?**

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-051-001

Pine Creek & Root Rivers  
~~WERE~~ both washed out -  
 mud slides all over the place  
 Federal Disaster Areas  
 2 yrs later another heavy rain  
 washed out areas where you  
 are going. ridge tops maybe  
 be questionable.  
 Road out of La Crosse to  
 Hokah closed.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Ricardo Acevedo  
 Representing (Optional): SELF  
 Mailing Address: PO Box 2653  
 City: La Crosse State: WI Zip Code: 54602  
 Daytime Phone (Optional): 608-317-8434

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I-051-001

Your comment has been noted. Access and terrain issues will be assessed at a route level and with individual landowners. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? La Crescent, MN - June 23, 2009

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?**

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-053-001 | *No, the need for the project was not well explained.*
- I-053-002 | *People need to be educated to CONTINUE to try to conserve energy.*
- I-053-003 | *High voltage transmission lines are not for our local energy needs.*

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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**I-053-001**

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**I-053-002**

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**I-053-003**

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Which meeting did you attend? LaCrosse T MNA Am. Legion 6-23-09

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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Cost to Taxpayers and Lack of real benefits

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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Airplane Traffic  
ugliness of the huge towers  
the hot lines  
near Lakeshore High School

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

biological ~~data~~ to human life  
animals + plants



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-054-001

displays were nice  
some info was incomplete - eg  
graph that ended at 2004  
persons in each area were  
accessible & informative

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: Chogan 701@charter.net

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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**I-054-001**

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**I-054-002**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-054-003**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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Which meeting did you attend? LA CRESCENT, MN

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: UNNECESSARY COST

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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I-055-001

SOUTH SIDE OF LA CRESCENTE AESTHETICS, EMF, ENVIRONMENT,  
INTERFERENCE WITH COMMUNICATIONS

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, etc. ~~and~~) in the Project area and why?

I-055-002

COST OF RUNNING LINES IF/WHEN <sup>USAGE</sup> ~~TRAFFIC~~ MAY NOT  
INCREASE APPRECIABLY/PROPORTIONALLY.

#### I-055-001

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

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#### I-055-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-055-003

ADEQUATE EXPLANATION OF SUBJECT MATTER, EXCEPT  
FOR PROFIT NEEDS OF UTILITY COMPANIES.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Tom HOGAN

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: 701 SOUTH 14TH STREET

City: LA CRESCENT State: MN Zip Code: 55947

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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I-055-003

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Which meeting did you attend? LaCrescent

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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-056-001 \* Using and developing local sources for energy rather than continuing to prop up and protect the grid.

I-056-003 \* Conservation of energy needs to be implemented more aggressively

I-056-004 \* Federal \$'s being used to subsidize this project.

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### I-056-001

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*The Mississippi Wildlife Refuge*

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-056-002

*It was explained to me but the justification for the project was inadequate.*

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: *Marilyn Hurt*

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: *PO Box 177*

City: *Dakota* State: *MN* Zip Code: *55925*

Daytime Phone (Optional): *507-643-6690*

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I-056-002

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I-056-003

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I-056-004

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→ I am already on the mailing list.

Which meeting did you attend?

La Crescent June 2009

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- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-057-003

I do not believe the case was made for the need of this project - the judge ruled incorrectly.

I-057-004

I-057-005

I am very concerned about the impact on the environment, especially bird impacts. These lines will leave and the construction will cause unsightly and permanent scars across the bluff country.

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I-057-002

We graze sheep. I am very concerned about stray voltage and EMF on my sheep. I have been in fields under power line where the grass has an electric charge and discharged into grazing animals and anyone walking through the grass in rubber sandals.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-057-001

I am very concerned about the great potential for soil erosion during construction in the bluff country. I have no confidence that the power companies or their construction crews will take adequate measures to control erosion. I have ~~been~~ I have no confidence that USDoT will do an adequate job monitoring ~~the~~ the construction. The construction crews will do ~~not~~ what ever it takes to get the job done and ignore the environmental issues.

#### I-057-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to geology and soil resources caused by the transmission lines will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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#### I-057-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-057-003

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#### I-057-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-057-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I have no confidence that the power companies were truthful about the need for this project.

I am sure they will continue to distort the facts & in order to obtain the permits.

I think the power company is lying in order to get the permit. Their denials that this power is not headed to Madison ring hollow.

Please tell us how to reach you.

I am already on the mailing list

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: C. S. IREMONGER

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: 4002 Wolf Hill Rd

City: La Crosse State: Zip Code:

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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Which meeting did you attend? 6-23-09 LACRESCENT

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- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

DEMAND FOR POWER

I-058-001

WITH CONSERVATION - ALTERNATIVE SOURCES  
OF ENERGY THESE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
POWER SOURCES SHOULD BE DECENTRALIZED  
MAKE POWER WHERE IT IS NEEDED

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### I-058-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.



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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-058-002

THE POWER USED UP TO 2004 IS  
MISLEADING ON ONE OF YOUR GRAPHS

IF THE GRAPH WENT TO 2008  
I THINK THE DEMAND WOULD BE  
GOING DOWN

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: JOHN MAASS

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 32352 LANES VALLEY RD

City: LA CRESCENT State: MA 05947 Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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I-058-002

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Which meeting did you attend? La Crosse

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- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-059-003

I-059-004

Impact on tourism, Health effects on children, Health effects on livestock, Affect on rural property values, ~~etc.~~

I-059-001

Need! Need! Need! Is this additional power truly needed or can we solve it with greater emphasis on conservation and smart-grid technology.

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### I-059-001

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**In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?**

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-059-002

I do not trust this process, CAPX 2020 representatives do not give complete information. They are intelligent and skilled sales people.  
We had 50 neighbors gathered to discuss this at the Wilson Fire Hall two weeks ago. We are all concerned and want this project stopped.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Doug Nopar

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 29440 County Rd 17

City: Wisnau State: MN Zip Code: 55987

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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I-059-002

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

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I-059-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-059-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-059-005

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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Which meeting did you attend? La Crosse EIT

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- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-060-002 | Need is not proven.

I-060-003 | Cost is too high on environment, people and

I-060-001 | property.

I-060-001 | Health and safety can not be sacrificed to

I-060-001 | produce power that is not needed.

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### I-060-001

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### I-060-002

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### I-060-003

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

City: La Crescent State: MO 55947 Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Which meeting did you attend? La Crosse Am Legion 6-23-09

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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

There is a awful lot of bluff lands + valley to build  
lines up + down.

Very thickly populated with new homes,  
we already have one big power line. why not run it through  
thousands of DNR land where no one lives. Who is more important  
taxpayers or DNR- who lives off the government (hence us)

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### I-061-001

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I-061-001



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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-061-002

If the power is needed in Illinois, why should it come from SD? That is a costly transportation

I-061-003

cost. Build a coal power plant in Illinois to power Chicago. I really don't think I should help pay for these power. I'm sure our costs will go up.

This just isn't right. Let's be fair. Will one be sitting in front of your new home.

I-061-004

I realize it won't come next to my home, but I feel for others. Talk to DNR. ~~For~~ Someone told me tonight that you can't work with them. I believe that ~~the~~ little by little they take individual farmland of whatever they want. Who's the power behind them?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: Lakeside State: MD Zip Code: 55447

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I-061-002

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I-061-003

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I-061-004

Your comment has been noted. The RUS does not have jurisdiction over the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources evaluations, decisions, or content of their processes.

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Which meeting did you attend? LA CRESCENT

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

THE ONLY 3 WAYS OF PRODUCING ADDED VALUE  
(MAKING MONEY IN THE ECONOMY ARE)  
1. MINING AND MANUFACTURING  
2. ELECTRIC ENERGY WILL BE NEEDED FOR ALL  
3.

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### I-062-001

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YES

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Gene Semin

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 1567 CTH6

City: LA CRESCENT State: MIN 55947 Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-895-2239

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# CapX2020

Delivering electricity you can rely on

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Which meeting did you attend? LA CROSSE, MN.

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- ☒ Proximity to residences
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- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: a. the technology of the line b. who will pay for it c. look of land/alternative energy consideration d. need - or lack thereof.

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

MR - see other above.

a. a project of this magnitude (w/ all resources) should be forward-thinking and proactive in its application/design of technology best suited for 21<sup>st</sup> c. needs and reflecting the best of what we know about clean, safe, renewable energy. ~~conditions~~

b. "pay" in terms of rates, yes, but also in terms of externalities: the utility, co-ops, etc. typically not held responsible for - the environmental cost (of construction, production), impact on real people (quality of life, property value etc.), for example.

c. where is the forecast? The respect & acknowledgment that energy consumption - and therefore delivery mechanisms - must not continue as they are today? our collective priority & should only be on developing every aspect of clean renewable energy, from production to transmission. This is not that priority.

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I-063-004  
I-063-005  
I-063-007

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I am a stewardship farmer on a ridge-top farm that no longer uses any of  
 soil; that supports <sup>prairie</sup> birds and wildlife; that feeds many people in this region  
 while providing wildlife corridors/habitat and aesthetic satisfaction to all who live  
 in the SE.  
 But let me be clear - this is NOT a case of NIMBY - I do not want ugly,  
 cluttered, inappropriately, mis-represented power lines running through anyone's woods  
 or cropland or prairie or stream.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

- What about stray voltage?
- The phenomenal landscape damage in the fragile topography of the bluffs is something that A.) is hard to mitigate and B.) despite promises, does not historically a priority by corporate entities with no vested interest in anything but its own bottom line. There are other better lines we should be attending to - and requiring CAPX to attend, on their dime Habitat & soil are >
- But the bigger resource is power usage itself, and whether the power companies themselves have sufficient incentive to do the smarter. I don't see it. I see USDA = tax \$1 per acre - already + I know who will get other costs passed on = us. And who, on a daily basis, will "pay" for that line? I think you should send this - and look to the farmers table. We must be amazed at what they will

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I-063-003

It's very challenging to believe the need, given it being presented by the people who have their agenda set in their minds. Call it wolves in sheep's clothes but how can I trust these guys - what if they wanted to run this old style of delivery system through their woods - sales? you should pose that to them + then see how creative their solution became.

I-063-001

What is it really going to go - profit + public use? LAX? Chicago?? It is annoying - to add insult to injury - that they make it sound like a done deal when it is not. That's wrong + misleading.

I-063-002

Why coal?? Why the snow job on how alternative energy will be incorporated? Why not look at recent energy use that show a 3-yr trend down in use?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Caroline Van Schack  
Representing (Optional): a local farmer  
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Thank you

came up with idea given no choice.

I-063-001

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I-063-002

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I-063-003

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I-063-004

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**I-063-005**

Your comment has been noted. Information regarding project funding and ownership is described in the RUS accepted documents the Macro Corridor Study and Alternative Evaluation Study, available at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft EIS will be available on the RUS website at:

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**I-063-006**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:

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**I-063-007**

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Which meeting did you attend? LIA CRESCENT, 6/23/09

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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-064-004 | ① Need ② Access to project for wind generation  
I-064-005 |  
I-064-006 | ③ ~~Minimize~~ Minimize Upper Miss. Refuge impact -  
bury the line at crossing and  
do not run the line down the river  
corridor

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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*Upper Mississippi Refuge,  
Scenic beauty of the ~~area~~ region  
especially along the Great River  
Road*

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#### I-064-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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#### I-064-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-064-003

This is described as a Minnesota & La Crosse driven project, with no other purpose. This is not credible. The need & ultimate purposes/goals need to be stated. What other plans does the project coordinate with?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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City: LA CROSSE State: WI Zip Code: 54601  
Daytime Phone (Optional):

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I-064-004

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I-064-005

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid. The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

I-064-006

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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Which meeting did you attend? Calumville WI

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- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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Please tell us how to reach you.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Which meeting did you attend? Centerville

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- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-066-001

Use common sense - Try to use the shortest distance while utilizing highway rightaway

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### I-066-001

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Yes

Please tell us how to reach you.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Which meeting did you attend? Centerville (2 meetings)

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- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-067-002 |

Cost — who is going to pay for this

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: Scenic Views

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

N18776 Hwy 93  
Scenic hills  
Now the powerline right-of-way is not on my land but it is close by. I think the Arcadia route or Blair route are ridiculous because of the hills it would have more effect environmentwise. I believe the best route is to follow the interstate from Rochester to Lacrosse. 2nd choice is to follow existing line from Alma, Trapperville & Lacrosse.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

#### I-067-001

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#### I-067-002

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*Please tell us how to reach you.*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: Galesville State: WI Zip Code: 54630

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Which meeting did you attend? Trempealeau Town Meeting / Centerville

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- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Cost

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-068-006 | Cost - how will this be paid for? Wouldn't it be better to  
 I-068-001 | offer more incentives to reduce consumption? What is the  
final cost and rate increases?

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### I-068-001

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I am already near an existing 161kV line.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-068-005

The Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge, Perrot State Park, The Great River State Trail - this is what draws people to Trempealeau. I would like to open a business in the future and am concerned with the size of the current line increasing with a easement that is twice as wide.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-068-002 | No - the need and purpose has not been adequately shown with hard numbers for the new demand. With all the conservation methods demand should be falling overall, with a very minimal population increase. There must be alternatives to more lines.
- I-068-003 | Also, what is going to be generating the new power?
- I-068-004 | I would be more inclined to support the project if green power was a large percent of the new power.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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I-068-002

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I-068-003

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid. The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

I-068-004

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I-068-005

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to business



owners affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-068-006**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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**I-068-007**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
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- ☐ Noise
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What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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### I-069-001

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

All My Questions Were Adequately Answered.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Which meeting did you attend? Galesville/Trempealeau 6/24/09

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- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-070-001 Necessity. Are There Alternatives (i.e. Decentralized power  
generation/Distribution/use) to transmitting power long Distances  
with such large KV Lines.

I-070-004 Impacts - rights of land owners

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### I-070-001

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I-070-002

I really question the need, the studies and researching alternatives to this project vs smaller/local generation and transmission

I-070-003

I oppose this project and disagree with the way it is being marketed by Power Companies. I see no equal time explaining alternatives.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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**I-070-002**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

**I-070-003**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-070-004**

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would pay for land rights based on an independent appraisal and will work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-071-001

Not an issues, more a explanation of how  
to resolve issues

"1st do no harm"

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### I-071-001

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.



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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I have considered for sometime the possibility of constructing a residence on my land in the La to Blair corridor

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Maintain the existing resources we have land water wildlife and still continue to provide those things (electricity) which enhance everyone's lives.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes

Please tell us how to reach you.

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What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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### I-072-001

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: *tree farm - pines*

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*we live next to the Alma-fence line - if the new line went along that line we're not sure if our house would be far enough from the new requested easement - also the wider easement would limit what we could do with the 40 acres we own*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

*Please tell us how to reach you.*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Which meeting did you attend? Galesville

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- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: use of eminent domain

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-073-001

The issue of conservation practices to reduce domestic energy use should be aggressively pursued before any new lines are built. Many people do not even understand this issue and would gladly change things to conserve - such as: every hot water heater sold should come with solar panels - there should be no appliances for sale that are not energy efficient. How about incentives to purchase these?

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### I-073-001

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I-073-007

we have a 35-yr. organic dairy farm -  
we cannot have cows grazing under power lines  
with EMFs, nor can we have spraying of  
chemicals on our land.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-073-006

I-073-002

the wildlife refuge is paramount - however I  
do not think residents of rural areas that are  
consuming power should be subjected to the  
dangers, loss of property values and price tags  
of huge lines designed to serve large population  
centers.

I-073-003

The clearing of large expanses for lines destroys  
habitat for animals, can cause damaging  
runoff.

### I-073-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-073-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-073-004

I have grave reservations about the true need for this project. I think we need to look more closely at the effects conservation could have on demand. I would also like to see studies of the feasibility of getting solar & small wind turbines on city rooftops to ease peak demand. This is a far more sustainable method than running power lines all over.

I-073-005

I cannot imagine what is going to happen to electricity rates to pay for this project. It is totally unfair to burden those who have already cut their energy usage with these expenses.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-073-004

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-073-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-073-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-073-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? GALESVILLE

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☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

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☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☒ Historic and cultural sites

☒ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety

I-074-003 ☒ Other: IMMINENT DOMAIN USE TO TAKE PEOPLES LAND

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-074-001

I-074-004

ALL RESOURCES ARE SENSITIVE. THIS IS AN UNNECESSARY PROJECT IN REGARD TO ALL LOCAL ISSUES - THIS PROJECT CONTINUES AN UNSUSTAINABLE ENERGY POLICY. THE PROJECT SHOULD BE ABANDONED IN FAVOR OF PERSONAL, OR LOCAL ENERGY PROJECTS. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY IS BOTH CHEAPER AND CAN BE SUSTAINABLE IN CONTRAST TO LARGE, CAPITAL INTENSIVE POWER WHICH NECESSITATES THESE EXPENSE AND UNHEALTHY POWER LINES.

#### I-074-001

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I-074-002

THE PROJECT'S NEED SHOULD BE REEXAMINED  
FROM A SUSTAINABILITY PERSPECTIVE.

THE WHOLE FOCUS OF THE PROJECT IS FROM  
A BIG BUSINESS - LARGE POWER PLANT OUTLOOK.  
THIS VIEW POINT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE ECOLOGICALLY,  
ENVIRONMENTALLY, OR ECONOMICALLY.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Which meeting did you attend? Centerville - Town of Trumpp

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☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

I-075-004

☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors) I would rather have the new line go through a wildlife area than a populated one.

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-075-001

Cost - I be it less to incorporate with O-1 line  
impacts on people - Many more houses on proposed  
line than on the O-1 line - people are much more  
important than wildlife.

I-075-002

property values would be affected incorporating  
with the O-1 line

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### I-075-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### I-075-002

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☒ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*I would propose the new line be incorporated with the existing Q-1 line and the La Crosse substation be enlarged.*

*I feel this would be better to run it with the Q-1 line, because if it comes to people or wildlife issues people are more important.*

#### I-075-003

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-075-004

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-075-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

*Yes - It was very much so. Thank you*

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Which meeting did you attend?

*Centerville*

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☒ Project Purpose and Need

☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☐ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☐ Other:

*Will scare Duck Population  
where we hunt*

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Residential
- ☐ Conservation Easement
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-076-001

Problem with Duck Hunting  
Ducks don't land thru the  
wires

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Damaging Duck & Goose Flyways

I-076-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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*Please tell us how to reach you.*

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Which meeting did you attend? June 24, 2009

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-077-002

What Effect It will have on the Wetlands  
and the migration of waterfowl. Wetlands  
Areas for the water tank.

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: Recreation/Hunting

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*We currently have one low water pipeline currently on our land. This affects the waterfowl flight path and their nesting rights. If there ~~was~~ is another line proposed to go through this would kill the waterfowl habitat.*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*Biological, recreational -  
These affect the wildlife moving them away from their natural habitat.*

#### I-077-001

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts as well as impacts to wildlife species will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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#### I-077-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

*What effect it has on wildlife and the voltage lines in the area.*

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional):

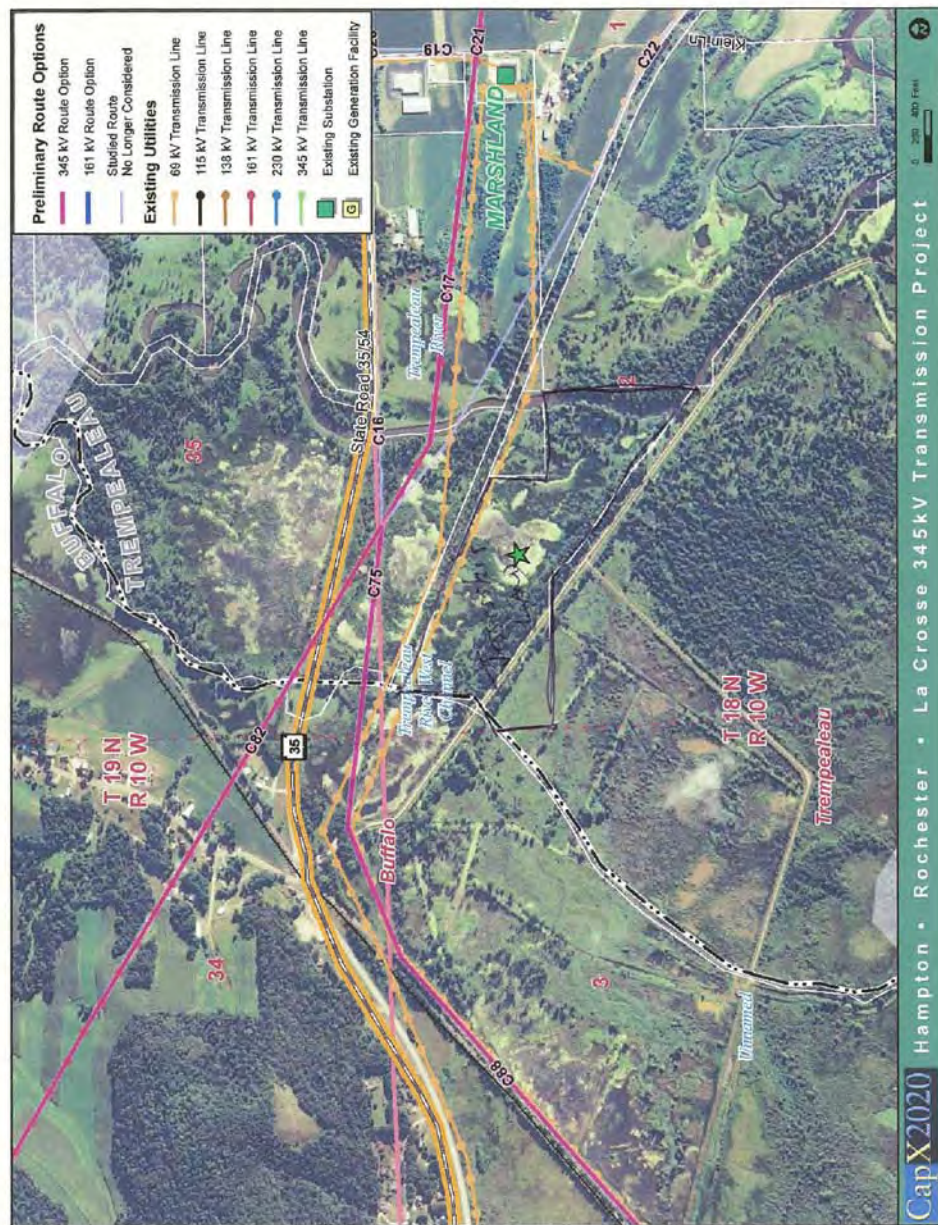
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Which meeting did you attend? SCOPING MEETING 6/24/09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources (1)
- ☒ Proximity to residences (1)
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors) (2)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety (1)
- ☒ Other: PROPERTY VALUE

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-078-002

I-078-001

- PROPERTY VALUE WILL CLEARLY BE AFFECTED  
- HOW SAFE ARE THESE RUNNING OVER YOUR HOUSE?  
- IMPACT TO PEOPLE BEFORE IMPACT TO ANY OTHER  
ITEM.

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### I-078-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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### I-078-002

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☒ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-078-003

- PORTION OF PROPERTY CONSIDERED WILD LIFE RESERVE

I-078-008

- HWY 53 IS A VERY BEAUTIFUL DRIVE NORTH OF THE 4 LANE HWY. WOULD BE A SHAME TO MARK THE AREA W/ UNSIGHTLY WIRE CROSSING EVERYONES PROPERTIES.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-078-004

- 1<sup>ST</sup> PEOPLE & THEIR LIVES  
- THERE IS DATA THAT SUGGESTS LIVING VERY CLOSE TO THESE LINES COULD AFFECT YOUR HEALTH. THIS WOULD BE OVER MY HOUSE...

### I-078-003

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### I-078-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-078-005

YES - HOWEVER QUESTION NEEDED...  
ACTUAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION OVER LAST  
YEAR HAS REDUCED.

I-078-006

WHY NOT LOCAL ENERGY?

I-078-007

PLEASE... IF TRULY NEEDED DON'T  
CONTINUE TO ADD THESE STRUCTURES...  
ADD/UPGRADE TO THE EXISTING.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-078-005

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-078-006

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-078-007

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-078-008

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-079-001 COST!!!! least impact - along interstate which is  
I-079-002 already ugly - leave trees alone - least impact  
on landowners - property values

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### I-079-001

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### I-079-002

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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- ☒ Agriculture
- ☒ Residential
- ☐ Conservation Easement
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Virgin forests should be left alone. use interstate easements -most logical- interstates have already been cleared

**I-079-003**  
Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-079-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes

Please tell us how to reach you.

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-080-001

Devaluation of property and if we get compensated  
for the value of our home price going  
down.

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### I-080-001

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I have a great view in front of my house of North Creek. If this line goes through it will be right in front of my window. It will devalue to my house by 40%. This is also a passive solar home. The property is located on Church Hill Rd. North East of Arcadia.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Land use. We should go the shorter route. I think going down Hwy 90 <sup>from Rochester</sup> would be the cheapest + would not affect people, land and wildlife as much.

#### I-080-002

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-080-003

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-080-004

Was not explained. The people at the meet ~~was~~ were there just to hear. They did not have any answers. They were here just to make us think they care.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-080-004

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

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Representative: Wanamings June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009



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### Input Form

Name: Jeff Beckman  
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Date: 6-17-09  
Meeting location: Wanamings

Check one:

- ☒ Landowner ☐ Elected Official  
☐ Agency ☐ City/County Staff  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

I appreciate the fact that 52 is  
an option where there are existing lines &  
easement already - I understand MDOT present  
challenges but hope that's a workable  
option. I also appreciate that the routes  
you chose for 2<sup>nd</sup> option takes fences lines  
and ~~and~~ minimizes land breakups  
& less housing roads.

