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

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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
- [x] 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?

Trempeleau Wildlife Refuge
Mississippi River corridor
Agingham Park
Perrot State Park
Great River Bluff State Park
Apple Blossum Scenic Byway / Bike Ride

* Migrating bird fly ways
* water fowl habitat - riparian habitat of M. River
* Scenic bluff + coulee region

I-146-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation and 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?

I-146-006 1) Does the Need outway 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?

* The displays & pictures & maps were very helpful. Looked to see where 345 KV transmission lines were presently

I-146-004 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 part of the whole goal & objectives for energy use?

Please tell us how to reach you:

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional):

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I-146-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-146-001.

I-146-004

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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

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Which meeting did you attend? Democratic Party of Trempealeau County (May 23, 2009) and Trempealeau/Whitehall County meeting and Ettrick/Library Info Seminar

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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-147-001

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- [ ] Other: _____

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

Proximetey to homes - at least 1 mile away!!
Causing possible bird migratern deaths
Prop - like sound -
Strobe effect.

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

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Which meeting did you attend? Were not Able to Attend

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- ☐ 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 AG land ~~the~~ Sure stay that way on find current commercial property for your 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.

Our property & Residence is located At 7384 Colkejeu-ew Rd Eyota, Mn 55934 The Terrain is steep And Aggresive 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?

I-148-001 The impact the Project 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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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

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Representing (Optional):

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City: Eyota **State:** MN **Zip Code:** 55934

Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-529-8077

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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.

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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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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?

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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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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, 117th 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

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I-149-003

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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- ay, 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

Chuck Clanton
23005 Lewiston Blvd.
Hampton, MN 55031-9744
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cjclanton@umn.edu

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

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.

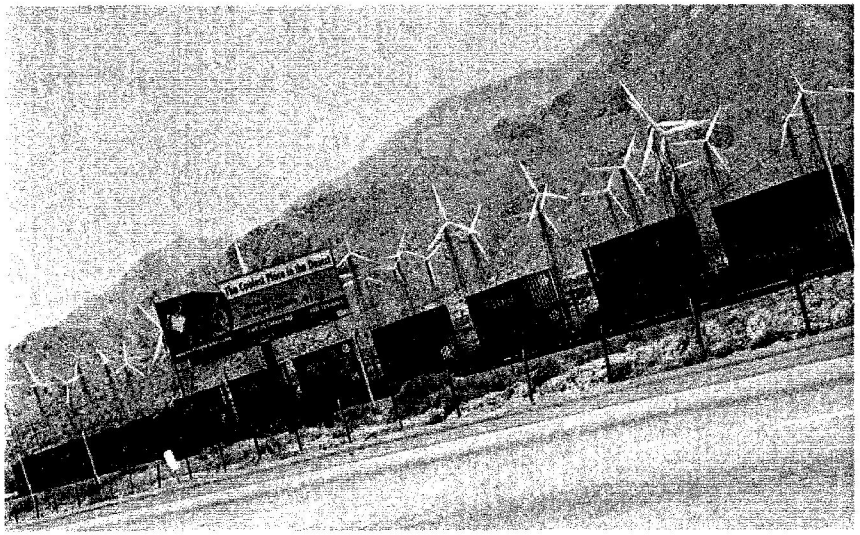
The Wired (6/17, Barry) Autopia blog reported, "Freight company BNSF is considering allowing power companies to use its railroad rights-of-way...to route transmission lines from remote wind farms to major cities. In exchange, BNSF would get lower electric bills and a constant source of power for their 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/

Autopia
Planes, Trains, Automobiles and the Future of Transportation

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 electrtic, 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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Tags: Electric Vehicles, Emissions
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Comments (0)

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

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Representing (Optional): Karen, Davidson Family Landowner

Mailing Address: 46673 70th Ave

City: Kenyon State: MN Zip Code: 55946

Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-273-9250 Cell

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- [x] Residential
- [ ] Conservation Easement
- [ ] Commercial
- [ ] Industrial
- [x] 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 pole 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 / Cultural Biological with oak trees and a combination of natural beauty a you ~~to~~ 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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- ☐ 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 (ag land rents would bring in yearly more income) don't have to give again for minimal dollars.

