

COMMENT FORM

SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR CAPX 2020'S HAMPTON-ALMA LINE

NoCapX 2020 and United Citizen Action Network are intervenors in the CapX 2020 Certificate of Need, Brookings-Hampton route and Hampton-Alma route dockets. We have been to MANY scoping meetings and offer these suggestions to help your comments count.

The Dept. of Commerce/MOES has requested comments regarding the issued to be covered (scope) in their Environmental Impact Statement – and it's important to remember that as far as the Dept. of Commerce, sponsor of this meeting, is concerned, all that matters is what should or should not be included in their EIS. To help keep you on point, we've taken the "factors considered" straight from the rules. Think about the areas and issues that concern you and let these categories trigger your thoughts. You don't need to be an expert or know details – just write down the issues that THEY need to investigate! You know your community and what concerns you – that's the issue today!

Please fill this out as best you can and turn in today or send to: matthew.langan@state.mn.us or mail to: MOES, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101-2198

To MOES: The following specific issues should be addressed in your EIS:

A. effects on human settlement, including, but not limited to, displacement, noise, aesthetics, cultural values, recreation, and public services:

B. effects on public health and safety;

C. effects on land-based economies, including, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining;

D. effects on archaeological and historic resources;

E. effects on the natural environment, including effects on air and water quality resources and flora and fauna;

F. effects on rare and unique natural resources;

G. application of design options that maximize energy efficiencies, mitigate adverse environmental effects, and could accommodate expansion of transmission or generating capacity;

H. use or paralleling of existing rights-of-way, survey lines, natural division lines, and agricultural field boundaries;

I. use of existing large electric power generating plant sites;

J. use of existing transportation, pipeline, and electrical transmission systems or rights-of-way;

K. electrical system reliability;

L. costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining the facility which are dependent on design and route;

M. adverse human and natural environmental effects which cannot be avoided; and

N. irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources.

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