### I-081-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.



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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-083-001

The importance of using existing easements/routes  
52 Hwy ? Interstate 90.

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### I-083-001

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-083-002

We already have a pipeline easement  
We have bald eagles, migrating birds, wildlife  
in our woods

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-083-003

For our area - Mazeppa Township - it is  
affecting much woodland that homes eagles,  
deer, migrating birds, trout stream.

I-083-004

We also have a ski hill in the area that  
the current plans runs the high lines right  
through. Many people use this area to  
fish, hunt, hike, ski. We also have a lot of agricultural  
land. This proposed line taking up valuable  
land.

#### I-083-002

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would pay for land rights based on an independent appraisal and will work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

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#### I-083-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-083-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-083-005

I think it is being explained in a way that promotes Xcel's agenda. This is a horrible route plan; it crosses properties, hurts families property values when existing routes are already established. We need to make sure Xcel is doing this responsibly w/ taking into account all of the people it is affecting along w/ not choosing the least expensive route; promoting it as the best route.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-083-005

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Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting location: Wanamingo

Check one:

☒ Landowner

☐ Elected Official

☐ Agency

☐ City/County Staff

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

I am happy to see that  
the currently proposed route at Wanamingo  
is a mile south of 60 & not  
near the houses on Highway 60

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### I-084-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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I-084-001



Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Input Form**

Name: ROBERT & TERRY ERREDGE  
Address: 15983 460 ST, ZUMBROTA, MN  
Telephone: 507 932 7529  
Email: terredge@hcinet.net  
Date: 6/17/09  
Meeting location: WANAMINGO

Check one:

- ☒ Landowner      ☐ Elected Official  
☐ Agency      ☐ City/County Staff  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

WHY NOT RUNNING DOWN HWY 52  
RUNNING THRU OUR DAIRY FARM  
WHAT'S THE IMPACT ON DAIRY  
COWS, PROPERTY VALUE

**I-085-001**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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**I-085-002**

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-085-001

I-085-002

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Input Form

Name: Kathryn J. Evans

Address: 250 2nd AV SE Plainview

Telephone: 507 534-2643 MN

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 6/16/09

Meeting location: Plainview, MN

Check one:

☐ Landowner

☐ Elected Official

☐ Agency

☐ City/County Staff

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

My concern is can a  
small (1 acre) cemetery  
be encroached upon  
by power poles?

I feel that this is an  
area that should be  
avoided

Thank you!

### I-086-001

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-086-001

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Input Form

Name: Dave Frogum

Address: 10190 Cty 30 Blvd

Telephone: 507 824-2811

Email: dbf@us.ibm.com

Date: 6/17/09

Meeting location: Winningo

Check one:

☒ Landowner

☐ Elected Official

☐ Agency

☐ City/County Staff

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Makes more sense to follow existing Excel  
Right of Way of Hwy 60 from Zumbada to  
Kenyon.

### I-087-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
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I-087-001

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Which meeting did you attend?

Centerville

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

COST

Least amount of disruption to land

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Untouched woodlands - it has taken  
years for the woods to be developed  
as they are and I would hate to  
see that go to waste when it has  
already happened along the interstate and it  
would be very easy to install there  
without disturbing more of mother nature.

I-088-001

#### I-088-001

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

yes

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Tianna Johnson

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 216568 Hilltop Ln

City: Galesville State: WI

Zip Code: 54630

Daytime Phone (Optional): 608-865-0438

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Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Input Form

Name: Elsa Kelm

Address: 12465 Hwy 60 Bldg Wanamingo, MN 55981

Telephone: 507-824-2977

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting location: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

☒ Landowner

☐ Elected Official

☐ Agency

☐ City/County Staff

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

I am glad to see the  
current route a mile south  
of 60 at Wanamingo. I live  
on 60 and would be concerned  
for my children waiting for the  
school bus, mowing lawn, playing,  
etc. Under the power line it  
is on 60.

### I-089-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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I-089-001

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Input Form**

Name: Marla Kendig  
Address: 12897 150th St E  
Telephone: 507-683-1597  
Email: kendig.nj@gmail.com  
Date: 6/17/09  
Meeting location: Woramigo

Check one:

- ☒ Landowner      ☐ Elected Official  
☐ Agency      ☐ City/County Staff  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

2 Houses not on map  
South of 150th on Goodhue Ave  
2 Tower not on map  
South of 160th on Goodhue Ave  
1 House not on map  
Southeast of 385th St

**I-090-001**

Your comment has been noted. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

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I-090-001



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Which meeting did you attend? Centerville

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-091-001

More conservation measures need to be part of our future consumption. This line seems to "feed the consumption monster".

I-091-002

Do we continue to believe people will use more and more electricity? It needs to be explained that the need for this line may be based on people's consumer habit - more electrical devices. This is what we get for all the "things" we buy that consume electricity. - We'll probably need more of these beyond this one if we all continue to act like there is no end.

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### I-091-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### I-091-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*You build these corridors, then you spray them, while people are out of work.*

I-091-004

*I just feel helpless about these gauges and the disturbances to our natural balances which does include disruption to habitat*

I-091-003

*and stray voltage and its effect all around. I think I have no idea, even in our homes, about how this may affect our health. Sorry, but I feel like a doomsayer here.*

### I-091-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to stray voltage will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-091-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

*Seemed ok for my initial perusal.*

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: *David Langer*

Representing (Optional): *Self + family + friends*

Mailing Address: *3211 S. 34th*

City: *La Crosse* State: *WI* Zip Code: *54601*

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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Which meeting did you attend? all 3 meetings at Centerville, WI

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- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I have not been convinced of the  
actual need at this point, which I addressed  
later in this form  
Impacts on land, aesthetics, wildlife,  
and personal health all seem huge.

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

NA

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

There are so many sensitive areas, it's hard to determine what will be impacted the most. It will be a huge aesthetic problem, will impact the land, will undoubtedly be a negative issue with wildlife, and nobody seems to be able to give a definitive answer as to the health issues that may be brought on by such huge transmission.

#### I-092-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-092-001

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-092-002

I feel strongly that this project needs to be put on hold. I feel our country is finally headed in the right direction as far as conservation and environmental concerns. This new administration seems to be committed so why not hold off and see if they live up to their promises? If they do and if we the people buy into it (as it appears to be happening), there may be quite likely not even be a need for expansion.

I-092-003

Doesn't it make sense - even financial sense on your part - to take an optimistic wait and see philosophy?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Scott Lee

Representing (Optional):

Mailing Address: 24880 2nd St

City: Trempealeau State: WI Zip Code: 54601

Daytime Phone (Optional): (608) 534-5155

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-092-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-092-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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Which meeting did you attend? 6-24-09 Scoping Meeting  
Galesville, Wis

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☐ Project Purpose and Need

☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☒ Other: Devalue of property

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- 80' easement will take out valuable trees/diag  
on property between Hwy 53 and the house

- We bought the property for the beauty of  
the trees and wildlife that walk  
thru daily! It's like a private  
reserve away from city congestion, this  
would be all destroyed by taking out the  
trees and foliage to the hwy!

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### I-093-001

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- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☒ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-093-005

- Hwy 53 - 1st Home on left of A. Johnson Rd.  
Easement access will remove trees and foliage that are natural area for wildlife that has been pushed out by apt. bldg.

I-093-002

- Hwy 53 is a scenic area out of La Crosse and people go next door to a large campground to get away and the boy scouts have a large camp across the highway

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-093-003

- Health + Safety  
- There is data to support health issues due to high voltage exposure long term (It would be too close to our home our bedroom is on that side of the house.)

#### I-093-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-093-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-093-004

Description and purpose were explained.  
Need was not - power consumption was  
reported down last year?  
So I do not feel "need" was explained  
nor demonstrated in this area?

Idling  
in the road.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: JoAnn Lesikar

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: W7725 A. Johnson Rd.

City: Holmen State: WI Zip Code: 54636

Daytime Phone (Optional): 608 769 2576

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I-093-004

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I-093-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Input Form

Name: Donna Lystrom  
Address: 46728 135th Ave.  
Telephone: 952 431 9913  
Email: guitcr9@frontiernet.net  
Date: 6-17-09  
Meeting location: Wanamingo

Check one:

- ☒ Landowner ☐ Elected Official  
☐ Agency ☐ City/County Staff  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

We bought our property for  
the view. It will ruin it.  
Our property value will go  
down. It should be put under  
ground.  
put it down 52 or  
down 35 and across  
90 to Rochester

### I-094-001

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### I-094-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-094-003

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I-094-001

I-094-002

I-094-003

Representative: Bliss Liller



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### Input Form

Name: Melissa

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting location: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

☐ Landowner

☐ Elected Official

☐ Agency

☐ City/County Staff

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Coordination between depots  
work w/ Peardale (Central office  
for state)

\* Low width vs structure height  
ratio table  
o assess impacts birds vs  
ground disturbance

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### I-095-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-095-001

I-095-002

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Input Form

Name: Roger Scheffler

Address: 40699 Cty 7 Blvd. Zm

Telephone: 507-732-7809

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 6-17-09

Meeting location: Wanamingo

Check one:

☒ Landowner

☐ Elected Official

☐ Agency

☐ City/County Staff

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

I own land by Hwy 52. I  
would like to have the existing  
power line incorporated into new  
line and on edge of right of  
way like existing line as to  
not consume crop land more  
than now

### I-096-001

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I-096-001



Representative: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Input Form

Name: Jim Schreader

Address: MAZEPPI

Telephone: 507-843-5566

Email: JSLK @ Sleepy Eye TEL. NET

Date: 6-16-09

Meeting location: PLAINVIEW

Check one:

☒ Landowner

☐ Elected Official

☐ Agency

☐ City/County Staff

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

I-097-001

LINE SHOULD FOLLOW MAJOR

HIGHWAYS AND NOT DIVIDE

CENTURY FARMS AND GO CLOSE

TO PEOPLE HOUSES

35  
1-90

### I-097-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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Which meeting did you attend? JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> Centerville Curling Club

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☐ Project Purpose and Need

☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

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☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☒ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

The projected lines go right on top of our house

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I-098-001

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- ☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Concerns with how close it will be to our house.  
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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

City: Holmen State: Wisconsin Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.*



Representative: Jenn C. Wabasha



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**Input Form**

Name: Leonard Wabasha

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting location: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

☐ Landowner

☐ Elected Official

☐ Agency

☐ City/County Staff

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

- Active Ceremonial sites in The  
area  
- Suggested site visit (small group)  
- Mt. Menomoneau important  
- Repatriation of graves along  
River - cave + mound burial sites.  
Vision Quest sites (numerous)

**I-099-001**

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-099-001

From: [Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC](#)  
To: [Lilley, Bliss](#);  
cc: [Collins, Carly](#);  
Subject: FW: CapX 2020-comments for environmental impact statement  
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:33:12 AM  
Attachments: [Angellcapx202Letter.doc](#)

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From: angell@stolaf.edu [mailto:angell@stolaf.edu]  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 1:38 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: CapX 2020-comments for environmental impact statement

June 29, 2009

Dear Ms. Strength,

As a conservation biologist at St. Olaf College and as a landowner along Goodhue Avenue, I am concerned about the biological resources being put at risk by the Hampton-Rochester length of the CapX2020 project and especially concerned about the route west of Hwy 56 which closely follows the Rice and Goodhue County lines.

**I-101-001** This area includes a set of state and federally listed species. A number of populations of the federally threatened prairie bush clover exist very close to the route west of Hwy 56. I am personally aware of three populations of the federally threatened prairie bush clover along the bluff prairies within about a half mile or less of the planned line route. There are also a number of state listed species. The MN state endangered Henslow's sparrow has been seen several times in the area. State threatened species in the area include loggerhead shrikes and kitten tails. State special concern species include the prairie vole.

**I-101-002** All these species occur regularly in the bluff prairies over which the lines will pass. Access roads and construction of towers will disturb the habitat of all of these species. I am particularly concerned with loggerhead shrikes. The lines placed on the route west of Hwy 56 will pass DIRECTLY through at least 3 known shrike territories. These birds have been declining nationally and in the state of Minnesota. Research students at St. Olaf have been monitoring this population as has the MN DNR. The placement of power lines along the route west of Hwy 56 should be

### **I-101-001**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife and vegetation, particularly federal and state regulated species, will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### **I-101-002**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

strongly discouraged due to the risks faced by these species and declining prairie habitats.

Sincerely,

Diane K. Angell, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Biology  
St. Olaf College  
Northfield, MN 55057

and

Landowner  
XXXX Goodhue Avenue  
Township 111, Range 19  
Section 1

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Diane K. Angell  
Assistant Professor of Biology  
St. Olaf College  
Northfield, MN 55057  
507-786-3101

I-101-003

June 29, 2009

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Landowner  
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Section 1

### I-101-003

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.



From: [Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC](#)  
To: [Lilley, Bliss](#);  
cc: [Collins, Carly](#);  
Subject: FW: CapX2020 project  
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:32:48 AM  
Attachments: [Microsoft Word - Document2.pdf](#)

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-----Original Message-----

From: horsefly@integra.net [<mailto:horsefly@integra.net>]  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 11:28 AM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: CapX2020 project

### **I-102-001**

This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded your comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

June 29, 2009

To: Ms. Stephanie Strength

Re: CAPX2020 Project

Dear Ms. Strength,

It was with very great concern that I learned of the proposal regarding 57th Street in Webster, MN (also known as the "Alternate Route" or "Route B") as an avenue for the CAPX 2020 Brookings to Hampton project.

Not only is the area in question a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and children, it is also valuable cropland, and is abundant in wildlife and waterfowl. There are many established wetlands, wooded habitats, connected creeks and waterways within the corridor, as well as many habitat restoration and waterway resource programs in place and underway by local landowners. The area's diverse ecosystems and natural resources are an important investment for all current and future residents of Webster Township and beyond, and to cut through this area with transmission lines is horrific and most definitely unwelcome.

The voting public spoke out strongly in regard to securing and protecting open spaces for future generations, and adopted the Scott and Rice County comprehensive plan with these tenants. Routing through rural and open spaces is contrary to that goal, and although it may offer less resistance due to a lower population, all citizens will feel the repercussions and loss, whether rural or suburban.

In addition to the loss of natural habitat and quality of life, I am also very vehemently opposed to line, as it will have a devastating effect on landowner property values. No "average easement" payment can make up for the personal and financial loss to homeowners, farmers and residents. All of this, coupled with the very close proximity of the Sky Harbor Airpark, and the frequent presence of low flying small aircraft and helicopters, makes the site especially unsuitable and unsafe.

I sincerely hope that you will eliminate the option of 57<sup>th</sup> Street in Webster, also known as "Alternate" or "Route B", and focus the lines in more suitable areas - preferably underground, near existing high capacity power lines and/or along major corridors – like interstate highways.

I also sincerely hope that you will pay very close attention to the strong voices that argue that the lines are not even needed, and that the impact on health and the environment are much more substantial and valuable than previously granted.

With Respect,

Michael and Anastasia Balfany

3720 50th Street West

Webster, MN 55088

952-652-2786

From: [Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC](#)  
To: [Lilley, Bliss](#);  
cc: [Collins, Carly](#);  
Subject: FW: CAPX2020  
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:34:38 AM

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From: katupy@bevcomm.net [mailto:katupy@bevcomm.net]  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 5:13 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: CAPX2020

I-103-001

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED NEW  
POWER LINE AND THE DANGERS FOR THOSE MANY FAMILIES UNDER OR NEAR  
THIS HIGH VOLTAGE. IT IS RATHER ASININE TO DO THIS TO HUMAN BEINGS.  
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### I-103-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

From: [Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC](#)  
To: [Lilley, Bliss](#);  
cc: [Collins, Carly](#);  
Subject: FW: CapX2020 - Hampton, MN  
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:26:43 AM

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From: kristinserenascott@yahoo.com [mailto:kristinserenascott@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 11:48 AM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: CapX2020 - Hampton, MN

Hi Stephanie,

My name is Kristin Scott - my husband and I are landowners south of Hampton, MN - our property is adjacent to Hwy. 52 within one of the proposed corridors for the Hampton-Rochester line.

Per your voicemail, I spoke with Dennis Ranken - he was very helpful and suggested I contact you via email to see if I can reach you at some point.

I have questions about the likelihood of the 52 corridor being chosen for the route - until now, I had understood that the route to the west (along Hwy 56, I believe) was the likely candidate. If our route is the frontrunner, I need to get educated! Can you tell me about land impacts, timelines, line placement within the corridor, etc? As you can imagine, we're not thrilled with the idea of huge lines down our highway, but I suppose no one likes this in their backyard - it's fine in someone else's, but never your own.

I-104-001

I-104-002

I-104-003

The people in our area, including us, are particularly concerned about impacts to the farming and topsoil along the highway, as well as property value changes that occur when a giant line is placed nearby.

Thanks in advance for your time. I appreciate any information you can provide.

Kristin Scott  
612-554-5019 cell

#### I-104-001

Your comment has been noted. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

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#### I-104-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-104-003

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



From: [Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC](#)  
To: [Lilley, Bliss](#);  
cc: [Collins, Carly](#);  
Subject: FW: Capx 2020 EIS  
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:33:54 AM

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From: [thesacketthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:thesacketthouse@yahoo.com) [mailto:[thesacketthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:thesacketthouse@yahoo.com)]  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 4:24 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: Capx 2020 EIS

TO:  
Stephanie Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
USDA, Rural Utilities Service  
Engineering and Environmental Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

[stephanie.strength@usda.gov](mailto:stephanie.strength@usda.gov)  
(202) 720-0468

PLEASE ADD THIS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD REGARDING  
SCOPING FOR EIS!

Dear Stephanie,

Thank you so much for your time I really appreciate know that someone is looking out for us because this has been a long battle that has felt like it has fallen on deaf ears. Thanks again in advance for reading this.

- I-105-001** This scoping is for the Brookings to Hampton line as well right? Why would one line get a National EIS but not the others? They can not begin construction until the EIS is complete correct? I am still somewhat unclear as to how the scoping process and the EIS work. I am thankful that the EIS is being taken more seriously on a National level. I understand that the state is there to listen to citizens concerns, and from there it goes into the EIS.
- I-105-002** Here is where I need clarification. If and when there are specific concerns, such as the bee keepers, who's responsibility is it to make sure the appropriate amount of research is done on that particular topic? If you found a report that said that it has some link to the collapse of the colony, do you

### **I-105-001**

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Scoping is a process that provides information to those preparing an EIS. The EIS examines the comments received from scoping with the requirements for an analysis of the proposed action with possible resource impacts. Detailed information regarding the EIS process can be found at INSERT WEB page.

An EIS must be finalized with a Record of Decision published before any project-related activities can occur. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### **I-105-002**

Your comment has been noted. RUS is the responsible federal agent for the completion of the EIS for this project. The ability to make an informed decision regarding the potential impact on any given resources is dependent on the level of research for any particular resource topic based on existing information and the potential project impacts. Activities such as public scoping allow others to share information that can contribute to the analysis of the proposed project.

**I-105-003** | research further to find out more? What if you find three reports that say they can't "prove it" but they are definitely a some risks or concerns. Is that considered not scientific enough to look at relocating the route for her?

**I-105-004** | My other question is related to specific people and the route. The state would like people to write in with their concerns that should be included in the EIS. So for me example, I have extremely dry skin and currently get shocked almost every time I get in my vehicle. I am afraid it will happen more often or be more intense if these lines went near my home. Does the state look at my specific address if they deem this a plausible cause, and put in for considerations for it to go somewhere else?

**I-105-005** | My concerns with this are if people don't understand or know about writing to you that they wouldn't be able to share their concerns. If the route is moved then you have a whole new group of people who may have concerns that are not mentioned. Will they have the same amount of time to add things to the EIS? Will there be additional Scoping meetings if it moved?

**I-105-006** | At the meetings I met someone who has a neighbor who provides equestrian camps for people with disabilities. I have great concerns because the purposed route will go directly over where they ride. I believe horses would be sensitive to the EMF's and I am sure they would get spooked with the slightest shock. The other concern is that many people with disabilities have extremely sensitive sensory systems and can be bother by things that the average person may not be aware of. Do you need her specific name and address to make sure the line does not go near her business? What if she doesn't know or feels scared to contact you? Would her situation be missed until it is too late? or would all of sudden the power lines end up in someone else's yard with less than 2 weeks notice like the MN CAN oil pipeline?

**I-105-009** | It was stated that people could ask questions as well as concerns at the public meetings. Yet when technical questions that were relevant to the scoping for the EIS were asked, the State nor GRE had answers. Responses were such that Scott Ek and Craig Poorker are not "lawyers or electrically engineers". And when questions were asked regarding the Cert. of Need side of the project. The questions were not answered because the certificate of need is in it's final stages. If the public needs more information about this project

### **I-105-003**

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-105-003.

### **I-105-004**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The RUS does not have jurisdiction over the State of Minnesota Certificate of Need evaluations or content of those proceedings.

### **I-105-005**

Your letter/comment card has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line. The utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

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### **I-105-006**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and

**I-105-009** | why won't more meetings be held? If the state is truly concerned and looking out for the citizens why are rote answers given such as "that is what the state requires" cut and dry.

**I-105-010** | A suggestion for future is to have an expert from each area lawyers, electrical engineers, and so on to answer the questions that come up. People can not express their concerns if they do not fully understand the project. I am concerned about the liability of these lines if someone to get injured from them. I contacted my insurance agent and his response was that it depends on the terms that were agree upon. I am sure GRE/Excel all ready have their standard policy in place. I would like it brought out into the open now, so there is time to research it and learn about it to protect ourselves and property.

I have met several people who are on the same line as myself and I would like to name a few of the issues that I feel you should know about:

there is a fireworks business on a portion of the proposed route where no alternate route is offered.

there is a women who keeps bees for a living and they have been in her family for generations.

there is the women who offers horseback riding to people with disabilities.

there is a family that has a major natural gas line going through their property.

there is a farmer who land has been in his family for almost 100years and they put a oil pipeline right through the middle of it last year.

there is a farmer who raises organic dairy cows.

there are people who bought there properties without a power line on it that don't want one now!

there are concerns about stray voltage, EMF's, etc. even having the smallest chance for health issues, everyone should be able to decide what risks they want to take in life

property values will decline on properties with the lines and they will be limited to buyers if they decided to sell after the lines are erected.

mortgage companies are considering not giving loans to properties with major power lines on them.

property values will decline for the adjacent properties and they will not be receiving any kind of monetary compensation for this lose.

livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-105-007**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-105-008**

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

The scoping comment period is now closed, however this is not the last opportunity to comment on the project. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

#### **I-105-009**

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The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available at:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication. We anticipate that public meetings will be held during the public review and comment period for the Draft EIS.

#### **I-105-010**

Your comment has been noted. Liability regarding aspects of the project is unknown at this time.

the lines will be directly over school bus stops.  
well drilling companies can not drive equipment near these lines  
Minnesota has a buy the farm act stating that if a line 220 kv or higher is put  
on your property you can sell your entire property to the project (GRE/  
Excel)  
the current eminent domain laws exempt public service corporations. GRE  
is not considered to be a public  
service corp. but Excel is.  
there are concerns about rare species of animals and birds that will have  
power lines going right through their habitat.  
cement foots will be 40-50 feet deep. could the cement leach into the water  
supply of wells or rivers.  
one community has clay lined water treatment pools. how far away would  
the drilling have to be to ensure the earth would not shift and crack them?  
these lines were "advertised" to be for wind, not mentioning that a brand new  
coal plant was being built just across the SD boarder (BIG STONE II)  
now Capx says we never said that this was for wind, what else will come  
up and they can go back on there word (false advertising)?  
the height of the lines will only be 35 feet off the ground during peak usage..  
I am sure there are more things that I can't think of right now. Please feel  
free to contact me if you need any clarification or more information. Thank  
you so much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Nancy and Jon Sackett  
25870 Freeborn Ave  
New Prague, MN 56071  
952-758-9734  
[thesacketthouse@yahoo.com](mailto:thesacketthouse@yahoo.com)



From: [Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC](#)  
To: [Lilley, Bliss](#);  
cc: [Collins, Carly](#);  
Subject: FW: Powerlines proposal  
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:35:23 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Nagel [<mailto:nage0049@googlegmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 8:11 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: Powerlines proposal

Hello Ms. Strength,

I am concerned by the 345 kV power lines, which are planned to be installed or expanded along the stretch of Mississippi between Alma and LaCrosse, WI. The concerns I have are aesthetic and concern safety. It is important to me that the project not contribute to the loss of the wilderness area along these backwaters. Is there a way to bury the lines, or otherwise minimize their impact? Is there a way to not locate them in the very visible Mississippi channel?

I-106-001  
I-106-002  
I-106-003

In terms of safety, I encourage the use of highest industry standards of safety. I will be content paying for this additional service.

Regards,  
Chris Nagel  
Email: [nage0049@gmail.com](mailto:nage0049@gmail.com)  
430 Dakota,  
Winona, MN

### **I-106-001**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation and wetlands will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### **I-106-002**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### **I-106-003**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

From: [Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC](#)  
To: [Lilley, Bliss](#);  
cc: [Collins, Carly](#);  
Subject: FW: Challenge to need for CAPX2020 project  
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:27:08 AM

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From: cmealman1@yahoo.com [mailto:cmealman1@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 5:46 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: Challenge to need for CAPX2020 project

I am a resident of Dakota County, MN, whose home is on the preferred route for the Hampton Line. I have attended and spoken at as many of the meetings as possible. I am urging your group to please consider what we perceive and very real environmental negative impacts to our communities with this power line.