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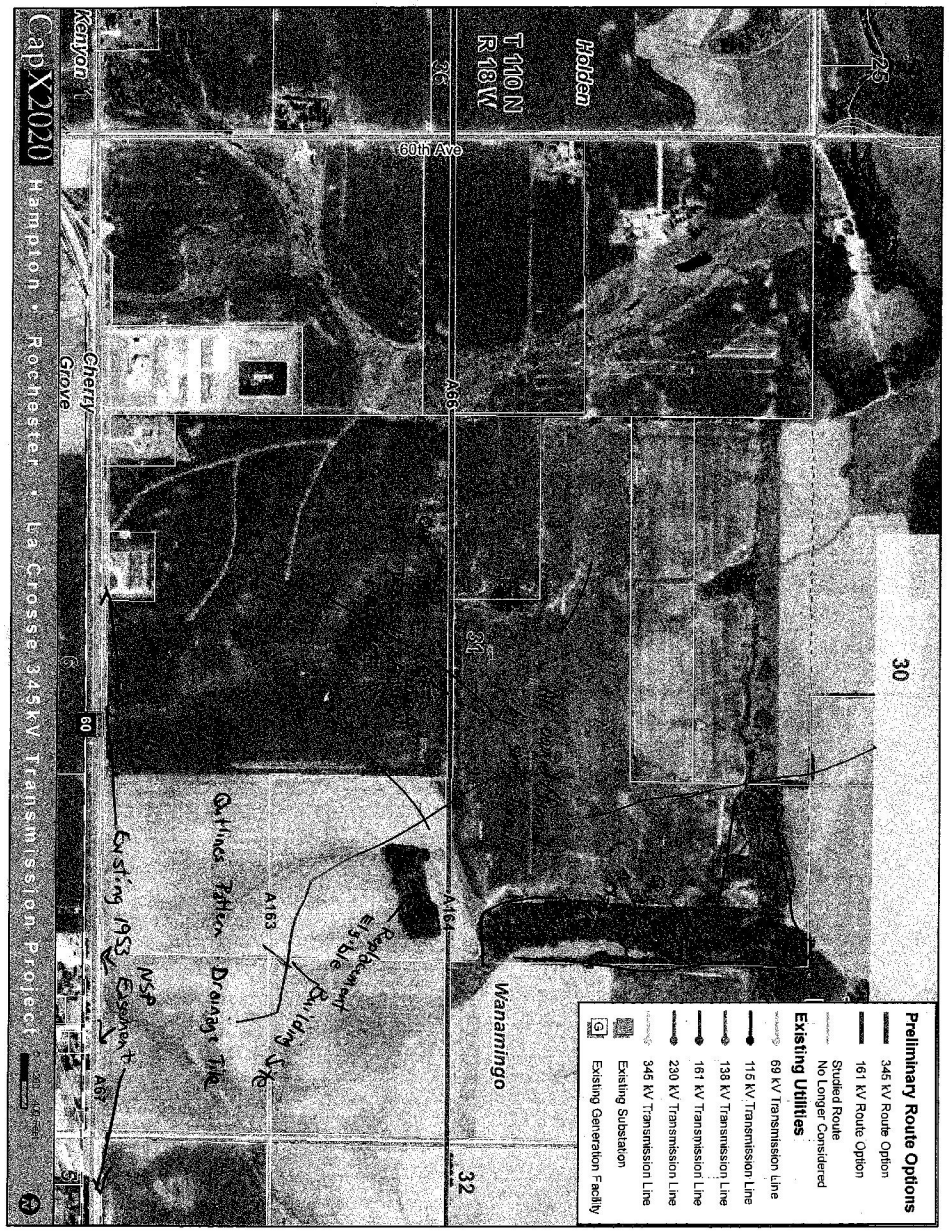
I-150-002

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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161 kV Transmission Line
230 kV Transmission Line
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Kenyon
Cherry Grove
Wanamingo
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Outlines Pattern Drainage Tile
Existing 1953 NSP Easement
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Resubmitted 06/28/09 to emphasize A-68 A-67 A-66 Lines Concerns

CapX2020

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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/contactus.html

Please mail this form or electronically submit your comments by January 11, 2009.

