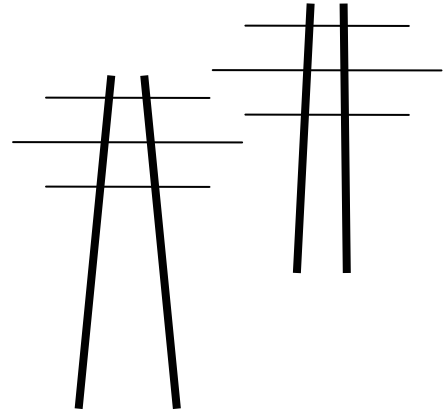


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May 5, 2009

Richard C. Luis
Administrative Law Judge

RE: I/M/O Application of the Route Permit Application by Great River Energy and Xcel Energy for a 345kV Transmission Line from Brookings County, South Dakota to Hampton, Minnesota
PUC Docket No.: ET-2/TL-08-1474

Dear Judge Luis:

I represent NoCapX and United Citizen Action Network (U-CAN) in the above-entitled matter. Attached please find Petition for Intervention of NoCapX and U-CAN, filed on January 27, 2009, and to which there were no objections.

I've received notice of the Prehearing Conference tomorrow, and I am out of state and unable to attend, though I hope I may be able to attend by phone.

I wish to offer the schedule below for discussion. Please note that I have another transmission hearing the last two weeks of October and am unable to be in Minnesota.

Proposed schedule:

Activity	Date
Application accepted	January 29, 2009
Discovery	Now until evidentiary hearing ends
Direct Testimony - Applicant	July 3, 2009
Closing date for intervention & non-party statuts	July 20, 2009
Direct Testimony - Intervenors	July 27, 2009
Draft Environmental Impact Statement Issued	???
Public meetings on Draft EIS	???
Rebuttal Testimony	August 17, 2009

Surrebuttal Testimony	September 1, 2009
EIS Comment period closes	???
Final EIS	???
Evidentiary Hearing (on location)	September 8-30, 2009
Public Hearings on siting	September 8-30, 2009 (various evenings)
Deadline for written public comments to ALJ	September 30, 2009
Initial Briefs	October 30, 2009
Reply Briefs	November 16, 2009
ALJ Report and recommendation to PUC	December 14, 2009
Exceptions	December 29, 2009
Final PUC decision	January 28, 2010
State Register Publication	February 2010

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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