- I-107-001** | First, they are using inaccurate and out-dated information! Please use instead the Xcel Energy's and Dairyland Power's current forecasts.
- Secondly, the taxpayers of MN made it clear that we want to be as environmentally responsible as possible in regards to our power needs in the future. We absolutely believe that good conservation, local generation and local transmission can solve any local reliability issues. The CAPX plan will be so disruptive and unsightly for our Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge, Scenic Byways and other natural resources.
- I-107-002** |  
**I-107-003** |
- I-107-004** | There is proven health risk to these lines. They are putting this line on 240th Street which is the main road for the largest concentration of houses in all of DAKota County! What a tremendous impact on our families with children, our special needs children, and the health to all of us. Our property values are going to be severely affected and they have wiggled their way legislatively out of having to give fair compensation.
- I-107-005** |
- I-107-006** | The environmental harm is considerable - we do not need more coal plants and we do NOT need this line to meet our energy needs. Please consider the risks to our bird population along the Mississippi Flyway if CAPX is allowed to continue with their plans.  
**I-107-007** |

#### **I-107-001**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

#### **I-107-002**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-107-003**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-107-004**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-107-005**

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-107-006**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact

Thank you for revisiting the issue of this power line.

Constance Mealman  
8830 - 240th St. W.  
Lakeville, MN 55044  
952-469-3830

Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

**I-107-007**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

From: [Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC](#)  
To: [Lilley, Bliss;](#)  
cc: [Collins, Carly;](#)  
Subject: FW: CAPX2020 powerline project  
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:34:00 AM

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From: t-alemke@hotmail.com [mailto:t-alemke@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 4:25 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Cc: kbrockway@co.le-sueur.mn.us; pdonovan@co.le-sueur.mn.us; rep.david.bly@house.mn; rep.laura.brod@house.mn; sen.kevin.dahle@senate.mn; mrsprchal@aol.com; tim.pawlenty@state.mn.us  
Subject: CAPX2020 powerline project

To those who represent the people,

I send my concerns as I live in an area that will be affected by the CAPX2020 345kv transmission line from Brookings, SD to Hampton, MN. In my neighborhood there is no for sure route since a neighboring business works with explosives/fireworks and has been fighting to make sure the line doesn't interfere/become a major danger with their business. The original drafts show the 345kv line going right over the business! Now within 1/2 mile east or west of them is a newly shaded/possibility area that includes my home - we have no definite answers who will be impacted! This project is something that makes NO sense - a Utility/Power Company is going to take away a citizen's home or property for their own wants?!?!? Please look realistically into the idea that people will lose their homes because powerlines (that ARE NOT NEEDED) are going to run across our beautiful agricultural area of the south central part of MN!!!!

The fact that power companies aren't required to pay full market value for a person's property is even scarier!!!!

I spent over 3 hours of my time listening to the concerns of neighbors and friends at a CAPX informational meeting at New Prague High School in April. My frustration comes in at the poor homework done by the CAPX2020 people. They didn't even have my street name correct on their maps; I finally pointed out & voiced this at that April meeting (hopefully to the right people). Might I add, after 2 months, it HAS NOT BEEN CORRECTED!!!! The scoping meetings should never have been called informational nights; VERY FEW answers were given!

## I-108-001

This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded your comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

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CAPX2020 claims to follow road-right-of-ways, and yet what is proposed through my area goes through the fields. Small township roads are not always correct in measurement so people will be inconvenienced/ endangered with where CAPX has poorly estimated to place powerline poles. We need to fight for the safety of ourselves!!! At our home we raise our own food, meats & produce; no way will we feel safe raising our children or food with these lines around!

There are MUCH safer routes to consider than what they have proposed!!! Yes, individuals are doing what they need to take care of their own situations, but then CAPX2020 leaders may just move the line minimal yards instead of looking at the fact SCOTT, RICE, & LE SUEUR counties DO NOT want this project criss-crossing through our rural area!!!

Thank you very much for your time; as it may mean my family of 7's home since everything we own may be taken away by the CAPX2020 project.

Not giving up, home schooling mother of 5 that doesn't allow more than one tv in our home AND doesn't want to see SERIOUS dangers in my rural county~

Amy Lemke  
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952-873-6850

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From: [Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC](#)  
To: [Lilley, Bliss](#);  
cc: [Collins, Carly](#);  
Subject: FW: Resolution against CapX2020 Project  
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:32:06 AM  
Attachments: [capx2020resolution2009.doc](#)  
[NOPOLE345KV.doc](#)

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From: Mrsprchal@aol.com [mailto:Mrsprchal@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 11:01 AM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: Resolution against CapX2020 Project

This is a resolution our township submitted against this project...the photo speaks volumes also.  
Jodi Prchal

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Do You Really want me in your front yard ?'

**I-110-001**

**WHEREAS**, Capx2020 Utilities filed a Route Permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on December 29, 2008 for the Brookings County-Hampton 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line project based on the State's routing criteria and input received from interested stakeholders, including local government officials and landowners in the project area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need for additional capacity is driven by urban development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners recognizes the environmental sensitivity of the river, and the impact of the preferred route as it enters Le Sueur County from the west; and

**WHEREAS**, the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners has heard from constituents regarding the location of the transmission line; and

**WHEREAS**, the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners supports the location for the line as the alternative route up to the Helena Substation then the preferred route east to Hampton.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners hereby requests this option be considered as it is a more direct route with less impact to the residents of Le Sueur County.

**I-110-001**

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**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:09 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: CapX2020 and Rice County, MN  
**Attachments:** Microsoft Word - capx mike letter.doc.pdf; ATT00001.txt

-----Original Message-----

From: mikeb@integra.net [mailto:mikeb@integra.net]  
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2009 6:01 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: CapX2020 and Rice County, MN

**I-111-001**

This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded you comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

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July 9, 2009

Dear Ms. Strength,

I am writing to inform you of a potential threat to aviation safety in our home state of Minnesota.

You are aware of the CapX2020 proposal to place 345-kV high power transmission lines from South Dakota to Hampton, MN.

Just last week I was informed that the proposed alternate route through Rice County, MN has been changed from 57<sup>th</sup> Street in Webster Township to 50<sup>th</sup> Street.

I want to make it clear that I am not for the option of 57<sup>th</sup> Street as an alternate route, as it disrupts a serene, rural area, cuts through valuable crop and grazing land, and needlessly destroys vibrant natural habitat. All of which were valued and deemed a priority in the Countywide Comprehensive Plan adopted by Rice, Scott and Dakota Counties in 2002.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Street option bears the same criteria, but additionally places the over 70 aircraft at Minnesota's busiest airport community in grave danger. The proposed nearly 200' transmission lines on 50<sup>th</sup> Street would be placed *directly in the airport traffic pattern, only 1/2 mile from the end of the runway*. To further compound the problem, these lines exist in complete, and total conflict with the designated emergency landing field. In the event of an engine failure on takeoff, (the most likely place for an engine to fail), there is only one way to turn, due to the aggressively rolling terrain in the other direction. Note that this is exactly where the proposed power lines would be installed.

Sky Harbor Airport is a chartered and authorized emergency-use airfield, used by MEDEVAC flights and law enforcement organizations, and the lines would gravely endanger the use of public equipment and lives.

Please help us stop this critical aviation safety threat. There are many documented and deadly aviation power line incidents recorded in the NASA ASRS aviation safety program. Stop this dangerous proposal before we add another incident from a local Minnesota airfield.

Sincerely,

Mike Balfany, Lt Col (ret) USAF  
3720 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Webster, MN 55088  
horsefly@integra.net  
952-652-2786

**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:04 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: CapX2020 Project  
**Attachments:** Microsoft Word - stephanie strength capx2020doc.pdf; ATT00001.txt

-----Original Message-----

From: horsefly@integra.net [mailto:horsefly@integra.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 3:05 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: CapX2020 Project

Dear Ms. Strength,

I am strongly opposed to the CapX2020 project, and have attached a letter documenting some of my concerns, and specifically the use of 50th Street as an alternative route for the project.

I want to be sure to note that I feel that both 50th Street and 57th Street in Webster, MN (Rice County) are unsuitable for identical reasons, with 50th Street slightly more so, due to the even closer proximity to the Sky Harbor Airpark.

Again, thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to call or email with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Balfany  
3720 50th Street West  
Webster, MN 55088  
952-652-2786

**I-112-001**

This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded your comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

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July 7, 2009

To: Ms. Stephanie Strength

Re: CAPX2020 Project and Webster Township/Rice County MN

Dear Ms. Strength,

It was with very great concern and that we learned of the proposal regarding the use of **50th Street in Webster, MN** in Rice County as a new proposed alternate route for the CAPX 2020 Brookings to Hampton project. Ironically, my husband and I both spoke out vehemently against the project, including the 57<sup>th</sup> Street alternative, only to find that an additional route option is now literally our front yard. An alternative that is truly flawed, as the reasoning for this route is "to avoid homes along 57<sup>th</sup> Street", which gives no value or importance to the many homes and families on 50<sup>th</sup> Street! Certainly the concerns and comments that I raised in my previous letters apply to this location, as well.

The voting public spoke out strongly in regard to securing and protecting open spaces for future generations, and adopted the Scott and Rice County comprehensive plan with these tenants just a few years ago. Routing through rural and open spaces is contrary to that goal, and although it may offer less resistance due to a much lower population, all citizens will feel the repercussions and loss, whether rural or suburban. We pride ourselves on living in an area that is rich in natural beauty and a true haven for wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts. Our neighbors, as well as ourselves, have worked hard with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to establish secure wildlife habitat and wetlands – at significant personal expense and effort, with the understanding that the diverse ecosystems and natural resources are an important investment for all current and future residents of Webster Township and beyond, and to cut through this area with transmission lines is horrific and most definitely unwelcome. Our neighbors include retirees living on century farms, equestrian businesses and hobbyist, working farmers, teachers, doctors, and many children. The thought of allowing the intrusion and subsequent, documented risks associated with high voltage power line in this setting is unacceptable on many, many levels.

In addition to the loss of natural habitat and quality of life, I am also very vehemently opposed to line, as it will have a devastating effect on landowner property values. No "average easement" payment can make up for the personal and financial loss to homeowners, farmers and residents. Many of whom have lived on their homesteads for generations. We personally have invested over \$500,000 in renovations to our historic home, and there is no doubt that if the power lines are allowed on 50<sup>th</sup> Street (or 57<sup>th</sup> Street), we will most certainly face catastrophic devaluation.

All of this, coupled with the very close proximity of the Sky Harbor Airpark (located only ½ mile south of 50<sup>th</sup> Street West!), and the frequent presence of low flying small aircraft, homebuilt aircraft, hot air balloons and



helicopters, makes the site especially unsuitable and completely unsafe. (To personally note, just this past week a hot air balloon was blown off-course and almost landed in the treetops along 50<sup>th</sup> Street and Canby.)

I sincerely hope that you will eliminate the option of 50<sup>th</sup> Street in Webster and focus the lines in more suitable areas - preferably underground, near existing high capacity power lines and/or along major corridors – like interstate highways.

I also sincerely hope that you will pay very close attention to the strong voices that argue that the lines are not even needed, and that the impact on health and the environment are much more substantial and valuable than previously granted.

With Respect,

Michael and Anastasia Balfany  
3720 50th Street West  
Webster, MN 55088  
952-652-2786

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**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:43 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss; Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: Public input for th e345 kV transmission Line

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**From:** Doug and Kathy [mailto:bloemke@hbc.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 02, 2009 10:53 PM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Cc:** Doug and Kathy  
**Subject:** Public input for th e345 kV transmission Line

Stephanie Strength,

I assumed that there would be a form to fill out on line, but if this e-mail is O.K. then great.

**I-113-002** | I attend the information meeting at Centerville to become familiar with the route of the transmission line, as I was aware that a proposed corridor was down our valley. My concern is for the aesthetics of the valley, the aesthetics of the neighborhood and the noise from the power line. Pleasant Valley is exactly that, a very picturesque valley with a trout stream, springs, bluffs, and mature trees. It is a very quiet and peaceful place to live.

**I-113-001** | My wife and I bought our home 25 years ago because of the beauty of the valley and we knew that when we needed to leave here, the property would have good value. The power line would negatively affect our valley; the power line would be unsightly, noisy and affect our property values.  
**I-113-003** | Even the power lines now within the neighborhood are buried to preserve the aesthetics.

Thank-you for providing this forum to express our concerns.

### **I-113-001**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### **I-113-002**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### **I-113-003**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:37 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: CapX 2020

I-114-001

**From:** Jenny Braun [mailto:jennymbraun@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 9:40 AM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** CapX 2020

Our property is located on the east side of Highway 3 in Castle Rock Township. Our property was recently annexed into the City of Farmington. We spent several years working on getting this annexation done. If the economy had not taken a downturn this property would already be in residential housing. We would prefer the line be abandoned or if not totally rerouted as it would cause us and the City of Farmington a serious economic impact.

Also, the property west of Highway 3 is a wetland. This would cause a great deal more environmental impact then moving the line to the south.

The property to the east of our property has been recently annexed into the City of Farmington also. The owner of the property is ISD 192 who plans to build a middle school on the property. Obviously, I do not think this line should be running by a school.

The line going through our property and the on the west side of Highway 3 has several 'jogs' in at (where the line goes at non 90 degree angles). Our proposed routes DO NOT have the angles. Our proposed route runs straight east/west with NO jogs.

As stated in our emails, we are more then strongly opposed to this line running along the edge of our property. We have submitted alternate routes to Scott Eck already. We prefer not to hire an attorney to fight this, but if necessary we will.

Thank You.

Craig Braun  
651-463-2302

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## I-114-001

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**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:05 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: Powerline

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**From:** jodydoyle@integra.net [mailto:jodydoyle@integra.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2009 9:21 AM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** Powerline

I am writing in concern about the powerline possibly being built on 50th. This would put the powerline in the flight pattern of the Sky Harbor Airpark.

There are 50 homes on the Sky Harbor Airpark and it is the busiest airpark in the state of MN. Putting a powerline in its flight path would be a major safety concern. It would put a huge liability on the county, powerline company, ect... if something were to happen. Please rethink this option for safety and liability reasons.

Thank you,

Jody Doyle  
Pilot  
3299 45th St W  
Webster, MN 55088  
952-652-2042

**I-115-001**

This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded your comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

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**Kessler, Ellen**

**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:39 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on capx2020 Twin City to Rochester possible routes

**From:** LMEndres@pcl.com [mailto:LMEndres@pcl.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2009 10:52 AM  
**To:** thomas.g.hillstrom@xcelenergy.com; Erin.A.Klegstad@xcelenergy.com; dawn.schultz@xcelenergy.com; Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Cc:** LMEndres@pcl.com; lme\_27@netzero.net; mendresswtm27@embarqmail.com; scottendres@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Comments on capx2020 Twin City to Rochester possible routes

Please forward to the appropriate party.

I attended the open house meeting at Wanamingo, MN for the CapX2020 proposed possible routes from Hampton to Rochester.

I viewed the two proposed possible routes in general and in detail in the Hampton area.

**I-117-002** I discussed with Thomas Hillstrom (from Xcel Energy) at the meeting the huge agricultural and financial impact that one of the routes would have on my parents (Melvin and Mary Lou Endres) land.

My parents live at 22075 Northfield Blvd. northeast of Hampton. My parent have owned/farmed this land for over 50 years. They now are elderly and depend on the income that comes from the result of many years of hard work getting this land set up as a retirement income.

**I-117-003** The route that effects there land is the stretch identified as A122 on the maps given out at the meeting. This proposed route would divide two quarter sections of land ( NE ¼ of section 4 and NW ¼ of section 3 in Hampton Township ) that have overlapping pivot style irrigation systems on them. This system irrigate approximately 300 acres of prime agricultural land. Thomas Hillstrom was unaware of the irrigation system and advised that this be pointed out via comments to the environmental impact statement. He went on to say that irrigation systems were one of the things capx2020 tried to avoid during the process of determining a route.

**I-117-001** The route that runs on the east side of Highway 52 in the established right of way would impact property owners the least, is the most direct and least expensive . This is the area identified as A5 on the maps given out at the meeting.

Please add us to the mailing list and copy the following e-mail addresses on any future information on this topic. E-mail both my work and home address as well as my parents.

Lori M. Endres  
22745 Northfield Blvd.  
Hampton, MN 55031  
Home: [lme\\_27@netzero.net](mailto:lme_27@netzero.net)  
Work: [lmendres@pcl.com](mailto:lmendres@pcl.com)  
Cell: 612-328-1134  
Home: 651-437-6825

**I-117-001**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

**I-117-002**

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-117-001.

**I-117-003**

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-117-001.

Melvin and Mary Lou Endres  
22075 Northfield Blvd.  
Hampton, MN 55031  
[mendresswtm27@embargo.com](mailto:mendresswtm27@embargo.com)

Sincerely,  
Lori M. Endres

**Kessler, Ellen**

**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:37 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on EIS--article exhibiting that CapX2020 is not needed --Christian Science Monitor  
**Attachments:** Amer. Future.Wind.Web.Chr.Sc.Monitor 2.18.09.doc

-----Original Message-----

**From:** ruthfood@charter.net [mailto:ruthfood@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 12:46 PM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** Comments on EIS--article exhibiting that CapX2020 is not needed --Christian Science Monitor

**I-119-001** | Attached article discusses how the East coast does not want to receive the MIDWEST's wind or other energy via long distance transmission lines.

**I-119-002** | CapX2020 developers admit that their project will connect to a Wisconsin line in La Crosse that travels to points East. Obviously the power is not for local, regional need. It is for profit seeking utilities that want to stay connected to an old paradigm of energy delivery that is coal-based.

**I-119-003** | During the Certificate of Need, the utilities would not agree to ANY amount of wind energy on the La Crosse line. It's all about dirty coal which will continue to harm our environment.  
fu  
If the RUS provides funding for the project, they will be using tax payers funds to continue the cycle of CO2 emissions from coal-fired energy. The RUS must fund small, local renewable energy projects which can fully supply our needs with the correct strategic planning and development. Some small local lines may be needed but super high voltage 345Kv lines are NOT needed.

See attached file for the article from the Christian Science Monitor - Americas Future Wind Web.

**I-119-001**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

**I-119-002**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

**I-119-003**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

<http://features.csmonitor.com/innovation/2009/02/18/americas-future-wind-web/>

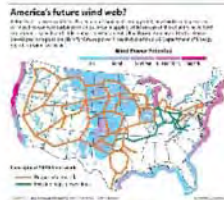
## America's future wind web?

Wind power could feed 20 percent of the US energy diet. But first, the country needs a new energy network.

By [Mark Clayton](#) | Staff Writer for The Christian Science Monitor/ February 18, 2009 edition

Staff writer Mark Clayton discusses the debate going on in the Midwestern US over power transmission lines for wind turbines.

Staff writer Mark Clayton



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MADISON, S.D.

Out across this wind-swept, wheat-growing state, Jeffrey Nelson sees a new crop rising – electricity from the world's largest wind-turbine farms sending electrons thousands of miles east to Chicago or Boston.

But it's a vision the South Dakota Wind Energy Association president says will never happen without something far larger, more controversial, and even more expensive: gigantic new high-voltage transmission lines.

Depending on whom you talk to, emerging plans to build 765,000 volt transmission lines to bring power from the "Saudi Arabia of wind" in the Dakotas to population centers in the Midwest and East Coast are either vital to the nation or a boondoggle waiting to happen.

"This state has vast resources it can't use without building new power lines," says Mr. Nelson, gesturing at lines on a grid map at the East River Electric Power Cooperative in Madison, where he is manager. "These high-voltage lines are like farm-to-market roads, but instead of wheat, it's electricity being transported. We need to think in those terms."

Many are clearly doing just that.

With political winds blowing toward renewable energy, power-line proposals are popping up to carry wind power around the country. President Obama has said he wants to see renewable wind from the plains help



power cities like Chicago. The US Department of Energy last year reported that the nation could harvest 20 percent of its electricity from wind by 2020, much of it by tapping wind energy in places like South Dakota, which boasts the fourth best wind resource in the nation.

But to hook up to that steady 20- to 30-mile-per-hour breeze, the nation will need perhaps 15,000 miles of new transmission lines costing \$80 billion, according to a new Joint Coordinated System Plan released Feb. 14, by the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO), which coordinates regional power distribution.

“This is information we believe that our leaders need to consider as they begin work under a new administration and start defining our energy future,” John Bear, president of MISO said in a statement.

But grass-roots activists cite not only traditional “not-in-my-back-yard” (NIMBY) concerns about 150-to-200-foot-high towers, but question whether costs can be justified, compared with other renewable choices. As well, they note, such lines could carry far more “black electrons” from coal-fired power plants than green ones from wind.

A case in point involves Titan, which could one day be the largest wind farm in the world located in the middle of South Dakota. The Titan plan for 2,000 wind turbines generating 5,000 megawatts of power caused barely a ripple of media attention when announced last spring. Yet the plan to connect Titan to population centers – a \$12 billion, 3,000-mile power line dubbed “Green Power Express” announced Feb. 9 – produced a gale of public attention among environmentalists.

While confirming that electrons from many types of power generation, including coal, would be carried by the proposed line, the key reason to build it is access to wind power, say company officials for Novi, Mich.-based ITC Holdings, which proposed the new line.

“The purpose of our plan is to build the infrastructure to where the wind blows most abundantly,” says Lisa Aragon, director of strategic initiatives at ITC. “As an independent transmission company, we can’t favor one type of energy over another. We do favor harnessing the wind for both environmental sustainability and energy security reasons.”

#### **Environmentalist response**

But critics have dubbed the new transmission line plan the “Green-wash Express” saying it could easily transmit as much or more energy produced by coal-fired power plants in South Dakota as wind energy.

“There’s no regulatory jurisdiction over this ‘green-power’ power line, not even a fig leaf that would require it to carry wind power,” says Paula Maccabee, counsel for Citizens Energy Task Force in Minneapolis, a group opposing the line. “It’s name is just a public relations slogan.”

Such plans, however, arrive amid a huge political push to harness wind power as one installment toward lessening US carbon emissions from energy production. President Obama has called for the United States to double renewable energy production in three years and get 25% of the nation’s electricity from renewable resources by 2025. The new Obama stimulus plan includes \$4 billion for a “Smart Grid” and new transmission lines.

Add to that the impetus generated as soon as next month when Congress is expected to begin weighing a new national “renewable electricity standard” that would require all electric utilities to ensure a portion of their power is from renewable sources. A draft bill before the US Senate calls for at least 20 percent of power from renewable sources by 2021 with gains in energy efficiency permitted to make up a quarter of the total.

Even without federal legislation, however, state mandates in nearly half of all states will require a significant percentage of power to be from renewable sources. In Minnesota, for instance, the state's renewable portfolio standard calls for 25 percent renewable power by 2025.

To that end, there is CapX, a joint effort by 11 utilities that own transmission lines in Minnesota and surrounding regions to bring Dakota wind power to their city centers. Yet the new CapX line could one-day carry power transmitted from Big Stone II, a coal-fired power plant in South Dakota, documents show. And that has Jeremy Chipps, who lives near Lacrescent, Minn., where the line would run, up in arms to fight it.

Efficiency, cost, environmental concerns, and national security are Mr. Chipps's talking points. Beside transmission line losses, the cost and potential of such lines as a terrorist target point to the need for more localized renewable power generation such as solar panels and local wind turbines, he says. And then there's the coal-power carried on the lines.

"It really is time to deploy an energy production and smart-grid systems that are much safer, more intelligent, and much more efficient," Chipps says. "If we do this, we won't need massive, costly networks of new transmission lines."

#### **Who will pay for the lines?**

Transmission costs traditionally end up paid for by rate-payers in the states that the lines cross. The Green Power Express, for instance, would cross seven states, each with its own siting requirements and ways of allocating who pays. So, how will South Dakotans feel if they end up paying higher electric rates for lines serving other states?

"To what extent do [rate-payers] have an appetite for increasing utility bills?" asks Dusty Johnson, chairman of the South Dakota Public Utility Commission. "There are some very significant geopolitical concerns when people start talking about multibillion [dollar] transmission projects."

He agrees with Chipps that there is a "technological risk" and danger in investing in costly lines that might not be needed in the future.

"If it ends up being more cost effective for everyone to have small wind turbines in their backyard and solar panels on their roofs, do we need these lines?" he asks. "I think we do. But such investments are not without risk."

Other experts have concerns, too. Before the MISO report came out, Gordon van Welie of ISO New England and Stephen Whitley, president of New York Independent System Operator – grid operators for much of the East Coast – issued a pointed dissent from the MISO plan.

"Until additional scenarios that include the development of local resources are analyzed, we do not believe any single transmission plan can be presented as a solution to the integration of additional renewable energy resources in the United States," the men wrote in a Feb. 4 letter.

Given the renewable development, energy efficiency, and likelihood of new ties to Canada, the need to construct long transmission lines to the Midwest "would likely be reduced and in turn overall transmission costs may be lower," the system operators wrote.

#### **Where to put the lines?**

Even in the middle of wide open spaces, power line towers and wind turbines can reduce the area available to farm. Closer to urban areas, 150-200 foot towers spoiling the view and noise from crackling power lines can provoke local resistance that can delay construction for years.