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Which meeting did you attend? ~~CANNON FALLS~~ WANAMINGO

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 Corner Substation Siting Area
☐ Cannon River/Cannon Falls Area
☒ U.S. Highway 52 Corridor
☒ MN Highway 56/60 Corridor
☐ Rochester Area
☐ Interstate Highway 90 Corridor
☐ Winona–Mississippi River Crossing
☐ La Crescent–Mississippi River Crossing
☐ Alma–Mississippi River Crossing
☐ North La Crosse Substation Siting Area
☐ Wisconsin Corridor
☐ North Rochester 161-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
☒ Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation)
☐ Biological Resources
☒ Radio and Television Interference
☒ Health and Safety
☒ Proximity to Residences
☒ Water Resources (Wetlands/Floodplains)
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☐ Other:_____

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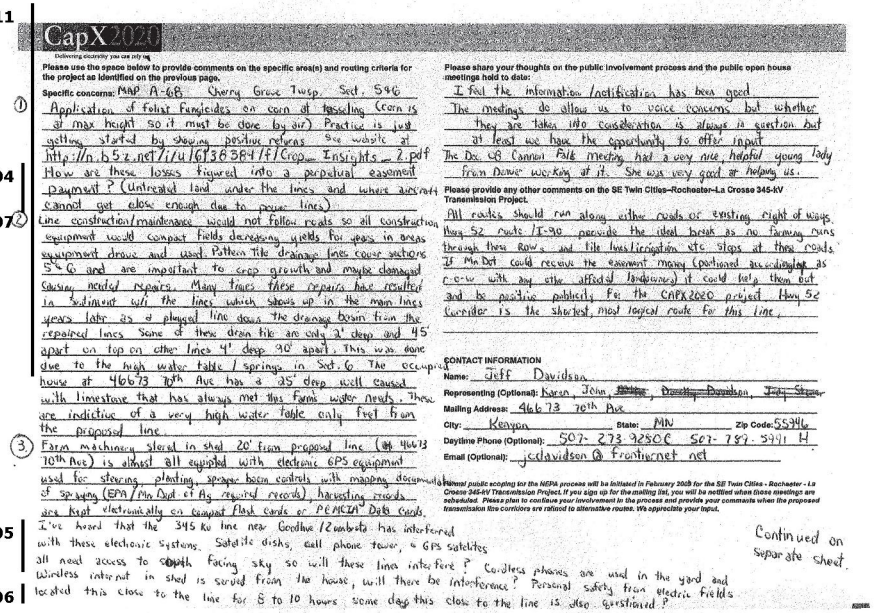
I-150-011



CapX2020

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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 Twsp. Sect. 5&6

① Application of foliar fungicides on corn at tasseling (corn is at max height so it must be done by air) Practice is just getting started by showing positive returns See website at http://n.b5z.net/i/u/6138384/f/Crop_Insights_2.pdf

I-150-004 How are these losses figured into a perpetual easement payment? (Untreated land under the lines and where aircraft cannot get close enough due to power lines)

I-150-007 ② 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 cover sections 5 & 6 and are important to crop growth and maybe damaged causing needed repairs. Many times these repairs have resulted in sediment w/i the lines which shows up in the main lines years later as a plugged line does the drainage basin from the repaired lines Some of these drain tile are only 2' 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 occupied house at 46673 70th Ave has a 25' deep well caused with limestone that has always met this farm's water needs. These are indictive of a very high water table only feet from the proposed line.

③ Farm machinery stored in shed 20' from proposed line (at 46673 70th Ave) is almost all equipped with electronic GPS equipment used for steering, planting, sprayer boom controls with mapping documents of spraying (EPA / Mn Dept of Ag required records), harvesting records are kept electronically on compact flash cards or PCMCIA Data Cards.

I-150-005 I've heard that the 345 kv line near Goodhue / Zumbrota has interfered with these electronic systems. Satelite dishs, cell phone tower, & GPS satelites all need access to south facing sky so will these lines interfere? Cordless phones are used in the yard and wireless internet in shed is served from the house, will there be interference? Personal safety from electric fields

I-150-006 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. 08 Cannon Falls meeting had a very nice, helpful young lady from Denver 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 provide the ideal break as no farming runs through these ROW's and tile lines / irrigation etc stops at these roads. If Mn Dot could receive the easement money (portioned accordingly as r-o-w with any other affected landowners) it could help them out and be positive publicity for the CAPX2020 project. Hwy 52 Corridor is the shortest, most logical route for this line.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Formal public scoping for the NEPA process will be initiated in February 2009 for the SE Twin Cities - Rochester - La Crosse 345-kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when those meetings are scheduled. Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments when the proposed transmission line corridors are refined 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

