



In the Matter of the CapX 2020 Route Permit Application for a 345 kV and 161 kV Transmission Line Project from Hampton to Rochester to La Crosse, Wisconsin in Dakota, Goodhue, Olmsted and Wabasha Counties

CAPX 2020 HAMPTON-ROCHESTER -LA CROSSE ADVISORY TASK FORCES DECISION AND CHARGE PUC Docket E002/TL-09-1448

CAPX2020 HAMPTON-ROCHESTER-LA CROSSE ADVISORY TASK FORCES AUTHORIZATION

The above-entitled matter has come before the Office of Energy Security (OES) Director for a decision on the appointment of advisory task forces (ATF) to advise the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on the application by CapX2020 route permit for the Hampton to Rochester to La Crosse 345 kV and 161 kV Transmission Line Project (Project).

As authorized by the Commission, the OES Director is establishing Advisory Task Forces by this Order to assist in identifying impacts and route alternatives to be evaluated in the environmental impact statement (EIS) prepared by OES Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) staff for the proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Lines Project. One Task Force would focus on the area between the Hampton Substation and the Northern Hills Substation; and another Task Force would focus on the area between the North Rochester Substation and the Mississippi River crossing in Wabasha County. Combined, the two Task Forces would include representatives (as listed below) along the entire length of the project from the Hampton Substation in Dakota County to the Mississippi River crossing in Wabasha County.

ATF members are being solicited, as required by Minn. Stat. 216E.08, Subpart 1, from the following affected governmental units:

Hampton to Northern Hills Advisory Task Force

County	Dakota
County	Goodhue
County	Olmsted
City	Cannon Falls
City	Dennison
City	Hampton
City	Pine Island
City	Randolph
City	Rochester
City	Wanamingo
Township	To be determined
Township	To be determined
Township	To be determined

The ATF will include 13 local government members and up to an additional two representatives of governmental or nongovernmental entities, as appropriate.

North Rochester to Mississippi River Advisory Task Force

County	Goodhue
County	Olmsted
County	Wabasha
City	Kellogg
City	Pine Island
Township	To be determined
Township	To be determined
Township	To be determined

The ATF will include 8 local government members and up to two additional representatives of governmental or nongovernmental entities, as appropriate.

OES herein charges the ATF members to:

1. Assist in determining specific impacts and issues of local concern that should be assessed in the EIS by adding detail to the draft Scoping Document;
2. Assist in determining potential route alternatives that should be assessed in the EIS.

ATF members will be expected to participate with OES staff in up to three meetings and to assist staff with the development of a summary of the task force's work including their preferences or recommendations, if any. Meetings will be facilitated by the Management Analysis Division of the Minnesota Management and Budget Office as engaged by OES staff.

The CapX2020 Hampton to Northern Hills and North Rochester to Mississippi River ATFs will expire upon issuance of the OES Director's EIS Scoping Decision.

THE DIRECTOR MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDER

WHEREAS, the applicants submitted an application for a route permit for the Project on January 19, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. 216E.08 provides for the establishment of an ATF to assist the Commission in carrying out its duties; and

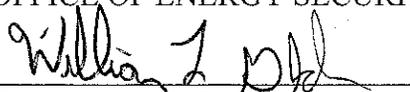
WHEREAS, in its March 16, 2010, Order the Commission authorized OES to establish ATFs and develop a structure and charge for the ATF; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. 216E.08 establishes that an ATF comprise at least one representative from each county and municipal corporation, and at least one town board member from each county in which a route is proposed to be located;

THEREFORE, The OES Director herein establishes the CapX2020 Hampton to Northern Hills and North Rochester to Mississippi River Advisory Task Forces, authorizes OES EFP to appoint members of the ATF and adopts the above determination with regard to its structure and charge.

Signed this 17th day of March, 2010

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF ENERGY SECURITY



William Glahn, Director

Executive Summary

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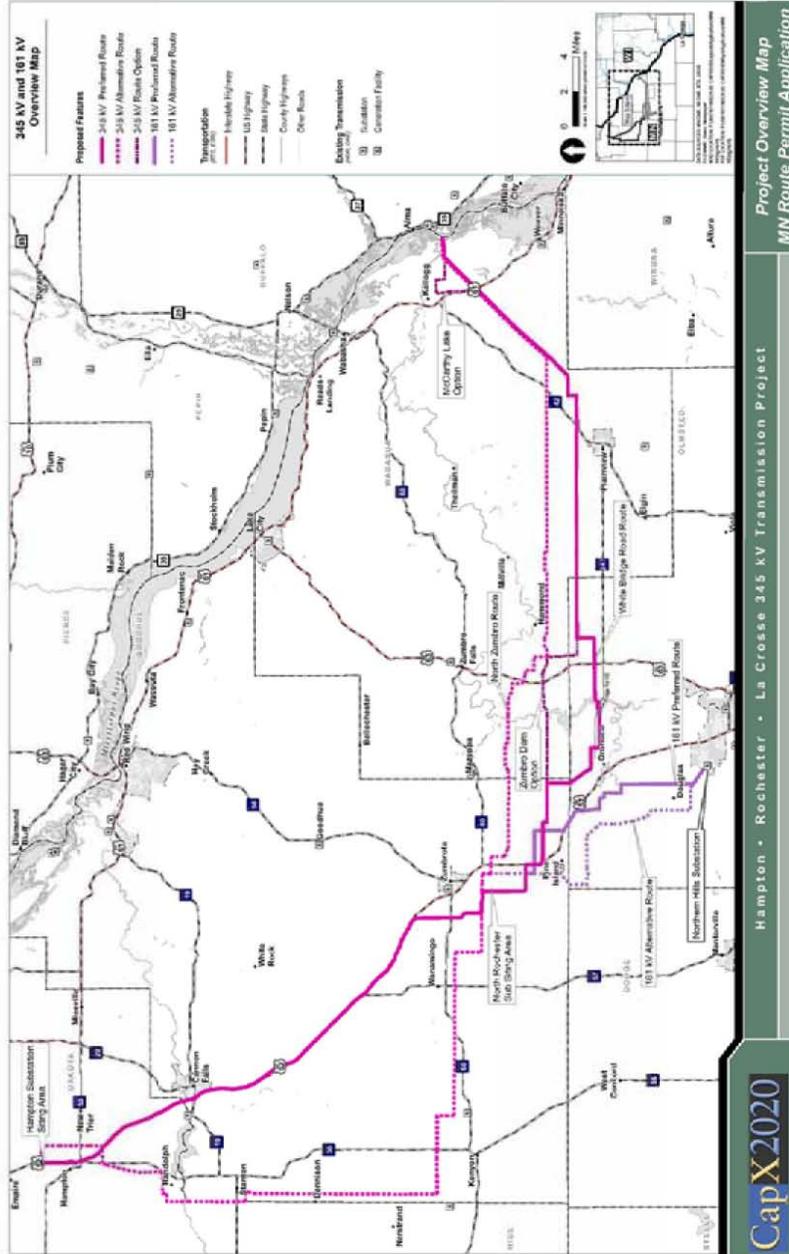


Figure ES-1: Project Overview Map
 Hampton - Rochester - La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project