"We're advocating a streamlined process," ITC's Ms. Aragon says. "In many states there is no defined time for how long siting can go on.... If siting can't be completed in the current [state] model, we may need to move to a federal siting process."

Under federal law, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has designated several "national corridors" for power lines on the East and West coasts. It could designate others. If states can't complete siting on power lines within the corridors, FERC can override states.

But there is also growing sentiment that FERC should not have the broad transmission siting authority granted under the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Not surprisingly, parks-advocacy groups and others are furious at utility plans to build transmission lines near national parks and heritage sites like the Appalachian Trail and civil war battlefields. As many as 14 restive US senators reportedly agree and are poised to fight FERC authority. Those votes could be critical in any future battle over transmission lines.

Yet proponents of transmission lines say there's not much question they will be built – only where, and who will pay.

"It will be critical for the federal and state government to provide some form of expedited regulatory approval, additional financial incentives and tax relief for new interstate transmission projects," writes John Lamb, president of Clipper Windpower Development, developer of the Titan plan in an e-mail.

Out in South Dakota, the PUC's Mr. Johnson is inclined to agree.

"We need a lot more transmission," he says. "It's hard in Washington to divvy up money according to merit and not politics. But if they do it on merit, South Dakota is going to do very well. We've got the wind."

*[Clarification: The proposed CapX transmission line mentioned above will not connect directly to the Big Stone II coal-fired power plant, as originally stated, but is expected to eventually carry power transmitted to it over a separate line from the plant]*

**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
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**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: Local media and concerns re CapX2020  
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**From:** ruthfood@charter.net [mailto:ruthfood@charter.net]  
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**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** Local media and concerns re CapX2020

Attached are two recent media articles that point out information regarding why CapX2020 is not needed. The articles also express the outrage and concern that local residents have over the dangers of the project and the high costs that would be paid by rate payers and tax payers.

The BACKGROUND sheet is from Citizens Energy Task Force and explains the rationale for the petition for reconsideration of the Certificate of Need in Minnesota.

Thanks for including in your review.

**I-120-001**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.





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Area folks not happy about CapX2020 project (07/01/2009)

By Sarah Elmquist

A 700-mile powerline project that could cross the river in Winona and require eminent domain in order to be constructed won't really feed power into Winona, spokespeople for the project confirmed Monday.

Winona's been chosen, along with Alma and La Crosse, Wis., as one of three potential river crossing points for the project, dubbed CapX2020 -- a consortium of electric companies including Xcel Energy. Because there is already a river crossing for existing powerlines near the East End Boat Harbor, and because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has opposed granting additional right-of-way to cross the river, the new towers must cross the river at an existing crossing.

Several citizen groups have opposed the project and appealed a Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) decision to grant a certificate of need for the \$2 billion project. Monday, business owners and residents who feared that the new lines may affect their properties asked questions about what the project might mean for them, some adding that the utilities group had never even contacted them.

If the Winona route is chosen, the new 345kV lines would cross Highway 43 north of I-90, then cross County Road 17 and run northeast of the Bridges golf club, then straight north. At the bluffs before Homer Road, the route would skirt a bluff to its west, cross Homer Road and Highway 61 and follow the river northwest along the edge of the city. It would narrowly pass several industrial businesses as it ran parallel to the Levee before crossing at the East End Boat Harbor, including Peerless Chain and Modern Transport.

Because buildings and tall trees cannot be located within a 150-foot right-of-way for the towers, some property owners feared that their homes or businesses might be affected, even need to be moved. On maps displayed by project representatives, it seemed unclear whether the route along the river would provide wide enough for the 150-foot easements, or, whether existing buildings would have to be moved or torn down for the project.

CapX2020 representatives said that the project hasn't begun finding very specific routes for the lines yet, and that they'd be working with property owners to find the best options that would affect properties the least. Valuations for lands taken for the utility easement, they said, would be determined by using an appraisal process in which compensation is based on the impact the easement has to a particular property.

Some who attended the meeting asked whether the existing 80-foot easement for the current powerline crossing the river in Winona would be enough for the new lines to go up. Grant Stevenson, project manager for Xcel Energy, said that there was a trade-off that could be made in areas where the right-of-way wasn't wide enough -- more frequent towers.

The towers will typically be 105-175 feet tall -- rivaling the Statue of Liberty, with about 750-1,100 feet between towers.

Some who attended the meeting worried about potential health effects of the transmission lines, while others doubted the need for the project altogether. "What's the advantage to me, personally?" asked one woman,

adding, “I don’t want to pay for it.”

The population in Winona County, they said, isn’t even really growing much.

CapX2020 representatives showed a map labeled “Benefit Area,” highlighting Winona, Rochester and La Crosse with a large brown blob. But they admitted the new lines aren’t really for Winona electric consumers. “There will be no direct electric connection to Winona,” said Stevenson.

Southeastern Minnesota is within a nine-county planning region, he told the crowd, in which there had been some population decline. But, he said, use has increased.

That argument contradicts opponents to the project, who have brought forth information from the Securities and Exchange Commission which shows that peak demand for energy has decreased by nearly 12 percent since 2006.

Questions about what percentage of wind energy the new lines might carry were not answered, although CapX2020 officials have claimed the project will be needed for the Minnesota renewable energy goal of 25 percent renewable by 2025.

But Stevenson admitted Monday that the project wasn’t all about wind. He said that it “doesn’t directly impact wind [energy development],” but that it “lays part of the foundation” needed to develop wind energy.

Where it goes

Opponents to the project have long claimed that the lines will really be used to carry coal-generated power to metropolises like Chicago and beyond.

Stevenson said that CapX2020 “wasn’t involved” with additional projects that would carry the lines eastward, but said that they will go east. He referenced a project being studied called The Green Power Express, which would add about 3,000 miles of “extra high voltage” 765kV lines stretching from North and South Dakota, through Minnesota to Iowa and Wisconsin, then on to Illinois and eastward.

Stevenson also said that if all goes as planned, the project will begin construction in 2011 and would “supply the region” until 2025, when a new transmission line would be needed.

Learn more

CapX2020 is currently being studied through a Federal Environmental Impact Statement needed to proceed with the project. The opportunity to provide comments about environmental and routing concerns is open until July 25 and can be directed to: Stephanie Strength, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development, Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2244, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, or e-mail [stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov).

Several citizens groups have also challenged the PUC’s certificate of need for the project, asking that the record be reopened to reflect data not studied previously that shows declining peak energy demands. Keep reading the Winona Post for the full story.

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### **CETF PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

**On June 11, 2009** CETF filed a Petition for Reconsideration of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission decision granting certificates of need for the CapX2020 Projects focused on the issues where the Commission's decision is most vulnerable on appeal. **CETF** argued:

- There was insufficient evidence in the record for the Commission to determine that the eastern endpoint of the Brookings Project should be at Hampton, Minnesota.
- The Commission's approval of the upsized double-circuit alternative to the CapX2020 Projects was unsupported by evidence of need and the Commission exceeded its authority in certifying this upsize in the absence of need.
- The Commission's certification of the La Crosse Project violated the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act, the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act, certificate of need law and rules pertaining to power line prohibition areas.
- The Commission erred by failing to shift the burden to project proponents to show the lack of feasible and prudent alternatives that would not impair the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge and other protected natural resources.
- The Commission erred in certifying the La Crosse Project since there are feasible and prudent local generation and transmission upgrade alternatives to meet the needs for the La Crosse Project that do not impair the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge and other protected natural resources.
- The Commission erred in failing to reopen the record to consider newly-discovered evidence of demand declines and reasonable forecasts below threshold levels relied upon for Applicants' claims of need.
- The Commission erred in certifying the La Crosse Project without considering conflicts with federal regulations and policies regarding fragmentation of national wildlife refuge habitat.

**CETF** asked the Commission to reconsider its decision and make the following determinations:

- The Commission's certification of the Brookings Project should be subject to a condition allowing flexibility in routing proceedings to determine the Twin Cities end point either at Lake Marion or Hampton based on evidence of costs and benefits of the alternatives.
- The Commission's certification of the Brookings or Fargo 345 kV lines should be modified so that it does not include the double-circuited upsized alternative.
- The Commission should void its certification of the La Crosse Project.

## PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION – OTHER CAPX2020 PARTIES

On June 11, other parties also sought reconsideration of the Commission's decision. **No CapX** asked that the entire record of need be reopened due to the significance of demand decline and due to the relationship between the CapX2020 Projects and other regional transmission projects that were not considered by the Commission.

Both the CapX2020 utilities and the Office of Energy Security requested that the record be reopened due to their opposition to the Wind Conditions on the Brookings line. The utilities proposed that the conditions be eliminated. The OES proposed that the requirement for wind generation on the Brookings line be weakened, so that no specific amount of wind would be prescribed and suggested a paper "compliance filing" to document whether the new capacity will be used for wind or non-renewable generation. Documents can be found on e-dockets, CN-06-115 at <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/edockets/searchDocuments.do?method=showeDocketsSe arch&showEdocket=true>

The **CapX2020** utilities' main objection to the Wind Conditions on the Brookings line appears to be that the could accelerate the utilities Renewable Energy Standard milestones by several years (CapX Petition, p. 4) and that "Limiting outlet capacity to renewable generation means outlet could not be used for non-renewable generation." (CapX Petition, p., 6).

The utilities expressed the concern that coordinating the Brookings Project so that wind generation is needed by customers could result in a "delay in the Brookings Project to better align with customer needs." (CapX Petition, p. 9) The **CapX2020** utilities admitted that "neither Applicants nor other utilities need additional wind generation from this area in the 2012-2013 timeframe," (CapX Petition, p. 14).

Although the **CapX2020** utilities did not ask that the time frame for constructing the Brookings Project be extended or need reconsidered, this seems the logical result of their argument that the \$650 million line (which was proposed and marketed to provide 700 MW of renewable energy) is not needed for wind by 2013 by any of the utilities proposing it.

The **OES** proposal to weaken the Wind Conditions and provide a compliance filing on renewable and non-renewable resources is equally paradoxical. The OES attempts to justify weakening the Wind Conditions based on concerns about unrelated dockets. The OES suggests that the timing of "upsizing" the Brookings line by adding a second circuit may affect capacity (OES Petition, pp. 8-9), but the future need for "upsizing" was explicitly outside of the scope of the CapX proceedings.

The **OES** then suggests that "new facts" suggest that the Brookings Project capacity, like that of any other transmission is "a result of the performance of the transmission system, not an individual line" and that the Commission should take an "overall systems approach to transmission planning rather than a piecemeal transmission line-by-line project-by-project approach." (OES Petition., p. 9-10) Although framed as an argument to weaken the Wind Conditions, this argument by OES seems similar to the **NoCapX** argument that the record of need should be reopened to consider evidence pertaining to the entire proposed transmission system of which the CapX2020 Projects are a part.

The **OES** also suggest that the Wind Conditions would result in costs to ratepayers (unspecified) and that, if Xcel is required to comply with the Wind Conditions they will not proceed with the RIG0 projects. No offer of proof was made of evidence to support these claims.



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**COVER STORY:**

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**Feds make an entrance into CapX2020**

By Ryan Stotts of the Houston County News

The U.S. Agricultural Department's Rural Utilities Service officially has begun looking into the proposed CapX2020 high-voltage line project.

The federal agency hosted a meeting June 23 at La Crescent's American Legion to collect public comment and explain the review process.

The service will do a single environmental impact statement for the project, said Stephanie Strength of the RUS, which will be the lead federal agency on the project.

Dairyland Power Cooperative had approached the RUS about financing its portion of the project, an estimated 11 percent, she said.

It will take at least two years to complete the federal review and make a funding decision, she said.

Dairyland first asked the agency about funding at least three years ago, said Chuck Thompson of Dairyland Power. It would take Dairyland 30 to 35 years to repay the approximately \$50 million needed.

The environmental impact statement, including comments from the meeting, likely will be completed by summer 2010, followed by a public hearing, Strength said.

Tim Carlsgaard, of CapX2020, said they have identified dual routes for the 345-kilovolt power lines along existing routes into La Crosse, Winona or Alma, Wis., but a preferred route has not been chosen.

Also yet to be determined is where the lines would cross the Mississippi River, he said.

Lines could run along or just north of Interstate 90, then cross south into La Crescent, he said.

If the lines go into Winona, he said, the route could run through agricultural land north of I-90. The Alma route would run through farmland north of Plainview.

A routing permit application will likely be filed some time in the fall, Carlsgaard said, and that will start a 12- to 15-month process when more public meetings will be held.

Early in the process, he said, after the Office of Energy Security has a chance to review the application, people will be able to propose and suggest alternative routes.

“Whether it’s just a small segment,” Carlsgaard said, “a small area, or 20 miles, or whatever it is.”

On the Wisconsin side, he said, a single routing and need permit will likely be filed before the end of the year.

Jeremy Chipps, of the Citizens Energy Task Force, said the massive project isn’t needed — and the group has petitioned the state to look into whether it should be built.

Chipps said even the most “sophisticated electric minds” in the industry, on a state and federal level, are doubting the efficacy of such a project.

He believes localized renewable energy should be investigated and analyzed, he said.

But, Chipps said, the truth is “the country lacks the very analytical tools to do the research to find out what our needs will even be.”

With federal coffers now being opened to fund the project, the decreasing demand for power, as well as safer alternatives than CapX2020, should be scrutinized, he said.

Gene Semin of La Crescent Township said he supports the project, even though he already has two large power lines in front of his house.

“We’re going to need the electrical power in this country to develop our manufacturing base so that our economy can recover,” Semin said.

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### **La Crescent group formalizes CapX2020 challenge**

By Mark Sommerhauser for the Houston County News

A southeast Minnesota group wants state regulators to rethink a decision to let energy companies build high-voltage lines through the La Crescent area.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in April granted a certificate of need for the CapX2020 proposal, a \$1.7 billion plan to build a network of 345-kilovolt power lines throughout the state, including a line from the Twin Cities to La Crosse, Wis.

But the La Crescent-based Citizens Energy Task Force petitioned the commission last week to reconsider, asking it to place new conditions on lines in western Minnesota and to fully retract its support for the La Crosse line. Energy companies say the new lines will bolster reliability and aid wind-energy development in Minnesota, but environmental groups say the lines aren’t needed and shouldn’t cross the Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge.

Regulators permitted CapX2020 based on projected increases in energy demand.

But energy usage actually declined nationwide in the first quarter of 2009, said Paula Maccabee, attorney for the Citizens Energy Task Force. Maccabee also noted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wants the line to steer clear of the Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge, and has said it won't grant new right-of-way for new power lines through the refuge.

"If we can solve our energy problems without harming a wildlife refuge, we should use that alternative," Maccabee said.

CapX2020 spokesman Tim Carlsgaard said the new lines wouldn't need additional right-of-way through the refuge, and could follow existing rights-of-way. While electricity consumption has dipped in recent months, Carlsgaard said Xcel Energy June 23 was nearing a June single-day record for power consumption, as a Midwest heat wave caused consumers to crank up their air conditioners.

"We still believe we have a strong case" for the new lines, Carlsgaard said. "It would be irresponsible on our part to not look at the long range, and today is just a perfect example."

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission plans to discuss the reconsideration petition at its regular meeting July 14 in St. Paul.

**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
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**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
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Cc: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: CapX2020 Powerline Project

Friday, July 10, 2009

We were just informed about the proposed route of the power line. This is not acceptable! It would be within 300 hundred feet of our home and would destroy our property value. We have planted over one thousand trees to maintain the natural habitat. Our property is full of wildlife, and our views are one of the best features. When we purchased our acreage over fifteen years ago nothing as devastating as this was even conceivable!

Our neighbor, Larry Coffing, is an organic dairy farmer and it is proven that this would be detrimental to his farming operation. There has to be a better route for this power line to be placed.

Concerned homeowners,  
Bruce and Mary Kay Forland  
4919 50th Street West  
Webster, MN 55088  
952- 652-2772

**I-121-001**

This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded you comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.



**Kessler, Ellen**

**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 2:59 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: Capx2020 routing input

From: Steve Gau [mailto:sgau@sleepyeyetel.net]  
Sent: Sunday, July 05, 2009 8:47 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: Capx2020 routing input

Dear Ms Strength,

We asked that you take the following into account as you consider routes for the CAPX2020 project:

- Many small acreage landowners have invested heavily in their property - both financially and emotionally. Many have built in remote areas because they wanted to be in a rural natural setting (no traffic, no power lines, etc). Running 345 KV lines and tower thru these properties is devastating. To make it worse, there is little compensation relative to the impact. We recently built (2000) our home where it is because we wanted to be close to nature. When we purchased our land, T158 was classified as a minimum maintenance road. While it is now maintained (plowed), it is still quite rustic. The canopy of trees all but covers the road. The proposed B-70 route would destroy the rustic setting of our home. As our acreage is relatively small, the negative impact of the proposed power lines would be large. I understand that route B-70 is no longer being considered. However, there are many land owners much like myself in areas where routes are still considered. Please give careful consideration to the impact of such small acreages.
- I-122-004** |
- I-122-001** | Avoid clear cutting paths thru forested areas. It would be better to place lines in areas that are already scarred by roads, existing power lines, etc.
- Our property is on a tree-lined town road that has been washed out several times over the last few years. Clearing trees to run a power would likely impact the effect of erosion. Again, I think it makes sense to place lines in areas already scarred by roads, existing power lines, etc.
- I-122-002** | Our area has historic wagon trails and homesteads including those associated with the Laura Ingalls Wilder family.
- Protected eagles use this forested area to nest.
- I-122-003** | There has not been an adequate correlation made between those impacted by the line and those that benefit from the line. Residents in our area are impacted to serve the power needs of those in WI.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve and Amy Gau

59178 411th Ave

Mazeppa, MN 55956

507-843-5312 (home)

**I-122-001**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

**I-122-002**

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-122-003**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

**I-122-004**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

507-287-2876 (work)

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**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
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**Subject:** FW: capx2020 lacrosse route  
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**From:** jgilmer2@mac.com [mailto:jgilmer2@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2009 9:30 AM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** capx2020 lacrosse route

Dear Ms. Strength:

My name is James Gilmer and I am writing you today to let you know of my very strong opposition to this project.

**I-123-003** | The CapX2020 La Crosse ultra high voltage power line will cause environmental harm -- including visual impacts in scenic corridors, health risks due to electro-magnetic fields, decline in property values, loss of prime agricultural land, risks to rare and endangered species, fragmentation of habitat in a national wildlife refuge, and bird mortality along the Mississippi Flyway.

I live in tiny Sather Valley. The proposed route will cut the valley in two and will pass directly thru my farm. I hope you will take a moment and look at the photo I have attached. This photo overlooks my farm. If the towers are placed where proposed they will sit less than 500 feet from where my wife is sitting.

My son planned to build here when he gets out of the Air Force and already has the permits. His home would sit directly beneath the line. I had hoped to see Grandchildren living there some day and walking the road to the school bus. Clearly if this project comes to pass that wont occur. How will I be compensated for this type of loss.? How do you put a dollar value on that?

I have searched all my life for this spot and invested my life savings to purchase it. How will I get that investment back? Who will buy it?

**I-123-001** | Where do I go? My house sits 300 feet from where the line is to cross. I have buried three  
**I-123-002** | parents who all died due to one form of cancer or another. What are my health risks if I stay?

I hope with all my heart you try to put yourself in my place and then remember this scenario is identical to hundreds if not thousands of other families just like mine.

Please don't let this nightmare come to pass.

Sincerely yours,

James Gilmer  
245 Sather Valley road  
Houston Mn 55943

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### **I-123-001**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments will be solicited after its publication.

### **I-123-002**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### **I-123-003**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line, potential impacts to health and safety with regard to EMF, potential socioeconomic impacts to property values, potential impacts to agricultural resources, and potential impacts to wildlife, particularly federal and state regulated species will all be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.





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**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:12 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: opposition to capx2020

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**From:** jgilmer@hotmail.com [mailto:jgilmer@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2009 11:13 PM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** opposition to capx2020

Dear Ms. Strength-

My name is Jayne Gilmer and I live at 245 Sather Valley Rd. in Houston, MN. My husband Jim and I purchased 120 acres of our farm in 2006 and last June bought the remaining 180 acres. Being that we have been registered landowners for 3 years and just last Wednesday found out about the shocking proposal of capx2020 is one thing, but the reasons for my opposition are too numerous to list here. The fact that one of the proposed routes would run directly through my property without having the opportunity to have vehemently opposed this decision is directly linked to an argument made by Citizens Task Force attorney Paula Maccabee. She found that the PUC Excel Energy's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission from 2006 to 2008 show energy demands dropped from the minimum requirement for new lines. "That's a number, 24,701 megawatts, that the administrative judge specifically relied on in finding there was a regional need for the projects." Those demands should require the commission re-open the record. The people in this area do not need, REQUIRE or want to pay for this project. I respectfully ask you to consider all the issues that affect me and my family.

sincerely,  
Jayne Gilmer  
245 Sather Valley Rd.  
Houston, MN 55943  
763-229-5387

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## I-124-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-124-001

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**Kessler, Ellen**

**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:04 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** kazmier@execpc.com [mailto:kazmier@execpc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 07, 2009 12:14 PM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:**

Dear CapX2020,

I am responding to the proposed transmission line routes that are being explored for the new line. I am strongly opposed to the route that goes along Belvidere Ridge Road. I am a property owner at the corner of CTH O and Belvidere Ridge Rd, and became aware of the routes after the public info mtgs in June. I have asked to be placed on the mailing list for future mailings as no one contacted me prior to this!

I am opposed to this route because it obviously impacts me directly, but also because it just does not make any sense! The logical thing to do is to upgrade the existing poles and go along the current route. The easements are already obtained, the route is cleared and there will be minimal if any impact upon property owners or property values that has not already occurred. To site the line along Belvidere Ridge would cost more, result in a route that would require an excessive amount of tree clearing and disruption to the area and local environment. The expense of routing an entirely new line is astronomical compared to the cost of upgrading an existing line. As a rate payer this will have negative and unnecessary consequences and costs to me.

Thank you for considering my comments. I am officially requesting that I be kept apprised of any and all issues, routes, proposals etc related to this line.

Sincerely

Ron Kazmierczak  
3028 CTII C  
Green Bay, WI 54313

### I-126-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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### I-126-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:12 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: capx2020  
  
**Categories:** Purple Category, Pending

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**From:** Lewis, Jim [mailto:Jim.Lewis@davey.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2009 11:23 AM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** Re: capx2020

Stephanie

Thank you for your prompt reply. My other question or concern is; how will the property owner be compensated for the burden of the ROW on their property?

Thanks

Jim

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**To:** Lewis, Jim  
**Cc:** Lilley, Bliss ; cat@dairynet.com  
**Sent:** Tue Jun 09 08:35:02 2009  
**Subject:** RE: capx2020

Mr. Lewis,

Thank you for contacting me with your questions on the proposed project. The specific location of the ROW has not been determined and will be the subject of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will be developed over the course of the next year. The recently released information and the upcoming meetings will detail the process taken to identify the macro-corridors that will be further refined through the EIS process. Public comments will be used in refining the corridors. All documents released through the EIS process will be available on our website.

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm#Dairyland%20Power%20Cooperative,%20Inc>

Please feel free to contact me with further comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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## I-127-001

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would provide compensation in the form of a one-time easement payment to property owners who host transmission lines. Property owners would retain ownership of the land and may continue to use the land around transmission structures. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

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Stephanie A. Strength

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**From:** Jim.Lewis@davey.com [mailto:Jim.Lewis@davey.com]

**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2009 6:09 PM

**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC

**Cc:** Jim.Lewis@davey.com

**Subject:** capx2020

Stephanie

I can see where demand for energy would necessitate the construction of new transmission corridors. I may be directly impacted by the construction and am concerned as to specifically where the ROWs will be placed. The info sent to me isn't specific enough to answer my question. I do have property near the west boundary of the proposed 345 Kv route option. Is there specific information regarding the specific properties in which the trans lines and towers will be placed?

I live outside the state of Minnesota.

If you do not have the above info, could you please direct me to the right person?

Kind regards

Jim Lewis

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**Kessler, Ellen**

**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:36 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: EIS Scoping Meeting

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From: caroline.lexa@ingenixconsulting.com [mailto:caroline.lexa@ingenixconsulting.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 11:58 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: EIS Scoping Meeting

Dear Stephanie,

Please ensure that the larger picture is addressed and a pragmatic approach is taken when reviewing the scope of the CAPX2020 project. I am a homeowner living near the proposed Brookings CAPX2020 line. The following are my families concerns:

- \* If there is an alternative plan that is less costly to rate payers, such as using local power and conservation, please look at this option seriously. Sometimes a simpler and less costly approach just makes sense.
- \* With the recession, people around me seem much more consciences about the money they spend on energy consumption. People are cutting back and being careful about their energy use. Please use recent forecasts that take into account the changing attitudes towards energy consumption!
- \* Please include the Brookings line with the scope, this is one large project. It's all connected.
- \* Please consider not only the visual impact but also the property value impact and the potential increased risk for cancer when reviewing the cost/benefits of this project.
- \* Please consider alternatives, such as local power generation and a no build option for the entire project.
- \* Please review the extent to which CAPX2020 will facilitate more coal generation and the environmental increasing coal generation.

I am a parent of two very young children living on a farm that has been in our family for over 100 years. I don't want to have to choose between exposing myself to electromagnetic fields and leaving the farm we all love so much. But even if my particular family isn't considered, I'm just not sure this project makes sense. Is this really the best option? The least expensive? The most efficient? What if there's a better idea that would accomplish the power needs without disrupting so many lives? Couldn't we product wind power here? It's awfully windy at our house on the farm. Please consider the big picture, the entire project. Is this really the best way?