Hwy 56/60 Corridor

Jeff Davidson
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A-66 In Section 31 of Wanamingo Township

I-150-008 Instead of going through our field for ½ mile west of 70th Ave, go north of 70th Ave for ¼ 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 (NSP) already have poles/easement from the ASOS 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 new 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

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-150-009

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-150-009

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I-150-010

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-150-011

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July 8, 2009

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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
I-151-001 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

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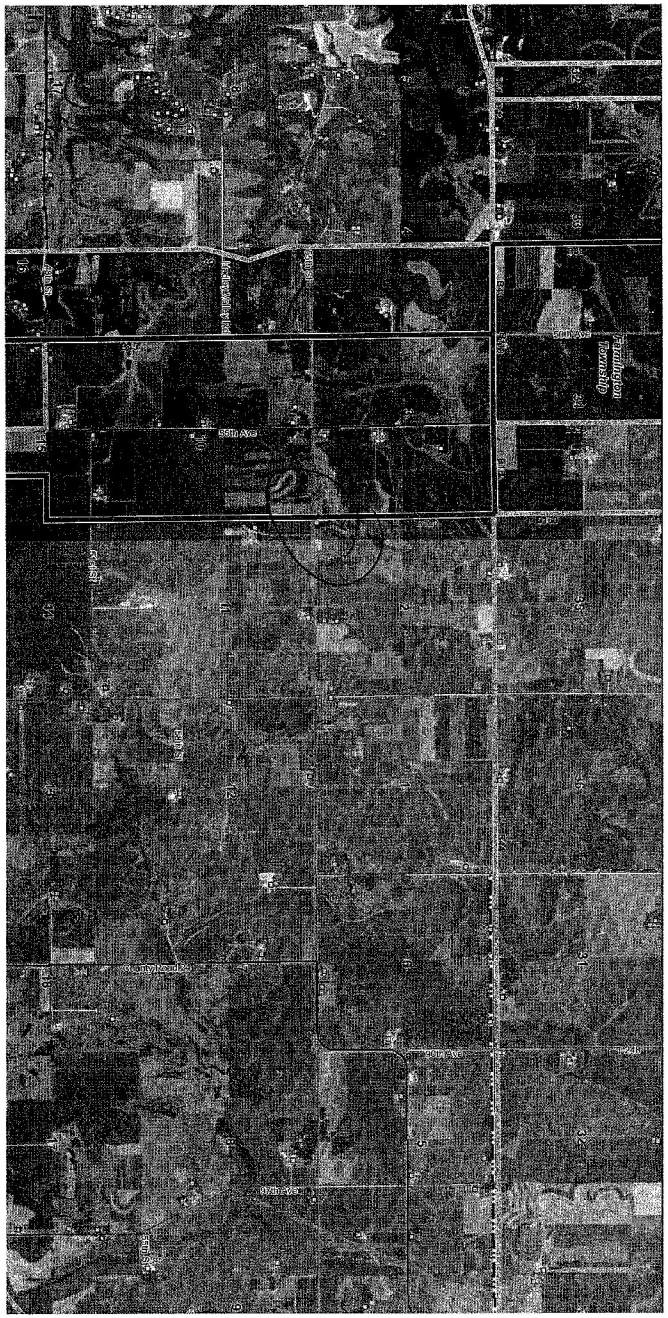

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What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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I-152-001

Section 9

Half of the N.W. Quarter in Section 9

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

I-152-001

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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?

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-153-001

Section 9

half of the N.W. quarter in Section 9

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

I-153-001

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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-

I-154-002 alize 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

I-154-001

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-154-002

Your comment has been noted.

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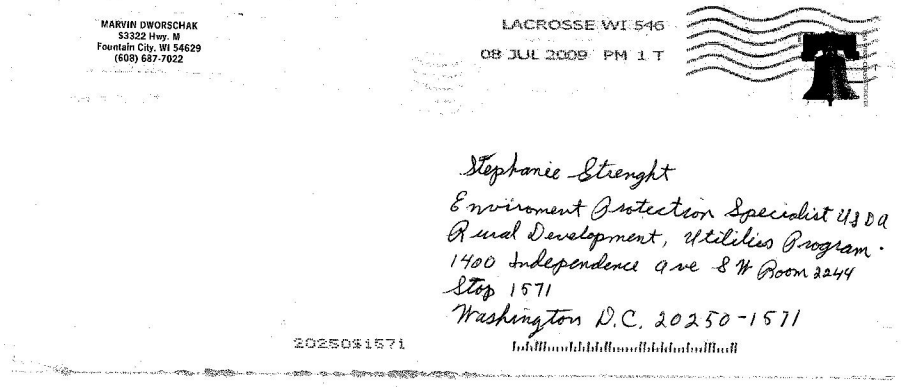
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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo - June 17, 2009

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

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See attached document.

