

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BEFORE THE  
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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Thomas Pugh  
Phyhs A. Reha  
Betsy Wergin**

**Chair  
Commissioner  
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**In the Matter of Application for a Route Permit  
for the CapX 2020 Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse  
High Voltage Transmission Project**

**MPUC: E002/TL-09-1448**

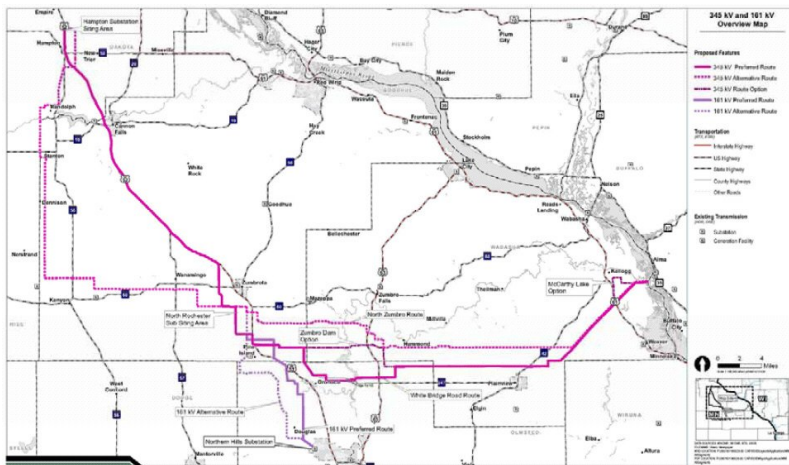
**NOCAPX 2020 AND UNITED CITIZEN ACTION NETWORK  
COMMENT ON COMPLETENESS**

NO CAPX 2020 and United Citizens Action Network (U-CAN) request that the Commission declare the Application of the Applicants (Xcel Energy and ???) incomplete unless and until it provide at least two distinct routes, deemed their “preferred” and “alternate” routes.

Under the Power Plant Siting Act, the Application requirements are very clear:

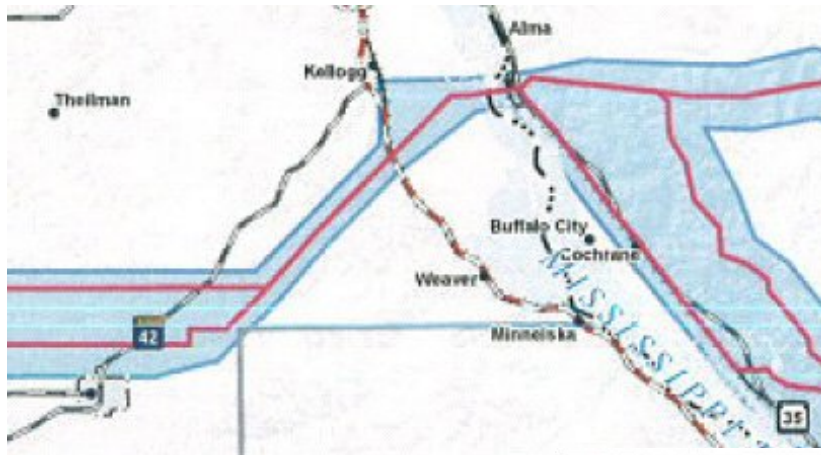
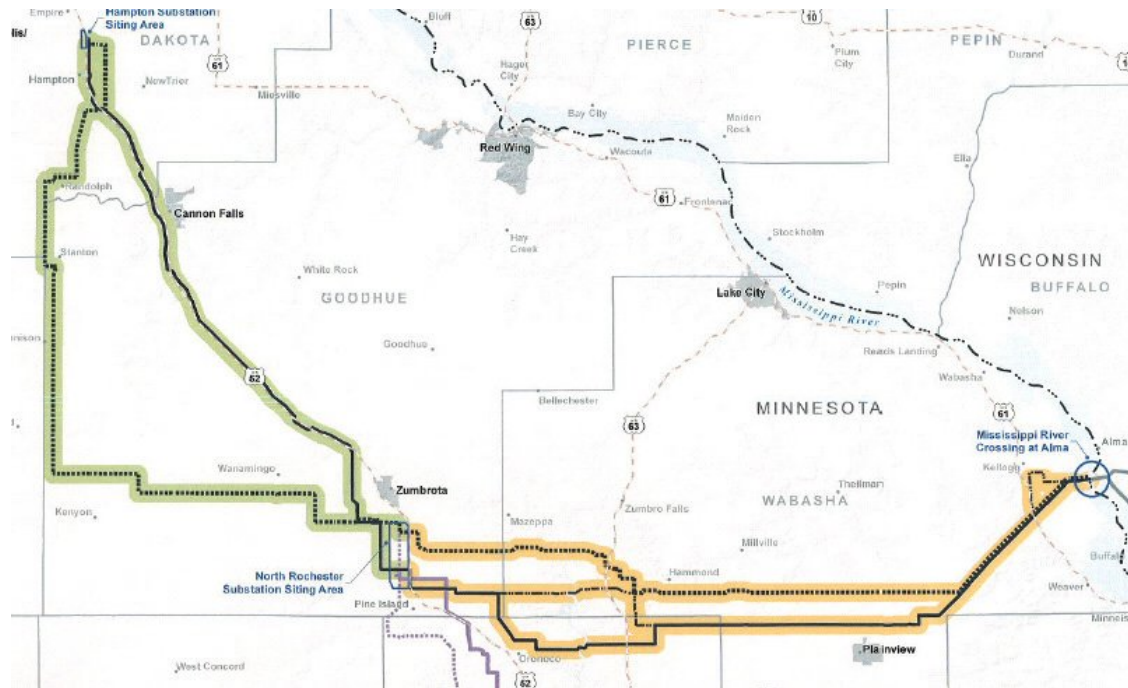
***The applicant shall propose at least... two routes for a high-voltage transmission line.***

Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, Subd. 3. Application. MOES staff claims to have reviewed the application, and notes that, “An applicant under this process is required to propose two routes, and identify one as a preferred route.” MOES Briefing Papers, p. 3, para. 2.



← This is the first route map presented in the application, found on page ES16 – and note only one route southwest of Alma:

This is the route map from the Application, p. 2-8, and again, only one route southwest of Alma:



← This is a close up of that section of the route, from Final Macro Corridor, showing only one corridor southwest of Alma.

And finally, the Zumbro River to Mississippi River Corridor, again showing only one corridor →

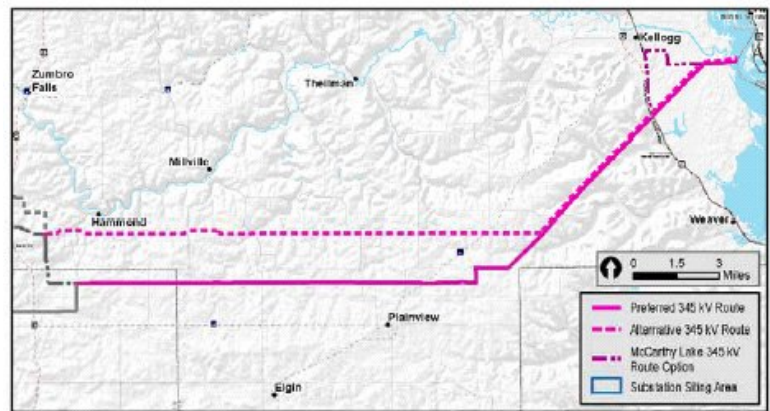


Figure 5.1-9: Zumbro River to Mississippi River

Under Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, Subd. 3, the January 19, 2010 application is not complete because there are not two distinct corridors. The Applicants have not met one of the most basic application criteria. NO CAPX 2020 and United Citizens Action Network (U-CAN) request that the Commission declare the Application incomplete unless and until at least two separate and distinct routes are provided.

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