Best Wishes,

Caroline, Mike, Inga (age 3) and Vlad (age 2) Lexa

Webster, MN

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:11 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: cap 2020

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Patricia.Lloyd2@qwest.com [mailto:Patricia.Lloyd2@qwest.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2009 12:08 PM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** cap 2020

Dear Shephanie,  
i am a homeowner and a landowner in rice county on dent ave ,my 55 acers of land runs along the proposed new highline route.It is of major concern of mine NOT to want the line because planning on building on the northside which will be very close to the lines. I bought the land many years ago wanting the oppertunity so have my children build and stay in the area.PLEASE take into consideration NOT letting the line pass by my land and the several others in the air park of webster.  
Thank You  
Patty Lloyd  
5235 Dent Ave  
Webster MN

**I-129-001**

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**Kessler, Ellen**

**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:38 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: Capx 2020 project

**From:** kathym@independentlifestyles.org [mailto:kathym@independentlifestyles.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 5:20 PM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** Capx 2020 project

Dear Stephanie

I cannot attend the meeting that is going to be held in Clearwater, MN on July 2, 2009 regarding the Capx 2020 project. We live on State Hwy 24 NW and are in one of the proposed routes for the project. The other route is following Interstate 194 but I have read that they are concerned about the power lines or towers possible falling on the interstate. The alternative route which would go right through my front yard and put the towers in close proximity to all of the homes on Hwy 24 doesn't seem to concern them what if it fell on our homes would that be any less dangerous. It still hasn't been proven that those power lines and towers do not cause cancer to people who are in a close proximity to them. Two years ago MNDOT bought some of our frontal property to widen Hwy 24 so if this project comes in and buys what they want for the project they would own right up to our front porch we would not even own our front yard we would lose all of our trees and we have a stone waterfall in our front yard also which we would no longer own. I believe that things like this should follow the interstate and stay out of residential neighborhoods. I think it would be a lot more cost effective for them also. Please help me have a voice in this and voice my concerns to the appropriate people. Thank you for your time.

Kathy & Ron MaKarrall  
17080 State Hwy 24 NW  
Clearwater, MN 55320

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**I-130-001**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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**I-130-002**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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I-130-002



**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:36 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: CapX2020

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From: c-a.pankow@mchsi.com [mailto:c-a.pankow@mchsi.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 11:07 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: CapX2020

Dear Ms. Strength,

I am writing to you about the CapX2020 project. Specifically the Cedar Mountain Substation area - Hampton route options. I live in Lonsdale, MN. We are bordering the possible southern route of this project.

I would like to express some of my concerns. My first concern is that of necessity. The amount of power you are planning to put through this area seems excessive. Most people are trying to conserve energy and our houses and appliances are becoming more efficient. The housing boom has slowed down. Do we need to rethink the plan?

Secondly, it scares me that you are telling farmers to attach chains to the back of their tractors if they are operating under the lines. Why? Because it could be dangerous? I, for one, do not want myself, my children, my friends, my neighbors, or strangers exposed to this. Keep this line out of people's yards, towns and fields. Find a route that will impact no one. What about I-90?

Also, why have these massive lines cross the state. Why not have more windmills in action throughout the state. There is wind energy throughout. Use it and do not carry the energy so far across lines.

It's not too late to reconsider this plan and this route. Please at least consider it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Pankow

**I-131-001**

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**Kessler, Ellen**

**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:10 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: CapX2020 La Crosse ultra high voltage power line

-----Original Message-----

**From:** gordy@paumen.com [mailto:gordy@paumen.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2009 11:02 AM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** CapX2020 La Crosse ultra high voltage power line

Stephanie

I do NOT support the CapX2020 La Crosse ultra high voltage power line for the following reasons.  
Please do not allow such a project destroy the pristine river valley.

- I-132-001** | 1. Updated forecasts of electric peak demand do not support the need for the CapX2020 ultra high voltage power line projects, including the La Crosse Project;
- I-132-002** | 2. The CapX2020 La Crosse ultra high voltage power line will cause environmental harm -- including visual impacts in scenic corridors, health risks due to electro-magnetic fields, decline in property values, loss of prime agricultural land, risks to rare and endangered species, fragmentation of habitat in a national wildlife refuge, and bird mortality along the Mississippi Flyway.
- I-132-003** | 3. The La Crosse Project should be considered with other CapX2020 power lines which create the potential for transmission of coal power east from the Dakotas to load centers east of Minnesota. The environmental consequences of coal and coal pollution due to the La Crosse line result in additional adverse impacts of the project.
- I-132-004** | 4. Conservation, local generation and local transmission can solve any local reliability issues at a much lower cost to ratepayers without damaging the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge, Scenic Byways and other protected natural resources that would be impaired by the La Crosse Project and without providing transmission from distant coal plants;
- I-132-005** | 5. Taxpayers should not finance any portion of the CapX2020 La Crosse Project through the USDA Rural Utilities Service.

Gordy Paumen  
Network Consultant

**I-132-001**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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**I-132-002**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF, visual resources, socioeconomic issues including property values, rare species, and agricultural resources will all be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-132-003**

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid. The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

**I-132-004**

CELL 612-749-6986  
[www.paumencomputerservices.com](http://www.paumencomputerservices.com)

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-132-005**

Your comment has been noted. Dairyland Power Cooperative, one of the CapX2020 utilities, has requested financial assistance from USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), for Dairyland's anticipated 11 percent ownership interest in the proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kilovolt transmission line project. RUS has determined that its funding of Dairyland's ownership interest is a federal action and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). RUS is the lead agency for both NEPA and Section 106 review.

**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:36 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: CapX 2020

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**From:** silvmem@myclearwave.net [mailto:silvmem@myclearwave.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 12:42 AM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** CapX 2020

Stephanie Strength,

I am writing in regards to the CapX 2020 transmission line project proposed for our area. We are on the alternate route but still greatly concerned. We live in Wheatland Township, Section 22, Wheatland Township in Rice County, MN. Our farm runs alongside Highway 19. If the lines go on that proposed route, we would have these huge poles running along our entire farm. There are many, many homes that it would impact very greatly because of their close proximity to the road. Our renter for our farmland, uses his airplane to check on his crops. There is a gas venting station that would be located almost right under the lines plus a bison herd which would graze right under the lines.

Another route suggested by a member of the Task Force Board would take the line right past our home & many other homes, all within 75 to 100' from the road. On this route it would impact a couple of dairy herds, one with 175 head of cattle, a lake, marshland, a beekeeping business & a garden center.

We cannot tolerate having a monstrosity such as this in our area, or anywhere else. We cannot afford to have our health, crops, livestock & livelihood destroyed by something that is not needed but being proposed because of money & greed.

Please support us in our concerns.

Thank you!

Clarence & Delores Salaba  
9376 60th St. West  
Lonsdale, MN 55046

Section 22, Wheatland Township, Rice County, MN

## I-133-001

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:02 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: comment on capx20/20

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**From:** joan schnabel/jeff falk [mailto:joanjeff@centurytel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 06, 2009 4:58 PM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** comment on capx20/20

**I-134-001** Dear Stephanie, My name is Joan Schnabel and I spoke with you at the Centerville/Galesville meeting. I sincerely hope that you do not allow them to build these lines, but if you do, they follow the I-90 corridor and cross at LaCrosse. I just got back from paddling my Kayak from Whitman Landing down to Indian Creek and back. I paddled and Snick, my Brittany, swam and ran along side. It was wonderful, Eagles, Great blue Herons, lots of Kingfishers, frogs and a zillion dragonflies mostly widow skimmers and green damers. It was so beautiful, I can't tell you, except to ask you to remember back to when you were a little girl out on the river. Would that paddle have been different next to gigantic power lines? Of course. And indeed one proposed route goes right down Kamrowski road, right by there. I cringe to think of the lines going through Trempealeau Wildlife refuge. WE have despoiled so much of our natural habitat do we have to take the refuges as well? I sometimes wonder if anyone remembers the meaning of the word "refuge?" So on behalf of all the birds that use the Mississippi flyway as their primary migration route, and the bald eagles that nest here, and the peregrine falcons that have begun returning to their traditional cyries on the cliffs on the river, and the little known, but significant population of Golden Eagles (88 on count week this January) that call this area their winter home, I ask you not to put the power lines here.

When I look at the web site for Capx 20/20 I see this quote.

"The region is experiencing tremendous job and population growth, leading to a steady increase in electricity usage. "

**I-134-002** Well that didn't jibe with what I thought, so I went to the US Census data, and this region is NOT experiencing tremendous population growth. that is an out and out fabrication. It is true that Rochester, MN and because of that Omslead County are experiencing significant growth. Rochester lies to the west of the proposed lines. But if you look at the region, consisting of LaCrosse county, Houston County, Winona county, Trempealeau county and Buffalo county, the counties most impacted by these routes, there is hardly any population growth to speak of., about 3.5% over a 10 year period. I will be happy to send you the complete data, or you can find it at the census bureau site on the web. My point is, that if the Website for Capx20/20 starts off with a lie, how can I believe anything else that they are saying? I do not believe that these lines are for the benefit of this region.

**I-134-003** I believe, that they will be used to carry electricity for the urban areas of Milwaukee and Chicago. I do not wish to see the aesthetics of the region damaged, and the birds and wildlife impacted for something that is of no benefit to this area.

thanks for reading this, Joan Schnabel Fountain City WI 54629 phone. 608-687-8486

**I-134-001**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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**I-134-002**

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**I-134-003**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife and the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:03 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: CapX2020 Fargo-St. Cloud-Monticello 345-kV project  
**Attachments:** E I Transmission Line.pdf; revised Alternate Route.jpg

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From: Paul Schwinghammer [mailto:[paul@redbarnridge.com](mailto:paul@redbarnridge.com)]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 11:35 AM  
To: [david.birkholz@state.mn.us](mailto:david.birkholz@state.mn.us)  
Cc: [raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us](mailto:raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us); Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: CapX2020 Fargo-St. Cloud-Monticello 345-kV project

Hello David,  
It was a pleasure to speak with you at the Clearwater Town Hall. As per your request, I have put my thoughts in writing.  
The attached documents are in regards to the EIS process for CapX2020.  
Please feel free to forward these comment on to others.

Thank You!  
Paul Schwinghammer  
Schwinghammer Family Partnership  
320.420.4937  
[Paul@redbarnridge.com](mailto:Paul@redbarnridge.com)

**I-135-001** Re: CapX2020 Fargo-St. Cloud-Monticello 345-kV project

Power line alternate options (At the point in which County road 136 turns from a north/south route to an east/ west route in St. Augusta) - see attached map)

The "Primary Route" (along I-94) is the preferred route by the vast majority of the citizens of the area. From an environmental impact standpoint the "Alternate Routes" have a number of issues that are of great concern to me and I suggest that the alternate options be amended. Listed below are some of those concerns and other possible options. The local community and I are very willing to work within the power line process to help construct this much needed resource.

1. Neenah Creek, a MN state designated trout stream, will be crossed three times in less than a mile due to the small jog in the "Alternate Routes". This is due to the small jog and the two 90 degree turns in the routes. In addition to the trout stream this route would also cross over oak savanna forests, a housing development, historic areas and would pass near Mr. Joe Kenning's home and farm yard twice.

- While it is commendable that the power company is trying to utilize an existing right-of-way, we the citizens of the area would prefer altering the proposed "Alternate Routes" and would be willing to help establish the less intrusive route's right-of-way. The proposed "Alternate Routes" could easily be changed by eliminating the small jog in the route and the two 90 degree turns. The power line would then continue straight west thus following County road 136 at the point in which it turns westward.

2. The proposed "Alternate Routes" will go past Mr. Kenning's house two times. Mr. Kenning is best known as the "Father" of the stray voltage awareness movement. The proposed "Alternate Routes" could be seen as a direct attack on Mr. Kenning for his years of law suits he brought against Northern States Power (NSP) Company. Mr. Kenning argued the impact of stray voltage on his farm animals and his family's health due to a NSP power transmission line over his property. Mr. Kenning had fought with NSP for years before NSP finally agreed to move the power transmission line. When I read the intended "Alternate Routes" my first thought was "are they trying to give Mr. Kenning a heart attack." Given the intensity of the previous on-going court battles, I could easily see a court agreeing with Mr. Kennings heirs should his health fail.

- The proposed alternate routes could easily be changed by eliminating the small jog in the route and the two 90 degree turns. The power line would then continue straight west thus following County Road 136 at the point in which County Road 136 turns westward. The power lines would still go along Mr. Kenning's property but it would be a significant distance from his home and farm animals. The power line would also go along the edge of our family property instead of thru the middle. This change to the proposed alternate route would eliminate construction cost and environmental impact on the trout stream, oak forest, and people

3. The historic St. Boniface Chapel and the historic St. Augusta Trail are located within the Chapel Hill Farm. The Chapel Hill Farm is in the process of being developed into a Village or community that highlights the historical significance of the sites and makes the sites a historical destination. The plans can be seen at [www.chapelhillmn.com](http://www.chapelhillmn.com)

- The current "Alternate Routes" with its small jog will cut through the middle of the Chapel Hill Farm thus effectively killing the project. This would result in a loss of a significant opportunity to preserve and highlights one of the areas oldest sites with historical significance and would be a great loss to the area.

Conclusion: As previously stated, the "Primary Route" is the preferred route by the vast majority of the citizens of the area. While it has been stated that the MnDOT is opposed to the "Primary Route", this route will have the least negative impact on the environment and the citizens. As an environmental consultant, I understand many of the possible issues and remedies. The DOT's opposition seems to be stated as a "safety" issue. While safety is the number one priority, it can be used as a "red herring"- who can argue against it. The terrain is such that in much of the area along I-94 the ditch slopes are quite high thus eliminating the possibility of vehicles hitting the poles. It is also my understanding that some poles are designed to accommodate vehicle impact and many additional measures can be put in place to resolve any of the DOT's safety concerns.

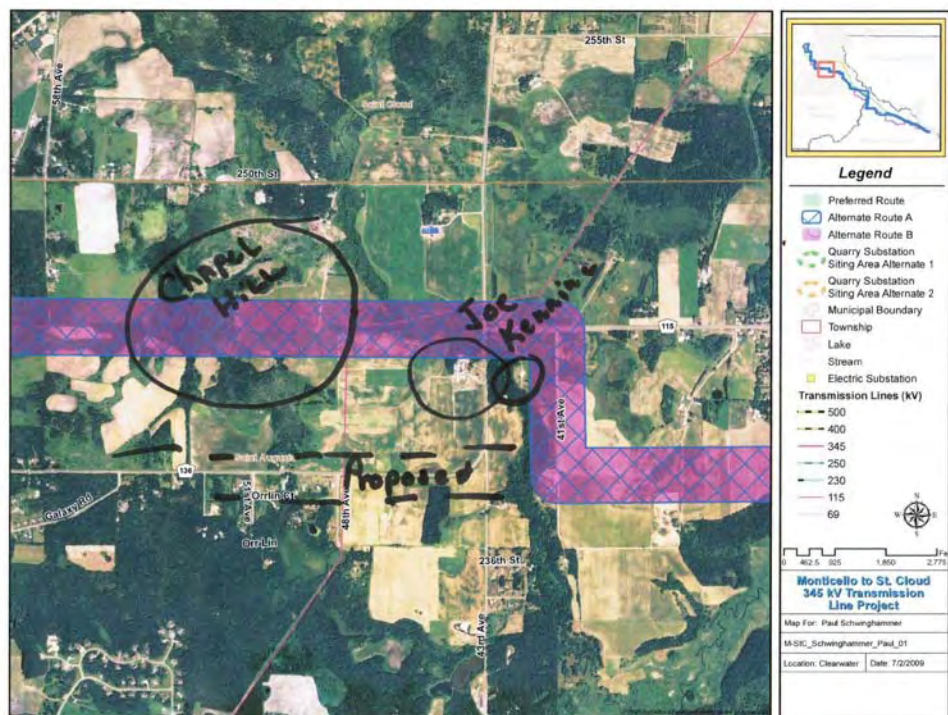
Thank You  
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**I-135-001**

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**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:18 AM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: CAPX2020 - Route B-27  
  
**Categories:** pulled

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**From:** senn.margaret@mayo.edu [mailto:senn.margaret@mayo.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2009 10:17 AM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** CAPX2020 - Route B-27

**I-136-001**

This route is too close to homes it comes with in 1/4 mile of my house which is just south of Hammond Minnesota. I do not want this route to affect my family and my neighbors. I am opposed to route B-27.

Margaret A.S. Senn, MS, RN  
Informatics Nurse Specialist  
Department of Nursing  
Phone: 507-255-8909  
[senn.margaret@mayo.edu](mailto:senn.margaret@mayo.edu)

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200 First Street S.W.  
Rochester, MN 55905  
[www.mayoclinic.org](http://www.mayoclinic.org)

### **I-136-001**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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**Kessler, Ellen**

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**From:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:10 PM  
**To:** Lilley, Bliss  
**Cc:** Collins, Carly  
**Subject:** FW: La Crosse Capx2020 project  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

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**From:** TVRCHOTA@amfam.com [mailto:TVRCHOTA@amfam.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2009 10:34 AM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Cc:** JGilmer@commercialcollectors.com; doctor@karenavrchota.com  
**Subject:** La Crosse Capx2020 project

Dear Stephanie,

I have just been informed of the Capx2020 project going through southeastern Minnesota. I have a good friend as well as sister & Brother in Law that live in the Valley near Houston Mn. This is one of the most scenic areas left in Minnesota & many of us feel that it needs to be preserved as such. A high Power transmission line-such as the one being proposed, would ruin it for all generations to come. Your help and attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Tom Vrchota  
763-389-5614  
Princeton, Mn

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**I-137-001**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-137-001



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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 3:09 PM  
To: Lilley, Bliss  
Cc: Collins, Carly  
Subject: FW: CapX2020

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From: l.v.winn@att.net [mailto:l.v.winn@att.net]  
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2009 8:58 PM  
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
Subject: CapX2020

Dear Stephanie Strength,

My Wife and I are residents of Sky Harbor Airpark. It just came to our attention that an alternate route for the CapX2020 Powerline could be along 50th St. in our neighbor hood. This would put it right in the traffic pattern of our airport. There are over 50 airplanes that fly out of our residential airport and I feel the powerline would be a real compromise of safety and would greatly influence the value of our airpark. We are strongly opposed to this location of the powerline. Please consider our opinion when deciding its location.

Thank You,  
Larry and Diana Winn  
3279 45th St. W.  
Webster, MN 55088

### I-138-001

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☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Centerville Community Center - Thompson WI.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-139-001

the unnecessary confiscation and destruction of private  
property in the unique driftless area of western Wisconsin  
when an existing corridor already exists without disturbing into  
western Wisconsin

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### I-139-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: Recreation

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

We have purchased our property to preserve it in its Natural State and protect it from Development. IF this project were to go thru our property the Confiscation and Subsequent Destruction of 150' of Right of Way thru the Center of this 40 Acre parcel would totally Destroy our purpose. Our property is located in Trempealeau County Wisconsin Directly in the Path of the Northernmost and Easternmost Possible Route in Western Wisconsin.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

In my opinion the most Sensitive Resources are the Very Unique, Beautiful and Sensitive Hills and Valleys of the unglaciated, Driftless area of Western Wisconsin. It makes absolutely no sense to Detour this project into the Hills of Western Wisconsin Destroying 100's of Acres of private property when a much shorter Corridor already exists much of which is already Publicly owned.

I-139-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-139-002

the project Description was Explained along with its purpose  
However the need was Left questionable It was Explained  
As Being "Redundant"

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: David Andersen

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: Box 98

City: Galesville State: WI Zip Code 54630

Daytime Phone (Optional): 608-582-2595

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-139-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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I-139-003

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
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June 30, 2009

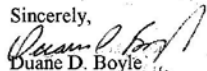
Stephanie Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
USDA, Rural Utilities Service  
Engineering and Environmental Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

RE: CAPX 2020-Scoping decision doc PUC no. ET2/TL-08-1474

Dear Ms. Strength,

I see that the 57<sup>th</sup> street Alternate has been changed to 50<sup>th</sup> street W.. The reasoning was to avoid homes along 57<sup>th</sup> Street W.. I would like to point out that there are Twenty mail boxes on 57<sup>th</sup> Street W. from Elmore to Hwy. 35W and nineteen mail boxes on 50<sup>th</sup> Street W.. I do not see why the twenty is that much more important than the nineteen on 50<sup>th</sup> Street West. I did notice that 66 street west contains only two or three houses. I would also like to establish the point that you would be moving seven blocks closer to the Sky Harbor air park (refer my April 8, 2009 letter to you) housing some forty planes and crop dusters. In addition this past weekend three hot air balloons were operating out of the air part flying every which way which could create a very dangerous situation. I would like to also add that at the intersection just west of County road 5 this new proposed 50<sup>th</sup> street line would run directly through one of the largest organic dairy farms in the state, the Coffing residents. Most of the people on 50<sup>th</sup> street west have not written because the original alternate was 57<sup>th</sup> street not 50<sup>th</sup> street. I myself living on 50<sup>th</sup> street am vehemently against the project and especially against the 50<sup>th</sup> street new proposal. I and my neighbor have spent thousands of dollars along with the US Fish and wildlife service establishing a natural wildlife area containing one hundred acres. We have planted thousands of trees and wild prairie grasses. The transmission line would destroy our whole concept as well as having devastating effect on our neighboring land values. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Duane D. Boyle  
3850 W. 50<sup>th</sup> street  
Webster, Mn. 55088  
952-652-4041

#### I-140-001

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Which meeting did you attend? CAPX2020 Plainview High School June 16, 2009

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Property used for agriculture, recreation (get away)  
and future residential development.

Located at <sup>southeast</sup>~~southwest~~ corner of 117<sup>th</sup> Street NW Oronoco  
and Olmsted county road 31.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

The most sensible routing ~~but~~ of the two options  
for the 161KV line in NW Olmsted county  
would be the one which takes advantage of  
the abandoned railroad right-of-way (now the  
location of the Douglas Trail)

#### I-141-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
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I-141-001

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Which meeting did you attend? June 17, 2009 - Wamamingo, MN

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- ☒ Proximity to residences
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- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Human impacts

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-142-001

Please consider the placement of the line in another location, as there are old growth Burr Oak trees on this site.

This property is located in Cannon Falls, MN, directly west of the southern stoplight on Highway 52.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

#### I-142-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: Cannon Falls, State: MN Zip Code: 55009

Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-263-3858

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Which meeting did you attend? *Started Dec 11, 2008 at Cannon Falls + last meeting was at Wadena*

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-143-001

*1- Coal fired plants are not clean & we do not have adequate carbon dioxide removal system, which needs to be in place before construction of more transmission lines.*

I-143-002

*2- Power plants in Wisconsin, like Pleasant Prairie should be responsible for producing electricity in their own state rather than getting it from Minnesota & North Dakota.*

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### I-143-001

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid.

The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### I-143-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:

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☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-143-003

1. Our farm is located on Highway 56 & we have some very rich agricultural soil. It is important that we can continue producing crops that will prevent soil erosion as more land is being used for development purposes.

2. We do have wet land on our property & the law is written that we can't tamper with that land because of cattle & other vegetation & quaternary. Now Cap & Rosa does not have to follow the law.

3. We have a herd of cattle that graze in the area that has been proposed for the line. They will no longer come close to staying out there. We may have to sell our cattle & everyone can just depend on the big factory farms to produce the food, this will be another way to get rid of the small rural farms.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-143-004

1. I have been employed in the health field for many years and as a PA we are very concerned about the long term effects these high voltage lines can have on the health & safety of our grandchildren who live on our farm, ourselves also own herd of beef cattle.

2. Biological, which we mentioned above. Also this comes have a severe adverse effect on our maternal Wisconsin wilderness. All the wild life we have in this area.

3. Our farm has been in the family for many years. Recently a man by the name of Hans Bakken who is a local historian from Jopstad, Norway traveled on a farm & is writing a book about a Norwegian family that settled in our farm in 1876. The picture of the farm will be in his book. We need to preserve the beauty & culture of rural America.

I-143-005

### I-143-003

Your comment has been noted. Regulations and potential impacts to wetlands will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-143-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-143-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-143-006

*Would like to have more explanation as to why they projected that there will be an increase in population in Minnesota to require more electricity. We did not see any statistics as to how they came to that conclusion.*

I-143-007

*Did not mention what they will do to prevent emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>.*

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-143-006

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-143-006

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-143-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to air quality will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

June 30, 2009

To: Stephanie Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
USDA, Rural Utilities Service  
Engineering and Environmental Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Re: CAPX 2020 Project  
Environmental Impact Statement  
Scoping Decision Document  
PUC Docket No. ET2/TL-08-1474

Dear Ms. Strength,

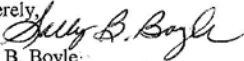
We are very concerned about the proposal regarding the use of 50<sup>th</sup> Street West, in Webster, MN, in Rice county, as a new proposal alternate route for the CAPX 2020 Brookings to Hampton project. We are shocked to find that this additional route option, which was never mentioned before, is in our front yard.

Your most recent proposal – A-RIC – 003 (Sirek), you say the alternate of 50<sup>th</sup> Street West is better than 57<sup>th</sup> Street W. to avoid homes on 57<sup>th</sup> Street W. There are 20 mailboxes on 57<sup>th</sup> St., and 19 mailboxes on 50<sup>th</sup> St. W. Why protect residents on 57<sup>th</sup> St. W. and not on 50<sup>th</sup> Street W?