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?

Adequately explained.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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June 23, 2009

Julie & Kevin Ellingson
7880 100th Street N.W.
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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. I-155-001

We ask that you take our situation into consideration when evaluating the route plans.

Sincerely,

Julie Ellingson

Julie Ellingson

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

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Which meeting did you attend? 6 or more, the last at Dennsings on 6-17-09

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

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

I-156-002 1) Prime farmland
I-156-001 2) Interfering with two irrigation systems
3) Crops
4) More expensive than 52 route
5) I don't think we need this through our farm for the attraction of it
I-156-003 6) 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:

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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.

it's in section 3 & 4 - 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 selective.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Representing (Optional):

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City: Hampton **State:** Minnesota **Zip Code:** 55031

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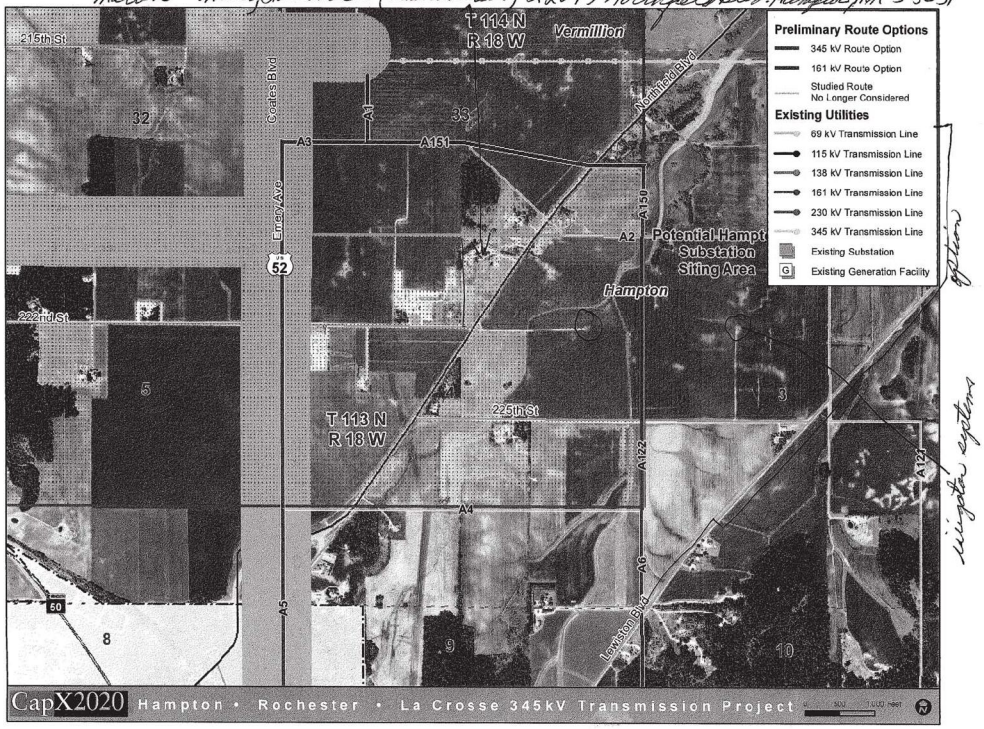
Melvin & Mary Lou Endres (where we live) 22075 Northfield Blvd. Hampton MN 55031



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Which meeting did you attend? Centerville, WI, 61

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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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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~~ overall that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

AVOID 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 floodplane forest.

I-157-001 Social-Health siting in highly populated areas.

I-157-010 Cultural - Several archeological 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: 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?

No No No

I-157-002 Very poor presentation of information related to natural Resources, existing corridors vs new corridors.

I-157-003 Critical Areas for biological. plant & 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" blaming 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. Only one copy of report available for inspection on site

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-157-008 This comment sheet is not adequate.

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.

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

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.

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-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.