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? 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

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.

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
- [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-017-002

New home to be built in April 2010 within 125 feet of projected line traveling through the Mazeppa Area (Steeplechase). 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.

I-017-002

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-017-003 No. Did not even know there was a propsed 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.*

I-017-005 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.*

I-017-006 Need information as to how the optional lines were chosen and who was asked to provide input on line locations.

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-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.

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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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