The Sky Harbor Airpark, (only ½ mile from 50<sup>th</sup> Street W.) with the frequent presence of low flying small aircraft, hot air balloons, and helicopters, makes the site especially unsuitable and completely unsafe.

We have worked with US Fish and Wildlife Service to establish secure wildlife habitat and wetlands, and planted thousands of trees over the past 17 years. This has been a lot of hard work, to preserve the natural habitat of this land. The transmission line would have a devastating effect on our neighboring land values. We living on 50<sup>th</sup> Street West, are vehemently against this project.

Sincerely,

  
Sally B. Boyle  
3850 – 50<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Webster, Mn. 55088  
Phone: 952-652-4041

#### I-144-001

This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded your comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

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☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Centerville - 6-24-09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

C68 -161; 69;

Replaces 2 poles in field with one so we can use a pivot irrigation system which is more economical and uses much less electricity than the traveling guns we now use.

Forward maps to Grant Stevenson - talked to him @ meeting

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

No comment

#### I-145-001

Your letter/comment card has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route or pole locations for the transmission line.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-145-001



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes

Please tell us how to reach you.

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GRANT STEVENSON



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Which meeting did you attend? June 18 St. Charles, MN

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference wireless / cell phones?
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-146-005 Does the project include any conditions to guarantee reduction of or phase out of coal for energy source?

I-146-001 Is the Needs Assessment based on current electricity use? or projected use?

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### I-146-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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I-146-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation and wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-146-002

*Prairie Restoration Project est. 1995*  
*Certified Backyard Habitat by National*  
*Wildlife Federation in 2003.*  
*Location 25118 Co Rd 17*  
*Wilson Township, Winona County*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*Trempealeau Wildlife Refuge*  
*Mississippi River corridor*  
*Agungnon Park*  
*Perrot State Park*  
*Great River Bluff State Park*  
*Apple Blossom Scenic Byway / Pike Hole*  
*\* Migrating bird fly ways*  
*\* waterfowl habitat - riparian habitat of M. River*  
*\* Scenic bluff & conlee region*

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-146-006 1) Does the Need outweigh the risks and impact of this high power transmission line project?
- I-146-007 2) Does this project meet goals & objectives for using or developing smart, low carbon energy sources?
- I-146-003 3) Is the Need Assessment accurate?
- I-146-008 4) What impact does consumer use of high efficiency energy products, CFLs, & other factors on demand side have on the Need Assessment?

- I-146-004 \* The displays & pictures & maps were very helpful. I asked to see where 345KV transmission lines were presently existing & was directed to the lines along I-90. If the I-90 corridor already accommodates high transmission lines, shouldn't this be the plan for route to La Crosse?

\* I asked about energy sources, but was told this project is only addressing transmission. Shouldn't strategies be put in place to address the whole goal & objectives for energy use?

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**I-146-003**

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-146-001.

**I-146-004**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

**I-146-005**

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid. The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

**I-146-006**

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-146-001.

**I-146-007**

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-146-001.

**I-146-008**

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-146-001.

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Which meeting did you attend? Democratic Party of Trempealeau County (May 23, 2009)  
and Trempealeau/Whitewater County meeting and Ethical/Privacy Info Seminar  
Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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I-147-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at:  
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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Proximity to homes - at least 1 mile away!!  
Causing possible bird migration deaths  
Prop-like sound -  
Strobe effect

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Initially, I felt - in Trempealeau County - the project idea slid into the forum. Because of concerns of many of us - the issue became prevalent and information was made known.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): myself

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City: Blair State: Wis Zip Code: 54616

Daytime Phone (Optional): 608-989-2842

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Which meeting did you attend? Were not able to attend

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-148-003

Along with the obvious issues, the effect on wildlife, natural waterways, visual pollution we feel our AEs and ~~the~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~surp~~ <sup>stay</sup> that way on find current commercial property for your project.

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Our property & residence is located at  
7384 Collegeview Rd Exota, MN 55934  
The terrain is steep and aggressive with  
creeks and wildlife, the area is wooded,  
the soils are easily eroded. We would  
lose the small amount of established wooded  
areas that we have.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

The impact <sup>the Project</sup> would have on wildlife  
and agricultural structure of the land.  
We feel the project would be visual  
pollution. We also feel the project should  
stay along existing major roads, rail roads  
or current power routes.

#### I-148-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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I-148-001



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-148-002

We were not able to attend the meeting, I have looked at the website and your routing map is vague.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Paul Cassidy/Virginia Murphy

Representing (Optional):

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City:

Evota

State:

MA

Zip Code:

55934

Daytime Phone (Optional):

507-529-8077

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-148-002

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-148-003

Your letter/comment card has been comment noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line. Potential impacts to social and economic resources, wildlife, waterways, and visual resources will also be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

See Attached

Please tell us how to reach you.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*See Attached*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*See Attached*

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Which meeting did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
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- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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Key issues assessing the potential impacts of this project

In my opinion, with the existing transmission lines that already are in place, easements done, etc., people have already made the decision whether or not to live next to lines. Because these decisions have been made, the existing lines should be replaced or upgraded. If I wish to build a new farmstead building, I need to remove an old building first. I just cannot access my neighbor's land, but that, in effect, is what the utilities companies wish to do.

I-149-001

Route A3, A5, A6, A122

For the north-south routes around Hampton, the two eastern routes (A6, A122) would be more difficult to construct and gain because of going cross-country compared to the western route (A5), which follows Hwy 52.

It appears that following Hwy 52 would be the shortest route to the southeast from Hampton and appears to have the easiest access for construction and maintenance, since the line is next to the highway versus being a fair distance from maintained roads. The power lines and poles installed along the north side of Hwy 50 between Farmington and Lakeville and east side of Hwy 52, 117<sup>th</sup> Street East north to Inver Grove Trail, appear to be what should be installed all along Hwy 52 from the substation (north of Hampton) to the southeast toward Rochester.

I-149-002

If the ultimate goal is to send energy to Chicago, why not follow the existing railroads as indicated in the attached article or follow the existing interstate system?

Special uses or circumstances on your property

I-149-003

We are located on Lewiston Blvd, directly east of Hampton. Route A4 cuts across the middle of fields (ours and others). We would encourage locating lines along current property boundaries. Cutting across fields would make use of center pivot irrigation impossible and would add considerable time and difficulty to planting, harvesting and maintaining crops.

The single-pole tower placed on property lines would be easier to work (farm) around than the two-pole style.

Most sensitive resources

Cultural—We chose this location in 1988, not only to maintain our own farm, but also to be able to view farmland and natural resources. We do not wish to look out our windows and see towers and wires.

**I-149-001**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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**I-149-002**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

**I-149-003**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

Project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained.

I-149-004

The project description and purpose were adequately explained, but I am skeptical of the real need to add additional transmission lines. It would have been nice to have more information on why the lines need to be installed and why the existing lines cannot be replaced and/or upgraded to handle increased electrical demand without taking over new areas.

I-149-005

I would encourage choosing the site option and equipment option that provides the least disruption to production agriculture. Placing towers in existing property (fence) lines, highway rights of way, non-farmable areas, etc., is much better than placing towers within fields. Field placement would make it difficult to use larger equipment (planters, etc.) and would limit use of irrigation equipment (center pivots, etc.).

Contact information

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**I-149-004**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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**I-149-005**

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NSPE <DailyDesigns@nspe.custombriefings.com>  
June 18, 2009

**Freight Company Considers Allowing Wind Power To Be Routed Along Railroad.**


The Wired (6/17, Barry) Autopia blog reported, "Freight company BNSF is considering allowing power companies to use its railroad rights-of-way...to route transmission lines from remote wind farms to major cities. In exchange, BNSF would get lower electric bills and a constant source of power for their locomotives should BNSF go electric." Such a deal "would position rail companies to benefit from any future "cap-and-trade" emissions policies," and could also "cut emissions as diesel locomotives are replaced with electric trains," which would "be a boon for domestic locomotive manufacturers." However, "the Association of American Railroads warns that many railway lines don't have the capacity to run both freight and passenger trains."

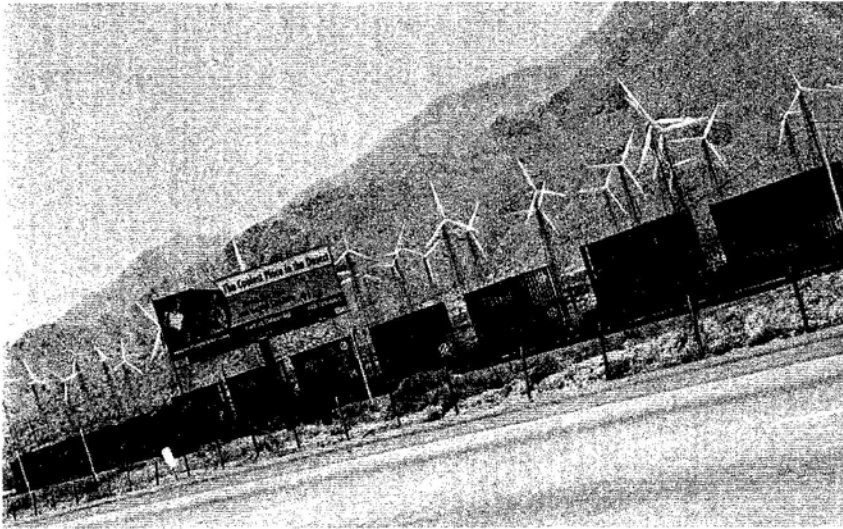
<http://www.wired.com/autopia/2009/06/rail-wind/>

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## All Aboard the Wind-Powered Railway

By Keith Barry  June 17, 2009 | 1:41 pm | Categories: [Infrastructure](#), [Rail](#)



The marriage of railway operators and wind farms could bring renewable energy to more people and energy-saving, higher-speed locomotives to America's rails.

Freight company BNSF is considering allowing power companies to use its railroad rights-of-way (such as the [Chicago-to-California Transcon](#)) to route transmission lines from remote wind farms to major cities. In exchange, BNSF would get lower electric bills and a constant source of power for their locomotives should BNSF go electric, according to [RailwayAge Magazine](#).

The concept makes sense. Railroad rights-of-way tend to be largely hidden from view but they also lead to major population centers, and they could pass big midwestern wind farms. A wind-and-rail combination would position rail companies to benefit from any future "cap-and-trade" emissions policies. It also could cut emissions as diesel locomotives are replaced with electric trains, and investments in wind power would help further offset emissions.

Electrification also would be a boon for domestic locomotive manufacturers — such as Cleveland's [EMD](#) and [GE Transportation Systems](#) — which would begin building all-new electric locomotives to meet increased demand.

Still, electrification isn't without controversy. According to *RailwayAge*, many rail experts believe electrification is the first step toward running high-speed passenger trains on existing freight corridors. The Association of American Railroads warns that many railway lines don't have the capacity to run both freight and passenger trains.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-150-010 | Need wasn't discussed other than to just move power where it is needed.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Jeff Davidson

Representing (Optional): Karen, Davidson Family Landowner

Mailing Address: 46673 70th Ave

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Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-273-9250 Cell

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- ☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☒ Other: Family owned nature area

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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I-150-001

Sect. 31  
Drainage tile - much of the land north of highway 60 drains north  
to site of proposed line with main tile lines in possible pble route. Concerned  
about damage due to compaction / construction. Replacement home building site located  
(old site) in trees 1/2 mile north of Bombay.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Agricultural / <sup>Cultural</sup> Biological with oak trees and a combination of natural  
beauty a you come out of 150 year old Holden Church and down its  
side walk looking to the south.

#### I-150-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Submitted 06/29/09

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Existing Easements

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-150-003 | Usage and damage to agricultural property from compaction, long term interference with agricultural operations and drainage in farmland issues.
- I-150-002 | There should not be two (2) electrical easements through the same property within a half mile of each other serving either the same power group (Xcel). They should have to be combined into one line so the same landowners that gave up 55 years ago (an easement) for \$50 per pole (eg land rents would bring in yearly more income) don't have to give again for minimal dollars.

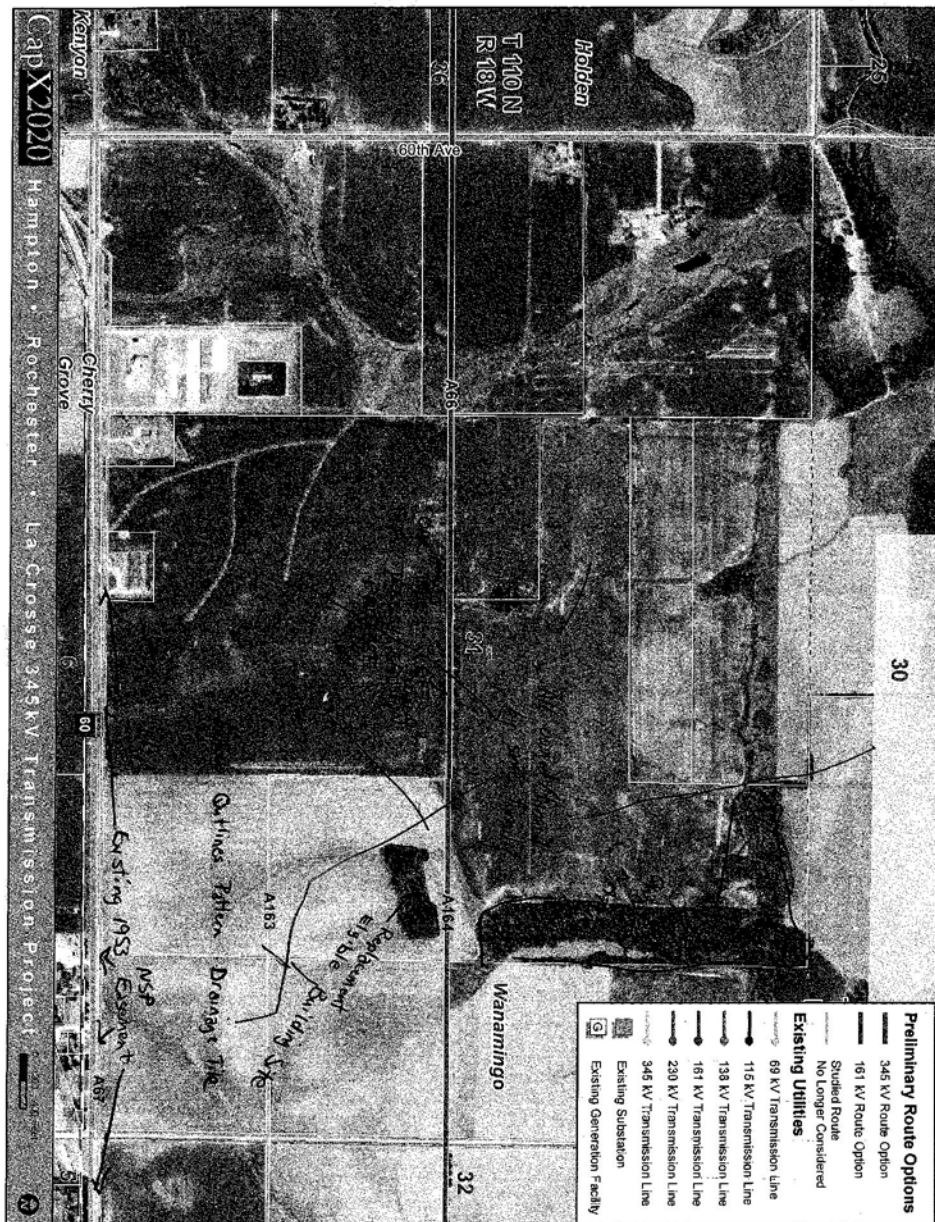
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### I-150-002

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would pay for land rights based on an independent appraisal and will work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

### I-150-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE.  
Please submit comments by the following means:  
• Leave this form at the open house.  
• Mail the form or a letter to the address below.  
• Submit comments electronically at [www.capx2020.com/comments.html](http://www.capx2020.com/comments.html).  
Please mail this form or electronically submit your comments by January 11, 2009.

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We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions on the SE Twin Cities-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV Transmission Project and return your completed form today or mail by January 11, 2009. Your comments will help us plan and implement the project. Thank you.  
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How did you hear about this meeting?  
☐ Newsletter ☒ Flyer ☐ Internet  
☐ Newspaper ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the specific area(s) of the project that are of interest to you.  
☐ Hampton Center Substation Siting Area ☐ Wisconsin-Mississippi River Crossing  
☐ Cannon River/Cannon Falls Area ☐ La Crosse-Mississippi River Crossing  
☐ U.S. Highway 52 Corridor ☐ Mississippi River Crossing  
☒ MN Highway 55/50 Corridor ☐ North La Crosse Substation Siting Area  
☐ Rochester Area ☐ Wisconsin Corridor  
☐ Interstate Highway 90 Corridor ☐ North Rochester 151-kV Corridor

Other Area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the following criteria that are important to you for routing in the specific area(s)?  
☐ Visual and Aesthetic Resources ☒ Priority to Residents  
☐ Land Use (Agriculture, Recreation) ☒ Water Resources (Wetlands/Floodplains)  
☐ Biological Resources ☐ Historic and Cultural Sites  
☒ Radio and Television Interference ☐ Noise  
☒ Health and Safety ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Please use the space below to provide comments on the specific area(s) and routing criteria for the project as identified on the previous page.

Specific concerns: MAP A-6B Cherry Grove Twp. Sect. 546

- ① Application of John Fertilizer on corn at heading corn is at max height so it must be done by air. Practice is just getting started by doing potato ridges. The website at <http://n.b5x.net/1/4/613636474/Crop-Insights-2.pdf> How are these losses figured into a perpetual easement payment? (untreated land under the lines and where access cannot get close enough due to power lines)

I-150-004

I-150-007

Line construction/maintenance would not follow roads so all construction equipment would compact fields decreasing yields for years in areas equipment drove and used. Pattern tile drainage lines cause water to go and are important to crop growth and maybe damaged during needed repairs. Many times these repairs have resulted in sediment with the lines which shows up in the main lines years later as a plugged line down the drainage basin from the repaired lines. Some of these drain tiles are only 3' deep and 45' apart on top on other lines 4' deep 90' apart. This was done due to the high water table / springs in Sect. 6. The occupant house at 46673 10th Ave has a 35' deep well caused with limestone that has always met the farm water needs. These are indicative of a very high water table only feet from the proposed line.

- ③ Farm machinery stored in shed 20' from proposed line (at 46673 10th Ave) is almost all equipped with electronic GPS equipment used for steering, planting, sprayer boom controls with mapping down to 1" spacing (GPS/Mach of its required records), harvesting records, etc. kept electronically on compact flash cards or PDA's. Data cards.

I-150-005

I-150-006

I've heard that the 345 kv line near Goodhue / Rembert has interfered with these electronic systems. Satellite dishes, cell phone tower, & GPS satellites all need access to south facing sky so will these lines interfere? Cell phone antennas are used in the yard and wireless internet in shed is served from the house, will there be interference? Personal safety from electric fields located this close to the line for 8 to 10 hours some days this close to the line is also questioned?

Please share your thoughts on the public involvement process and the public open house meetings held to date:

I feel the information / notification has been good. The meetings do allow us to voice concerns but whether they are taken into consideration is always in question but at least we have the opportunity to offer input. The Dec 18th Citizen Public Meeting had a very nice, helpful young lady from Duane working at it. She was very good at helping us.

Please provide any other comments on the SE Twin Cities-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV Transmission Project.

All routes should run along either roads or existing right of ways. Hwy 52 route / I-90, because the deal break as no farming runs through these areas and the busier highway etc. stops at these roads. If that could resolve the easement money (continued travelling as c.w. with any site official / interviewed it could help them but not be positive publicity for the CapX2020 project. Hwy 52 corridor is the shortest, most logical route for this line.

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General public scoping for the NEPA process will be initiated in February 2008 for the SE Twin Cities - Rochester - La Crosse 345-kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the scoping list, you will be notified when these meetings are scheduled. Please plan to confirm your involvement in the process and provide your comments when the proposed transmission line corridors are related to alternative routes. We appreciate your input.

Continued on separate sheet.

## I-150-004

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would provide compensation in the form of a one-time easement payment to property owners who host transmission lines. Property owners would retain ownership of the land and may continue to use the land around transmission structures. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

## I-150-005

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

## I-150-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

## I-150-007

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

Continuation of Comments Jeff Davidson  
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 jcdavidson@frontiernet.net

I-150-008

A-60 In Section 31 of Wauwamingo Township  
 Instead of going through our field for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west of 70<sup>th</sup>  
 Ave, go north at 70<sup>th</sup> Ave for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile then west along  
 property line. It still is our property on one side or both  
 for the next mile but it makes farming much easier for planting/  
 conservation purposes and it doesn't change the cost or number  
 of poles for the line.

I-150-009

A-67 If you choose the Hwy 56/60 route this is the much  
 preferred route. Xcel (WSP) already have poles/consent from the ASD's  
 which are in the field along Hwy 60. We feel this could be a win/win  
 situation as we were told (at Cannon Falls Mtg. Spring 09) that the existing  
 line can be added to these <sup>new</sup> poles so we would have fewer poles to farm  
 around in the one mile that this line presently and in the future would  
 affect us. This route permits road access for construction/maintenance,  
 minimizes drainage tile damage/interference and allows the continued  
 farming including aerial applications of fungicides to corn as the  
 poles use the road/ditches as a portion of the R-O-W. Mn-Dot  
 would also receive a portion of the R-O-W fees.

### I-150-008

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### I-150-010

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Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
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*personal care from lawyers who care*

July 8, 2009

Ms. Stephanie A. Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
USDA Rural Utilities Service  
1400 Independence Avenue SW  
Mail Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Re: CapX 2020  
Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse Route Options

Dear Ms. Strength:

We represent Dr. David Lowe and his family with regard to power line routing issues. I write on behalf of the Lowes to strongly object to the proposed routing option that would place a power line directly overhead of the Lowe home.

The proposed power line option at issue here is one of two route options for the north/south 161 kV transmission line running east of Rochester, Minnesota, from the Southeast Rochester/Chester substation northward. The Lowes' home is in the very southwest corner of the southwest quarter of Section 2 in Haverhill Township, Olmsted County, Minnesota. The west-most of the two proposed power line routes is depicted on the CapX 2020 detailed maps as being directly over their home. A copy of the relevant portion of the map is enclosed showing the Lowe property. The home is built only 100 feet or so from the west property line, so if the transmission line follows the property line, the Lowe home would be well within the set back zone, and closer to the transmission corridor than the height of the proposed power line. This is unacceptable from both a safety and aesthetic perspective.

The path of this east-most proposed route is gerrymandered to avoid other residences, and it clearly is a less suitable option than the west-most proposed route.

With this letter Dr. Lowe wants to express in the most vigorous way possible that he will not willingly accept this proposed route, will not ever agree to an easement for such a route, will not



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give up his home, and will take all legal steps available to challenge, delay and otherwise make unsuitable this proposed power line route option that would endanger his family and destroy the aesthetics of his rural home.

Respectfully submitted,

KLAMPE, DELEHANTY & MORRIS, LLC

  
Mark W. Delehanty

MWD/je  
Enclosure

Cc: David Lowe  
CapX 2020, attn: Jim Alders, 414 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401  
People's Cooperative Power  
Dairyland Power Cooperative

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What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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in Section 9

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July 7-09

Stephanie Strength:

I-154-001

My opinion on this Capx 2020 project is that it is not needed. Electric power demand is going down and with all the effort that is being put forth on energy savings, the demand will either be stagnant or decline further. Once this line is complete the cost will be put on the backs of the rate payers. I am seriously looking into setting up some solar or wind generation on a small scale because right now my electric bill is out of this world!!

The home heating businesses in our area are getting into geo-thermal - solar - and wind for sources of energy. Our electric generating system that we have now is too big and we need to decent-

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size our system. If this powerline gets built that will give me an added incentive to get off the grid entirely. The technology is there to do it.

Sincerely,

Marvin Dworschak

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Fountain City, WI 54629

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Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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*See attached document.*

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Please tell us how to reach you.

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June 23, 2009

Julie & Kevin Ellingson  
7880 100<sup>th</sup> Street N.W.  
Pine Island, MN 5563

Dear Stephanie Strength,

I am writing in response to CapX2020's tentative plan to place a 161 kv high voltage power line on or near our property. I would like them to consider other options.

I-155-002

My concern is how the possibility of a high voltage power line, near my home, will affect my life. As a result of a chemical poisoning 17 years ago, I have a significant number of health concerns that wouldn't typically concern the average person. Because of this, my husband and I searched for many years to find a property that would fit our requirements. We couldn't have farms fields or neighbors near us that would spray chemicals. We couldn't be near any industrial area or near high traffic roads with exhaust fumes, because of my acute sensitivity to anything with petroleum fumes. Also, I didn't want to be near any high voltage power lines. I won't take up your time with the whole list of criteria. The long and the short of it is that we finally found this property where we built our home. We put extensive research and time into constructing a healthy house, certified by *The American Lung Association*. We constructed our home with mostly alternative materials that didn't contain many of the toxic chemicals in traditional building products. We made our home handicap accessible, in the event that my health deteriorated further. We didn't want to be exposed to magnetic fields, so we routed all the high current wires to lesser-used locations of the house, and placed the electrical panel in the garage. We were careful to place lighting transformers away from highly used areas, and we used electronic fluorescent-lamp ballasts, rather than magnetic, to lower the strength of the magnetic field. Because of all these special considerations, our home cost us 25% more to build.

