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 June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

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

Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW

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-013-001 PROJECT SHOULD FOLLOW EXISTING LINES WHERE POSSIBLE, THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON TO ENCROACH ON A1 AG 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: 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.

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

- [x] 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.

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

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I-013-005 IF A1 AG LAND IS TAKEN OUT OF PRODUCTION
TO SUPPORT THIS IS NOT RIGHT AS WELL
I-013-002 AS ENCROACHING ON RESIDENCES WHERE
PEOPLE LIVE AND RAISE FAMILIES

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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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.

I-013-004 THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH EXPLANATION AS TO THE NEED FOR THIS TO GO THRU RURAL AREAS WHEN URBAN AREAS REQUIRE THE EXTRA POWER, BUT THAT VOICE IS YOUNGER.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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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-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.