I-155-003

I understand that CapX2020's official position is that there is not sufficient evidence indicating that EMF's pose a significant health hazard. I would have to respectfully disagree with that. It appears that the majority of the studies that refute this theory are funded by The Electric Power Research Institute, which is sponsored by electric utilities. There is a great deal of research into the biological effects of electromagnetic radiation, and how it affects a cell's membrane, how it affects calcium flow from the cells to the brain, and it's affect on how

cells communicate with each other. The U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, has a summary of the most significant studies that have been done.

If they were to place a high voltage power line near our home, our only alternative would be to move. However, I'm sure you can see how difficult that would be for us, given the criteria that a new location would have to meet. If we sold our home now, we would not recover the additional 25% that we spent to build our home specifically for my health needs. In addition, a high voltage power line on our property would devalue the property 10%. If you add to that the state of a down housing market, I'm sure you can see the tremendous loss we would incur as a result of their decision to place a high voltage power line near our home. We built our home with a plan to stay here until retirement, and we are prepared to fight to do that.

We ask that you take our situation into consideration when evaluating the route plans.

Sincerely,



Julie Ellingson

I-155-001

#### I-155-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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#### I-155-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-155-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



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Which meeting did you attend? 6 or more, the last at Danawingo on 6-17-09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-156-002) Prime farmland
- I-156-001) Interfering with two irrigation systems
- Crops
- More expensive than 52 route
- I don't think we need this through our farm for the attraction of it
- I-156-003) It will interfere with the breeding of our horse business that is done here.

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I-156-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-156-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-156-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use as well as social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-156-004

Your comment has been noted.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*it's in section 344 - the map will  
show Hampton Township, Dakota County  
Minnesota*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*Land Use - Irrigation systems  
Interfering with horse breeding*

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

*I don't like the lack of deadlines for comments being so subjective.*

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: *Mary Lou Endres, Melvin Endres*

Representing (Optional):

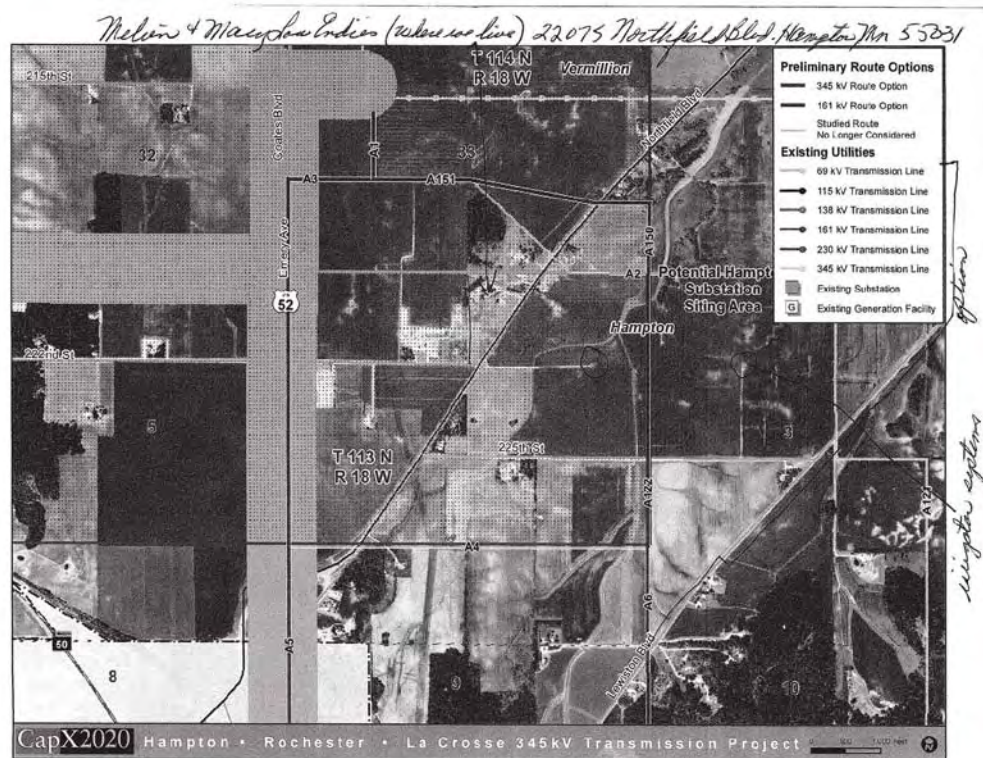
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City: *Hampton* State: *Minnesota* Zip Code: *55031*

Daytime Phone (Optional): *651-437-9654*

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Which meeting did you attend? Centerville, WI, 6/1

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
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- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
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- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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☐ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your <sup>overall</sup> property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Ovoid Lowland Forests &  
Sensitive biological communities

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-157-009

Biological - Critical Habitats for plants,  
& animals, especially endangered, threatened  
& special concern species and biological  
communities such as lowland floodplain  
forest.

I-157-001

Social/Health siting in highly populated  
areas.

I-157-010

Cultural - Several Archaeological sites exist  
near the Mississippi River & tributaries

#### I-157-001

Your letter/comment card has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and will be available on the RUS website at:

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-157-002 Very poor presentation of information related to natural resources, existing corridors vs new corridors.
- I-157-003 Critical Areas for biological plants & animal communities not available.
- I-157-004 Maps of proposed routes as handouts not easily obtained
- I-157-005 GIS maps not self explanatory
- I-157-006 Overheard some of the "staff" planning DNR & FWS for moving possible route through Blair without explaining their concerns.
- I-157-007 Overall considering the number of "staff" & resources available, this was a very poor presentation - also very poorly justified.

Please tell us how to reach you. Only one copy of report available for inspection on site

CONTACT INFORMATION

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City: Holmen, WI State: 54636 Zip Code:

Daytime Phone (Optional):

- I-157-008 This comment sheet is not adequate.

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I-157-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife and vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-157-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-157-002.

I-157-004

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com).

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I-157-005

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response XXX

I-157-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife, vegetation, and wetlands will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-157-007

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**I-157-008**

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response XXX

**I-157-009**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to federal and state listed wildlife and vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-157-010**

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? St Charles - was represented by our Warren twp officer Everett Roling.

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-158-001 Using the existing line to save farm land and wildlife.

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### I-158-001

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**I-158-002**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☒ Other: wild life

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Warren twp. Winona County, Minnesota.

We have not logged our woods, and release turkeys yearly. My husband has made  
three ponds on our farm for the wildlife and we plant pine tree for small animal  
shelter. We feel this line would defiantly hinder our work/enjoyment of wildlife.  
Plus, moving equipment around poles and wire lines while farming doesn't sound  
very fun...

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Please read above! We enjoy our peaceful land, we do not allow trappers, we  
do not hunt. We do enjoy walks and rides looking for wildlife, paw prints and  
eggs or babies, that's how we enjoy our family time on the farm.

I-158-002



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Everett stated it was very well presented and questions were very welcomed.

Thanks, Sue

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: Sue & Terry Hackbarth

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: Winona State: MN 55987 Zip Code:

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Which meeting did you attend? CFC school

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- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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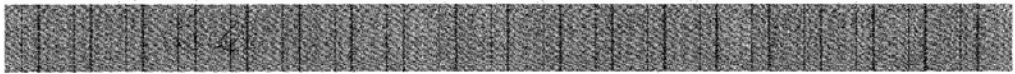
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- ☐ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☒ Other: Hunting land

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

1 mile north of Cochrane, 4 mi. East of Hwy 35  
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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-159-001

The only sensitive resources in the area  
are the farm fields  
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#### I-159-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes

We need those power lines and dam all for it.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Daytime Phone (Optional): 608 248 2243

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☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*Holden Township*

*Our township has the highest rating for soil production in the country. Taking acreage out of production, by damage or farming around, would not be good.*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*Most of the farmers in our township are good conservationists. They leave natural growth, including mature trees, along the property line for wildlife and birds. They preserve waterways and lowland areas. These would be eliminated by this project.*

*It makes more sense to use an established commercial/industrial corridor, like Highway 52, instead of disturbing exceptional farmland.*

#### I-160-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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I-160-001



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Which meeting did you attend?

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- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Livestock and cropland

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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5420 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue S.W.  
Rochester, MN 55902  
July 5, 2009

Stephanie A. Strength  
11400 Independence Ave. S.W. MAIL STOP 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Re: Cap X 2020 Rochester – LaCrosse 345 KV Project Routes B17 & B18 RUS EIS

Dear Ms Strength:

We support, respect, and appreciate the need to plan for the future and meet the growth demands for electrical services in S.E. Minnesota caused by the growth in both population and business in the area. Likewise, today's need for personal stress relief with quiet and solitude or leisure activities and leisure open space is a growing situation and priority in people's lives. Public and private recreational areas, residential sites close to nature, and adjacency to water away from the pressures of urban city living, is a highly sought after and premium commodity for this reason. This section of the Zumbro river valley and Lake Zumbro are the closest adjacency to Rochester and one of the few useable lakes and rivers in S.E. Minnesota. To run a 345 K.V. high pole power line through this rural community is a hard-core, maximum impact, incompatible industrial intrusion, and should not be done. What is the total impact?

- Personal impact: Purchased 80 acres to provide future personal home site and residential development at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars.
- Invested tens of thousands of dollars to create a roadway access over 2,400 feet long to building sites.
- Invested several thousand dollars to get electric services into property.
- I am very concerned about the visual as well as electrical and magnetic field impact on my use of this property, especially my location being developed as a home site. It is only 100 to 300 feet from the proposed route B18 center line.
- I am concerned about the noise issues that come with high power lines. Included is the power "hum" at quiet times and the "whistle" created by high winds along the bluffs. How disruptive are these items to the serenity of the valley?
- This portion of the bluff has a substantial iron content in the subsurface rock. (a mining company once owned it with the intent of mining iron ore.) How does this impact or extend the magnetic field influence?
- My property value, resale and future residential development potential will be substantially impaired with the power line running full length of the property. What is this loss?
- If necessary, I am prepared to hire appraisal and legal counsel to cause an adversarial take of the entire 80 acres due to the negative impacts if this route is chosen.
- Routing a major trunk power line through this location along the bluffs and across the Lake Zumbro would present a major negative visual impact both upstream and downstream through the heart of this beautiful, rural community setting. What is the magnitude of the impact on the quality of life in the adjacent area?

## I-161-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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## I-161-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-161-005

I-161-006

I-161-007

I-161-008

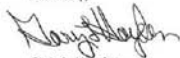
I-161-001

I-161-002

- I-161-003** • The bluffland zoning ordinance in this area is highly controlling for any visual impact or disruption to the bluffs. Construction of roads and buildings by individual landowners is prohibited in this zone for that reason. Should a power line be exempted from this policy/philosophy?
- I-161-009** • The Minnesota D.N.R. has previously considered and is currently pursuing a "scenic and wild river" formal designation for this area to preserve the natural beauty of the river, bluffs and valley for the benefit of the general public. How does the proposed power line fit it?
- Topography along this route rises up to 320 feet vertically from the river to the bluff top (El 860 – El. 1180).
- There are numerous steep slopes, cross slopes and ravines to be crossed with the route identified. Some slopes are in the 90 foot vertical rise per 100 foot horizontal distance category.
- I-161-010** • A portion of the soils along the river terraces are very sandy and highly erodible. Construction and maintenance traffic is detrimental and is an environmental risk. Currently there are locations in this area with serious erosion caused by past logging operations. What is the potential impact from the power line clearing, construction, and ongoing maintenance?
- I-161-011** • There is a longstanding occupied eagle's nest along this river bluff within 100 feet of route B18. Are high voltage power lines compatible with this and the waterfowl nesting areas along this river?
- I-161-012** • Maintenance access to service this area would be quite difficult. In addition to the slope and cross slope issues, there are few roads in the area. Access would need to come from the east end and travel the easement right of way over very rugged terrain for over a mile to access the westerly portions of this route. Is this the best route for maintenance needs?
- I-161-013** • There are two private Christian camps adjacent to our property: Camp Victory abuts our west property line and is a large growing summer camp for children and year around adult retreats. They have their primitive tent camping all along the bluff terrace where route B18 is proposed. Woodland Camp, a long established camp for children and adult groups lays full length along our south property line and would be significantly impacted by route B18. Route B18 goes directly through their camp and could well put them out of business. Is that appropriate and necessary?
- I-161-004** Notwithstanding, we suggest serious consideration of meeting the power grid expansion by utilizing existing roadway and utility easements and right of way, such as the County Highway 12 and 247 corridors that already disrupt the countryside environmentally. Another option would be to transverse this area further north at a location with lesser scenic bluffland, environmental, recreational, and residential impacts.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my concerns and better understand the environmental impacts of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Hayden

(507) 289-6744

### I-161-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Bluffland ordinances are outside of the RUS jurisdiction, however the routing process will follow established statutes.

### I-161-004

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

### I-161-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-161-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-161-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from operational noise will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-161-008**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to geology and soil resources caused by the transmission lines will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-161-009**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-161-010**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to geology and soil resources caused by the transmission lines will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-161-011**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-161-012**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-161-013**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

Stephanie A Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist/RD  
1400 Independence Ave SW Room # 2244  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

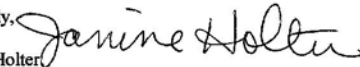
Dear Stephanie A Strength

I am writing you as a concerned citizen against CAPX2020 a 1.7 billion dollar high tower power transmission line that big energy companies are trying to force upon Minnesotans. Please do what you can to oppose this effort:

- I-162-001 | 1. Updated forecasts of electric peak demand do not support the need for the CapX2020 ultra high voltage power line projects, including the La Crosse Project;
- I-162-005 | 2. The CapX2020 La Crosse ultra high voltage power line will cause environmental harm — including visual impacts in scenic corridors, health risks due to electro-magnetic fields, decline in property values, loss of prime agricultural land, risks to rare and endangered species, fragmentation of habitat in a national wildlife refuge, and bird mortality along the Mississippi Flyway.
- I-162-002 | 3. The La Crosse Project should be considered with other CapX2020 power lines which create the potential for transmission of coal power east from the Dakotas to load centers east of Minnesota. The environmental consequences of coal and coal pollution due to the La Crosse line result in additional adverse impacts of the project.
- I-162-003 | 4. Conservation, local generation and local transmission can solve any local reliability issues at a much lower cost to ratepayers without damaging the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge, Scenic Byways and other protected natural resources that would be impaired by the La Crosse Project and without providing transmission from distant coal plants;
- I-162-006 | 5. Taxpayers should not finance any portion of the CapX2020 La Crosse Project through the USDA Rural Utilities Service.

On a personal note, I have had the pleasure of hunting and fishing in SE Minnesota. The beauty in SE Minnesota is unmatched in the state. I also know many fine taxpaying citizens who live or have retired to this area. One I know in particular has the proposed power line cutting his beautiful farm in half, with the power line proposed over his home! This farm has been confirmed by the MN DNR to have rare endangered plants. What a shame if this fact is ignored! The cost of this project is not worth the destruction of such a beautiful area. If it must be built, which I question its necessity; it should follow already established corridors and highways.

Sincerely,

  
Janine Holter  
610 Nelson Blvd  
Montrose MN

## I-162-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

## I-162-002

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid.

While the CapX2020 projects involve four independent projects being developed in a similar time frame with some of the same of utilities participating, the Purpose and Need for the CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV Project was developed and proven independently of the other CapX2020 projects. The Alternative Evaluation Study addresses project Purpose and Need. It is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>, which has been approved by the RUS.

The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

**I-162-003**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-162-004**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

**I-162-005**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line, health and safety, socioeconomic resources, agriculture, wildlife, and vegetation will all be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-162-006**

Your comment has been noted. Dairyland Power Cooperative, one of the CapX2020 utilities, has requested financial assistance from USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), for Dairyland's anticipated 11 percent ownership interest in the proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kilovolt transmission line project. RUS has determined that its funding of Dairyland's ownership interest is a federal action and therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). RUS is the lead agency for both NEPA and Section 106 review.

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☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list.

Which meeting did you attend? St Charles (-by proxy-)  
MN

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need — Electricity Demand is falling past several years
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources — In Valley, Towers are 2 1/2 Valley Depth
- ☒ Proximity to residences — Too close to my house → decreases value
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation) [See below]
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors) —
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites — Crosses very close to Native burial sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety — I have to drive under every day ~ 4x
- ☒ Other: Blinking Tower lights on 3 sides of me  
as lines come off ridge - into valley & back up on another ridge

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- ① In Winona Transmission Lines Cross  
Pleasant Valley (County Rd 17) Through  
last open spaces in Area City of Winona has and  
is annexing from Wilson Township - intended building  
sites for ~ 500 homes.
- ② Crosses Native prairie, interferes with Mississippi  
Flyway. Crosses Agahaming Park + Preserve  
in Winona. Important nesting & feeding site for  
listed (rare, threatened, endangered) species

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
but also large gardens + orchard; Spectacular  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I live in Pleasant Valley along Side <sup>Winans</sup> County Road 17  
in Wilson Township. I have retired and will  
sell my home in next few years. Power line  
nearby (2-4 miles) and under which I will have  
to drive will decrease the value of my property.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

- Crosses Native ~~hills~~ ridge Side <sup>Pleasant</sup> <sup>Valley</sup> <sup>Winans</sup>  
- Crosses near or over Native American <sup>Winans</sup>  
burial sites (depending on precise location)

Fragments Miss Valley Bluff forests which are  
critical for small bird migration + feeding/resting spots

Crosses through Winans's Agassiz Park + Preserve —  
a wildlife Refuge + home to bird + mammal species  
concern species

Power line corridor construction will vastly spread  
invasive species of a major concern here: common + glossy buckthorn,  
garlic mustard, leafy spurge, honeysuckle, Queen Anne's lace,  
wild parsnip

### I-163-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-163-002

Ver View

Apparently did not mention that U.S. electricity needs are falling for past several years - as described in Wall Street Journal and several technical/scientific journals I subscribe to.

I-163-003

~~Adequately~~ Did not adequately address fairness of me and most other Minnesota residents in paying for power lines when the power is not coming from power lines owned for points east of Minnesota should NOT be at our expense.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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State: MN

Zip Code: 55987

Daytime Phone (Optional):

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-163-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-163-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-163-002.

I-163-004

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-163-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-163-006

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-163-005.

I-163-007

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Waukegan, IL

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety

I-164-002 ☒ Other: Effects on farmers working the fields and defibrillators

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

If Live goes thru - farmers with defibrillators operating  
machinery can't get close to the line. will have  
to hire people to work fields + harvest close to + under lines.

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*Property Value Decreasing*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

#### I-164-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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#### I-164-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

I-165-001

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need AS PLANNED NOW, IN NORTHEAST ROCHESTER, IF THE B120 LINE IS USED, THIS WOULD PLACE A 61KV, 164KV, AND 345KV LINE ALL WITHIN A 1/2 MILE OF EACH OTHER. WHY NOT USE OR UPGRADE THE EXISTING 69KV OR 161KV LINES? AGAIN WHY NOT USE EXISTING ROUTES?
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings) THE B120 ROUTE OPTION IS PLANNED TO RUN DIRECTLY OVER THE TOP OF OUR HOME
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety — AS ABOVE, MY FAMILY AND I WILL BE LIVING RIGHT UNDERNEATH THE B120 LINE
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-165-002

PLEASE USE EXISTING ROUTES.

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### I-165-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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### I-165-002

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-165-001.



If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

NORTHEAST ROCHESTER, UNDERNEATH PLANNED B120 LINE

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-165-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed for the project to be completed?

NO, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY EVERY EFFORT IS NOT BEING MADE TO USE EXISTING ROUTES AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-165-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-165-001.

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Which meeting did you attend? June 23, 2009 10:00 a.m.  
at Radisson Hotel in La Crosse, WI

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: Actually, all of the above are important.

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Eastern MN & Western WI - the driftless area, has  
beautiful bluffs & valleys. The city of  
La Crosse, and the nearby area, continue to  
work hard to preserve the beauty of  
this area. Although I don't consider the  
windmills to be ugly, the idea of huge  
power lines moving across MN & WI makes me  
wonder if this is the correct way to produce  
electricity.

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☐ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-166-001

I believe Crossing the Mississippi R.  
at any point will have some serious  
biological impacts. Also, the footprint  
of these huge poles needed for  
the power lines will be much  
wider than present lines. Think of  
the disturbance that this will create  
environmentally!

#### I-166-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife, vegetation, and wetlands will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-166-002

*the project description was fine —  
purpose and need not clear  
to me*

I-166-003

*I wish we could move away from the  
idea of huge utilities providing  
the energy needs of an area. I  
wish we could move toward more  
local community provision of  
energy: solar panels on residences, businesses,  
etc.; hydroelectricity produced by <sup>runoff</sup> rivers; using  
waste gases for energy; etc.*

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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City: La Crosse State: WI Zip Code: 54601  
Daytime Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-166-002

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-166-003

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-166-004

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-166-003.



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Which meeting did you attend?

Plainview, Mn

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- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Proximity to Residential because of health & safety concerns. Being close to dairy farms where they would have to work under the power lines a lot, and the negative effect the lines could have on their dairy operations.

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☐ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

My address is 4514 Hwy 247 N.E. Elgin, MN. 55932. I live along Route B43-B118-B162 (on the map). The power line is running down the fence line behind my house which is within 25 yards of the fence. There is also two other residential homes in close proximity to where the line would be running. I believe that routes B-93-B159-B162, ~~SE~~ B93-B161-B160 would be a better alternative with less impact on homes, dairy farms and agriculture use.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Recreational because of closehess to homes with health and safety concerns, the effect on the land with the operation of Dairy farms and other agriculture use in the Project area.

#### I-167-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

*I would just say that the people in the project areas being considered need to be kept updated.*

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

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☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Plainview Mn June 16/09

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I have A DAIRY farm with crops  
and ALFALFA. I AM IN ALFALFA FIELDS  
20 times year cutting RAKES, BALING, feeding,  
etc. will have to work AROUND poles  
and under these LINES every Spring, Summer & Fall  
See MAP showing contours & STRIPS

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**If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:**

- ☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.**

"See Attached"

**In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?**



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Special uses and circumstances on our property that should be considered when assessing the Project.**

Our property is located in Sec 16 Farmington Township, Olmsted County, Minnesota.

The Capx 2020 electric lines are proposed to run down the middle of our property. Our Dairy farm has very hilly land and we therefore have a large number of crop contours on our farm. We have a high proportion of Alfalfa hay production because of rolling land (*See Reference #1*). We harvest our hay 4 times a year we spend a lot of time in the alfalfa fields. We plant the hay, spray for insects, fertilize the hay, cut the hay, rake the hay, bale the hay each harvest so we are on the land at least 20 times a year. This will make the power lines inconvenient for us versus a corn and soybean farmer which may go over their land 3 times a year. **We think a better solution is to run the power line to County RD 11 (B160 on the map) and then go south on Co Rd 11 because it will not be running down the middle of the fields and instead will be on the edge of Co RD 11 or to run the power line down B159.**

There are 3 dairy farms along the current proposal that will be badly affected by the power lines and there are **no** dairy farms along Co Rd 11(B160) or down route (B159). There are also a lot less farm residences on Co Rd 11 and down route B159 than under the current proposal.

The proposal of running the power line through the middle of our land is going to decrease the value of our land substantially. You can imagine the financial impact this will have on us. Even if we never sell the property, and our children inherit the land, it reduces the value that we or our future generations can borrow against the land. If the power lines can be run down on the edge of a road it will not put as much financial hardship on our farm property that is why we also like running the power line down Co Rd 11(B160) or down B159.

We also understand that the easement rights will be half as expensive if the power line is shifted to a road versus down the middle of our property. We therefore believe there are better alternatives than the current on running through the middle of our farm.

**I-168-001**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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**I-168-002**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project and socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by July 25, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

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Which meeting did you attend? Watched on TV - Winona City Hall

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: See Document

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

1. Court challenges and legal costs of valuations for taken/condemned property in a municipal environment.
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- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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I-169-001

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1. Our environmental and esthetic resources in our valley are vital to tourism for the beauty of the Bluffs and the recreational use of the Bridges Golf Course. Touring Midwest bicycle group comes here yearly to be challenged by the bluffs route on Hwy. 17 as well as a yearly classic automobile clubs to tour up our Hwy.
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3. From a biological standpoint, I am not only concerned about the regional and migrating birds, rare or endangered animals and delicate and perhaps endangered plant species in the proposed path of these lines, but I am very concerned about the health and human exposure to the electromagnetic forces and radiation. The proposed lines would be within blocks of our Middle School, and would expose and endanger the young lives of all of our entire school district children. It is also within, I believe a mile of our Vocational School. It has been proven in research studies that these line have been a contributing factor in the rise of Leukemia and Chronic Fatigue Immune Deficiency Syndrome as presented at the International CFS Conference in Madison, Wisconsin in 2006. I still have the research paper in my file. Our most valuable resource is the lives and health of our children.
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I-169-003

#### I-169-001

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#### I-169-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-169-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



**In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?**

Document is attached.

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June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Re: Public Scoping Meeting For An Environmental Impact Statement  
CAPX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-KV Transmission Line Project


To the CAPX2020 Administrative Body:

I oppose the development of the **CAPX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-KV Transmission Line Project** through the proposed Winona corridor which will cross the Mississippi River.

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- 1) Environmental issues associated with the increased electromagnetic forces along the route of the proposed Winona corridor. The environmental issues include plant and wildlife species.
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- 3) Impact on residential development along the proposed Winona corridor.  
  
The limited amount of residential land available limits the development of a strong industrial base. The lack of housing diminishes the opportunity for manufacturing development.
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Sincerely yours,



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My property:

I am concerned for the devaluation of my property because of the following:

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4. My husband is an amateur radio operator and the electromagnetic forces including the associated radiation would significantly impair his radio reception or broadcasting. He also has used his abilities and station for civil defense and emergency services which have been vital for storm and other emergency services to our region.
- I-169-004 5. The power lines would probably interfere with our radio and TV reception since the main TV, Radio, and Internet service line is not buried in our area leaving it fully exposed in the air to noise interference creating fuzzy TV pictures as well as radio static and internet difficulties with grounding etc.

Sensitive Resources:

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#### I-169-004

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

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June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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To the CAPX2020 Administrative Body:

I-170-001 I oppose the development of the CAPX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-KV Transmission Line Project through the proposed Winona corridor which will cross the Mississippi River.

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Sincerely yours,

  
Thomas E. Mauszycki D.D.S.

#### I-170-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at:  
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Which meeting did you attend? Plainview 6/16/2009

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Costs to clear land.

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- ☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

- Our land is enrolled in the  
Land Stewardship program.  
- The value of our property will be greatly  
reduced.  
- Our plans to sell our property in the near  
future will be difficult until the actual  
route is defined.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Biological: Section B32 runs along our  
southern border. The entire area of which consists  
of woods and a fence row. The fence row is a stand  
of 100 year old oak trees. Habitat for bees, birds and  
mammals will be eliminated along with a much  
needed wind break. You could not build a  
power line in a worse place.  
Please see our attached memo.

#### I-171-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes.

Please tell us how to reach you.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## CapX2020 Environmental Concerns

I-171-003

Section B32 of the proposed CapX power line runs along the southern border of our property. The entire area of which consists of woods and a fencerow. The fencerow is a stand of 100-year-old oak trees. These trees, along with a wide swatch of grass underneath, have been left undisturbed for years and for good reason. It provides habitat for pheasants, deer, turkeys and birds. Bees nest in multiple trees and migrating Monarch butterflies use it to rest during migration. Sitting high on a ridge, the fencerow provides a much-needed windbreak to prevent land erosion.

I-171-002

We purchased this land in 1996. Shortly after purchase we enrolled the land in the Minnesota Land Stewardship program. Our desire to protect this land was our intent, and now more than ever remains our passion. In our opinion, optional routes along roads and exiting easements should be used for the proposed power line.

Consider the current environmental conditions. Bee's; a vital link in our existence are on the decline. Pheasants find fewer places to inhabit due to fewer fencerows and a decline in CRP acres. Think about all the efforts and money spent by the ASCS to limit land erosion. Groups like Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited and the Sierra club, donate large amounts of time and dollars to protect and provide habitat. Who hasn't been exposed to today's hottest buzzwords, "Going Green" and "environmentally friendly"?

To ignore such efforts and build a power line forever destroying vital habitat would be a shame. To hold public environmental meetings only to proceed without total regard to public interest would be hypocrisy. To disrupt the ecosystem when other options are available would demonstrate profound irresponsibility.

"To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent thinking".  
Aldo Leopold.

Daniel & Jane McCann  
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Millville MN 55957

### I-171-002

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

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### I-171-003

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Stephanie Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
USDA, Rural Utilities Service  
Engineering and Environmental Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue , SW., Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Ms. Strength,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed route for the CapX2020 transmission lines.

This would make a very dangerous situation for my flying neighbors and myself as the towers would be constructed only a half mile away from our runway and directly in the traffic pattern.

We all moved to this airpark community because of our love of aviation. This proposed route would cause a huge devalue of our homes as well.

Please reconsider the problems this would cause to our wonderful community.



Marilyn J Niccum  
4311 Cass Court  
Webster, MN 55088

#### **I-172-001**

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I-174-002

I have property in Maypole Township sec 27 and Oakwood Township sec 27 in Walaska County. The proposed line would cross approximately 50 yards from my house. I am aware that the EMF would not cause disease but can cause changes in human physiology. It would also decrease the aesthetic value of the area. The line further crosses my farm approximately in half. I am trying to establish a conservation easement on this property. The line & maintenance would interfere with my use and enjoyment of the farm.

I-174-001

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-174-003

Human - The proposed line in Maypole Township goes past many residential areas including a recreational camp ground and Lake Umbagog. As a large number of people would be affected both by EMF and the aesthetic problem in an otherwise beautiful natural setting.

I-174-004

#### I-174-001

Your comment has been noted. Conservation easements and other existing types of property arrangements are evaluated by the applicant during the routing and siting phase of the project.

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#### I-174-002

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#### I-174-003

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#### I-174-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-174-005

The project and need was explained satisfactorily except the route the line would take. Unfortunately, the attitude seems to be a north route to Olma is the most talked about. This route goes thru the Zumbro Valley which is the most scenic in SE Minn. This area should be preserved in a natural state and the power line should go along existing roads, power line or railroads. It seems we are destroying all our natural beauty.

Please tell us how to reach you.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## I-174-005

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Plainview - June 16, 2009

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-175-004 Future / Projected / Planned land use  
I-175-003 Economic Impact on Property Value

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☒ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☒ Commercial in Future      ☒ Industrial in Future      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Property is NW of Zumbrota along Hwy 52.  
(Currently Agriculture but Zoned Industrial for the future.)

I-175-001

Locating the line on this property would put severe limits/constraints on the future development of industrial sites for the city of Zumbrota. The city already has a 345 KV line on the east side of town, this line should not be located to limit industry on this side of town also.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Land appropriately located and suited for industrial uses next to the city and major transportation Corridor.

I-175-002

The location of the line 1 mile west of this land <sup>(as currently proposed)</sup> is much more appropriate with minimal impact on residences, <sup>Land values,</sup> agriculture, and future land use.

#### I-175-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments will be solicited after its publication.

#### I-175-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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#### I-175-003

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-175-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Yes

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-356-8686

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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-176-001  Hwy 52 maybe the shortest route, but it has heavily  
trafficked, going to fast and in conditions not safe.  
So many cars and trucks go off the road. I  
would consider it risky to put cement structures and  
steel post where they could be hit by one of these  
vehicles. you would also need to go around the city  
I-176-002 of Cannon Falls. plus the road is going to be widened  
I-176-003 and some discussion of light rail.

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### I-176-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

### I-176-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

### I-176-003

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.



**If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:**

- ☒ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.**

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**In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?**

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: Cannon Falls State: Mn Zip Code: 55009

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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamings, MN

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- ☒ Proximity to residences
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- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- I-177-003 #1 Is this the best solution to the supposed increase in demand for power. Are there better alternatives?
- I-177-001 #2 Use established right of ways instead of creating new ones and opening a new corridor through rural agricultural communities that will receive limited use from this project

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### I-177-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Location: Section 28 Twp 110 Range 18 in Holden Township, Goodhue County, Minnesota.

We own a little over 3.25 acres with a woods to the South and farmland to the east and west.

There is an abundance of wildlife in the area. Early routes showed lines on all three sides of our property.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-177-007 | I'm concerned about all aspects. We live in a township striving to remain agricultural and our family farms.  
I-177-008 | I'm concerned for the farmers trying to farm around the poles and in close proximity to the lines.  
I-177-009 | I'm concerned about potential health dangers to people and wildlife and other animals.  
I-177-010 | I'm concerned about the aesthetics of the area and about interference of radio and television signals. Also, I'm concerned about property values if this project comes through our area.  
I-177-012 |

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-177-002 I'm not sure the information provided  
explains the need for this project. Data showing  
increased demand is provided by power companies,  
I-177-004 however, that data is also being disputed. Our  
State has mandates involving renewable energy  
I-177-005 but this project relies on coal and there is a  
loss of energy when it is transmitted over great  
I-177-006 distances. I do not want to see a new  
Corridor opened up through our area.

Please tell us how to reach you.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: Annette Peters  
Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
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City: Kenyon State: MN Zip Code: 55944  
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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

**I-177-002**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

**I-177-003**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-177-004**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-177-005**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-177-006**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

**I-177-007**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



**I-177-008**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-177-009**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-177-010**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-177-011**

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

**I-177-012**

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo, MN June 17, 2009

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- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
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- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Those aren't enough?!?

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☒ Other: Recreational

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Our property is located in Wauamigo Township between Kenyon and Wauamigo.

The "special use" of our property is that it is our home, our family farm. We, my husband & children and I, are here 24/7 along with our animals. We work, sleep and have our recreation all within this area -- walking, jogging, horseback riding, biking, playing in the creeks.

We made a choice to lead this materially poor, hard working but healthy, wholesome, family oriented existence, and have poured blood, sweat and tears into it for 20 years. Our quality of life would be diminished by the presence of a huge power line through this area -- both physically and perceptually.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

The health & safety of the "biological resources" of my family and those of my neighbors is my utmost concern. Also our animals. We don't want to live anywhere near a

great power line. Other farms around here have families on original family farms that date back to the days this area were homesteaded. That IS the culture in Goodhue County -- whether YOU value it or not, WE DO.

Additionally you would be removing from production some of the verifiably best crop land in the state.

The corridor from Hampton → Kenyon → Zumbrota is crisscrossed with innumerable creeks and wetland areas. Bald eagles are nesting & flying all around here.

Besides the obvious addition of cost/miles in detouring on Hwy 5 to go south (using Hwy 5) you would be affecting more residences, more schools (Kenyon and Wauamigo), more cropland, more wildlife habitats

And most of us in these communities live and work here, so our exposure would be greater.

#### I-178-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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#### I-178-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety as well as visual resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-178-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-178-004

Your comment has been noted. Impacts to historic and archeological resources affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-178-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife and wetlands will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-178-007

There was no presentation, although tables were there with written information which was helpful although read later. The fact that this route is coming our way was completely new news to a lot of us. I was disappointed no one had the bravado to stand up in front of a bunch of upset Kenyon & Waramingo residents and try to explain why the utility companies should be able to insert something as unwelcome and detrimental as a giant power line onto our beautiful, quiet, rural properties to aid them in marketing energy from ND & SD to points East of LaCrosse, WI to make a fortune for themselves now and into the future. Terms such as "certificate of need" and "eminent domain" sound very legal and important, but terms such as "raping and pillaging" better describe the situation from our perspective. Oh, and as for as the personal consumption -- I hang my family's clothes on a line to dry them. We have one television (no cable, no DVD, no plasma), I wash my dishes by hand... we are low end users.

I-178-008

I-178-009

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-178-006

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-178-007

Your comment has been noted.

I-178-008

Your comment has been noted.

I-178-009

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:

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- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Property values.

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial  | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____          |

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-179-001

*See enclosed letter,*

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**I-179-001**

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Please tell us how to reach you.

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Winona, MN 55987

April 7, 2009

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East  
Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Dear Secretary Haar,

This letter is to urge you *not* to grant a Certificate of Need for the CAPX2020 powerline project, especially the La Crosse line.

- There are alternatives to this line that will adequately supply power: for example, more regional supplies, such as wind power, and the use of "Smart Grid" technology.
- The reduction in usage, due to the economy and enhanced conservation measures, has made the La Crosse line unnecessary.
- No accommodations for local and/or wind power additions to CAPX2020 have been made.
- The areas being considered targets for the La Crosse powerline, for example, Pleasant Valley and the Mississippi River Valley, would sustain ecological damage and/or severe reductions in property values.

For these and *many* other reasons, please reject CAPX2020.

Thank you for your consideration,

Prof. Kevin Possin  
Chair, Philosophy Department  
Winona State University  
The Critical Thinking Lab

Ann Lavine  
Lavine & Associates  
Winona

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Which meeting did you attend? JUNE 24, 2009 - CENTERVILLE WI.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☒ Project Purpose and Need ☒

☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☒ I-180-002 ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings) - SPRAYING UNDER POWER LINES

☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☒ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-180-003 DECENTRALIZING CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS IS THE KEY  
TO OUR FUTURE. THE INCENTIVE MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO LOCAL COUNTIES TO  
COME UP WITH SMALL SCALE PROJECTS TO OFFSET ELECTRICAL  
DEMAND. THESE LARGE SCALE PROJECTS TO HAUL ELECTRICITY SEVERAL  
MILES OVERHEAD ACROSS MANY STATES IS NOT INTELLIGENT.  
 I-180-004  
 I-180-005 FROM THE SHEER WASTE TO THE HEALTH EFFECTS THIS IS TERRIBLE  
WE ALL SEE THIS IS JUST TO MAKE US MORE ENSLAVED TO  
BIG ELECTRIC COMPANIES AND THEIR SIDE BUSINESS'S.

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☐ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☒ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-180-008 | I HIKE FISH AND CAMP ALL THROUGH THESE VALLEYS  
I-180-009 | THESE LINES ARE A COMPLETE EYE SORE AND HEALTH  
I-180-010 | HAZARD. I CONSUME MANY VARIOUS THINGS FROM  
THIS AREA AS FAR AS FOOD AND YOUR SPRAYING ALONG  
WITH DESTROYING WILDLIFE HABITAT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO  
I-180-011 | ME AND MY WAY OF LIFE. THIS PROJECT IS  
COMPLETELY UNNEEDED; DECENTRALIZING AND GIVING RESIDENTIAL  
HOMES THE MONEY YOU GUYS ARE PUSHING FOR IS THE ANSWER  
GIVING US TAXPAYERS OUR TAX DOLLARS TO GO SOLAR

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-180-012 | IT IS ALL VALUABLE! YOU ARE GOING TO CLEAR CUT  
I-180-013 | THE AREA 300' WIDE THEN ERECT TOWERS THAT EMIT  
STRAY VOLTAGE AND IONIZE PARTICLES. NOT TO MENTION  
THAT YOU CAN NO LONGER HIKE DOWN THERE AROUND OR  
UNDER THE LINES AS WELL AS HUNT OR FISH UNDER  
I-180-014 | THEM. ALSO YOU WILL SPRAY RANDOM CHEMICAL UNDERNEATH  
THEM EVERY YEAR TO KILL INDISCRIMINATELY WHAT YOU  
DEEM A NUISANCE. WITH ALL THE CHEMICALS SPRAYED  
EVERYWHERE WHAT DOES SURVIVE? AND WHAT ARE THE  
INTERACTIONS AND TOXIC SIDE EFFECTS OF MIXING ALL  
THESE CHEMICALS AND ALLOWING THEM TO GET BACK INTO  
OUR WATER SUPPLY



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-180-001 NO! IT WAS NOT EXPLAINED WELL. SOME OF THE CHARTS AND GRAPHS YOU USED FOR STATISTICS ARE SKEWED AND FROM EARLIER YEARS SUCH AS 2002, 2003, AND 2004 SINCE THEN WE HAVE ALL CUT BACK ON ENERGY USAGE
- I-180-006 LATER MORE RECENT GRAPHS PROVE THAT. WE SHOULD HAVE HAD A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AS A WHOLE GROUP RATHER THAN THE WAY IT WAS DONE FOR THEN WE COULD HEAR ALL CONCERNS AND "ANSWERS" AS A GROUP WE ALL KNOW WHY IT WAS DONE THE WAY IT WAS DONE!
- I-180-007 I FOUND ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT MANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANIES DENIED TRUTH OR TRIED MAKE UP ANSWERS TO THE TRULY TUFF QUESTIONS SUCH AS: "WHAT CHEMICALS DO YOU SPRAY UNDERNEATH THE POWER LINES" ONLY ONE GUY OUT OF FOUR SAID HE DIDNT KNOW BUT WOULD GET ME THE ANSWERS. OVERALL SOME VERY "DODGY" ANSWERING

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-180-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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I-180-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-003

Your comment has been noted.

I-180-004

Your comment has been noted.

I-180-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-180-006

Your comment has been noted.

**I-180-007**

Your comment has been noted.

**I-180-008**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-180-009**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-180-010**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-180-011**

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

**I-180-012**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-180-013**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to stray voltage will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**I-180-014**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? La Crescent, MN

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Housing, safety of the power lines.  
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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

First of all our home. We rent out our land  
to neighbors for them to farm and by using our  
property that means less land for them to farm.  
27411 But Rd Utica, MN 55979  
Winona County - Utica township -

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

#### I-181-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-181-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-181-002  
I-181-001



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Which meeting did you attend? June 24, at Centerville WI.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Take 2-1 Danford line should be utilized to feed the  
N-LPX Substation. we do not want more line engraved  
into our wood lot that is in Calverville and DO NOT WANT OUR  
beautiful city destroyed by power lines. we live along US 53.  
William's reporting lines and segments. My home is worth about  
300k. - and was built 2 years ago.

I-182-001

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### I-182-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

**If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:**

- ☐ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.**

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**In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?**

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

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Which meeting did you attend? JUNE 25, C-F-C HIGH SCHOOL FTZ WI

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-183-002

HOW THIS WILL AFFECT THE LIVES OF ALL  
WHO WILL SUFFER FROM THIS CABLE CAUSING  
EYE SORE.

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In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-183-003 I DON'T THINK THE NEED IS AS GREAT AS THE CAP & 2020 GROUP HAS STATED.

I-183-001 STOP USING OLD LAND DESTROYING METHODS AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH SMALLER MORE LOCALIZED RENEWABLE RESOURCES.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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P.S. STEPHANIE WHEN I MET YOU AT C-F-C HIGH SCHOOL YOU SEEMED LIKE A BRIGHT CARING PERSON. PLEASE DON'T DESTROY THE RIVER VALLEY.

P.S.S. YOU'RE ALSO HOT!

THANK YOU  
John

I-183-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-183-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety as well as potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-183-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

MY LAND IS LOCATED ON THE GREAT RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR  
IN THE TOWN OF MILTON. I WANT TO BUILD MY  
'DREAM HOUSE' ON THIS PROPERTY IF YOU DRAWING  
YOUR POWER LINE ACROSS MY LAND THERE  
WOULD BE ENOUGH ROOM TO BUILD.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT IN ONE DECISION IF THIS  
LINE COMES DOWN HWY 35 'GREAT RIVER ROAD'.  
YOU COULD DESTROY WHAT GOD HIMSELF HAS  
CREATED. THE GLACIERS MISSED THIS AREA  
THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO NOW YOU CAN  
DESTROY IT WITH ONE SWIPE OF YOUR PEN.  
WHAT A WORLD!

Patricia H. Steffes  
35044 568<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rochester, MN 55906  
June 21, 2009

Stephanie Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
USDA, Rural Utilities Service  
Engineering and Environmental Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Dear Ms. Strength,

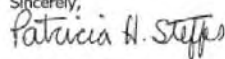
I am writing to you today to share with you my comments about a proposed 345,000 volt power line that is in the works for the state of Minnesota: specifically the CapX2020 (also referred to as the RUS-EIS). While I understand the need to supply the country with more power, I have great concerns about the path that this high-voltage line might take.

**I-184-001** In the area that I live (southeastern Minnesota) there is a proposed B-27 route that would cut through the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest. This pristine area includes many old trees (hardwoods) and is the habitat for many animals and birds—including a nesting area for the American Bald Eagle. Cutting the needed 150' path below this power line will have enormous negative impact on this state forest. There is an alternate route also planned that would fall a few miles south of this line (identified as B-28, B-111, B-91, B-93, B-161, B-162) that appears to only impact farm fields. It is my understanding that such a route could still have crops planted around it, creating much less harm to the environment.

**I-184-002** But there is something far more critical to the people in this area than the harmed wildlife, and that is the health and well-being of every man, woman, and child living in this neighborhood and the small town of Hammond. We are all worried about the connections that exist between electro-magnetic fields and childhood leukemia, Alzheimer's disease, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and breast cancer to name a few. Even though scientists have yet to find the reason for the apparent links, the massive amount of research and undeniable increases in cancers in those areas high in EMF's cannot be ignored. And now research ~~does~~ show that EMF's attract and concentrate radon, a known carcinogen that is already in high concentrations in this part of the state. As a parent, I am gravely concerned. Even the representatives of the CapX2020 admitted that they would not want to have their home near one of these lines.

**I-184-003** If the EIS must be built, then at the very least, please consider having it NOT destroy our memorial hardwood forest. And please do NOT put it in such close proximity to neighborhoods like ours. Help me protect our children. Please drop the B-27 route and opt for the alternate one instead. Thank you for your time.

**I-184-004** You can contact me at any time at the above address, this phone number: 507-753-2009, and the following email: [pats@zmsch.k12.mn.us](mailto:pats@zmsch.k12.mn.us)

Sincerely,  
  
Patricia H. Steffes

#### **I-184-001**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

#### **I-184-002**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-184-003**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-184-004**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### **I-184-005**

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? Platteau High School June 16

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

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- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Transmission lines on two sides of property

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-185-001 Land Values - As I understand it, a proposed route for the lines is to run the lines on our property line on the north side & the east side which would significantly diminish my property value. The line to the north would also run between our property & my in-laws property. We plan to own that property in the future. Because of the power lines these properties would be split.

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### I-185-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture      ☐ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

My farm is located in section 09 Twp-108 Range-013  
1160 Acres SW 1/4 Sec 9 10873. I have a 1160 Acre farm and  
my husband's parents' farm is located adjacent on the  
north side. If the transmission lines <sup>run along</sup> the north  
and east sides of our property line our property value  
will be significantly reduced since we will have easements  
along all four sides - the north + east by power lines  
and south + west by roads. Thus reducing the actual size  
of my farm. The transmission lines will separate my land and  
my in-laws' land which will one day be mine.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Environmental aspect - My husband, sons + I enjoy  
hunting (deer + pheasant) between my property + my  
in-laws'

Air Safety - My neighbor 1/2 mile to the east flies  
small airplanes + ultra gliders from his landing  
strip.



In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I realize these lines are to be erected somewhere. However I heard different variations of what could happen. I heard something about ~~windmills~~ ~~being~~ wind power harnessed south of us may make the power lines unneeded. I also heard lines running on the 'southern route' may not come to fruition because of the difficulty crossing the Mississippi Wildlife Refuge Area. Excuse my ignorance but what is the difference between those animals & our animals? It was mentioned that the 'Alma' Route is preferable so ~~it is~~ may be a line running along Elmsted City Rd 11 north & connect with lines running east & west.

I-185-002

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-185-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 16

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☐ Project Purpose and Need

☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☒ Radio or television interference

☒ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☒ Other: MULTIPLE TRANSMISSION LINES ALONG 2 PORTIONS OF PROPERTY

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-186-001 -LAND VALUES: ONE OF PROPOSED ROUTES WOULD BE PLACED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF PROPERTY AND ALSO A SECOND TRANSMISSION LINE ALONG THE NORTH SIDE BESIDES. HAVING TWO SETS OF TRANSMISSION LINES WOULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE VALUE OF MY PROPERTY. ~~IT WOULD BE~~ THESE TWO ROUTES WOULD ALSO GO BETWEEN MY PROPERTY AND MY PARENTS FARM. I WILL ALSO OWN THIS PROPERTY IN THE FUTURE, SO MY PARENTS LAND VALUES WOULD BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY ~~THESE~~ THESE TRANSMISSION LINES.

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### I-186-001

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☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

MY FARM IS LOCATED IN SECTION 09 TWP-108 RANGE-013  
160 ACRES SW 1/4 SEC 9 108 13. I HAVE A 160 ACRE  
FARM AND MY PARENTS FARM OF 80 ACRES IS LOCATED  
ADJACENT ALONG THE NORTH. IF THE POWER COMPANY  
IS ALLOWED TO PLACE ~~BOTH~~ TRANSMISSION LINES  
ALONG BOTH THE EAST AND NORTH SIDES OF MY FARM  
I WILL BE SURROUNDED BY EASEMENTS FOR ROADS ON  
THE WEST AND SOUTH AND FOR TRANSMISSION LINES  
ON THE NORTH AND EAST. MY PROPERTY WILL ALSO  
BE SEPARATED WITH A TRANSMISSION LINE FROM MY PARENTS.  
THIS IS TOO MUCH IMPACT ON ONE PERSONS PROPERTY.  
In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational,  
ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-186-003

ENVIRONMENT - I HIGHLY ENJOY AND ENGAGE IN  
HUNTING AND ~~FARM~~ FARMING. I HAVE DONE THIS  
ON BOTH ~~MY~~ MILE AND MY PARENTS PROPERTY  
ALONG WITH MY FAMILY. I WOULD HATE TO SEE  
THIS PROJECT AFFECT THIS ON MY PROPERTY.

AIR SAFETY - MY NEIGHBOR LOCATED WITHIN 1/2  
MILE OF THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION HAS  
SMALL AIRPLANES AND ULTRA GLIDERS THAT I  
SEE FLYING OVER MY PROPERTY DURING THE  
YEAR

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I DO UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR THE PROJECT. I WISHED BEFORE THE POWER COMPANIES ~~WOULD~~ CHOOSE ~~THE~~ THE PREFERRED ROUTES I WISHED THEY WOULD CONTACT <sup>THE</sup> PROPERTY OWNERS ~~SPECIFICALLY~~ WHOSE LAND ~~THE~~ THE LINES ARE TO BE PLACED ON.

I-186-002

LOOKING AT ROUTES IT SEEMS MORE REASONABLE TO <sup>LOCATE</sup> ~~LOCATION~~ THE TRANSMISSION LINE RUNNING NORTH/SOUTH ALONG MY PROPERTY AND MOVE IT 1 1/2 MILES TO THE EAST ALONG ~~THE~~ COLUMSTED COUNTY RD 11 AND ~~EXTEND~~ IT TO THE NORTH TO CONNECT TO ONE OF THE ROUTES RUNNING EAST/WEST.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-186-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-186-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural and recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.