



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

June 30, 2010

To: Service List
OES Project List
All Interested Persons

From: Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

Re: In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for a 345 kV Transmission Line
from Brookings County, South Dakota, to Hampton, Minnesota
PUC Docket No. ET-2/TL-08-1474; OAH Docket No. 7-2500-20283-2

PUBLIC COMMENT AND ORAL ARGUMENT SCHEDULE

Please take notice that the Commission will hear public comment and oral argument in this matter on **Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 9:30 AM.**

Public Comment

- The Commission will hear additional and final public comment prior to formal oral arguments by the parties.
- Persons who are not parties wishing to provide public comment must sign up in advance:
 - E-mail the Public Utilities Commission: PublicComments.puc@state.mn.us.
 - Call the Public Utilities Commission: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782, Option 1.
 - Please include your name, telephone number and group affiliation, if any.
 - **Deadline to register is Monday, July 12, 2010 at 9:30am.**

Attending the Meeting

- Public comment will be taken in the order in which registration was received.
- Each person will have three to five minutes to speak.
- Persons who wish to speak are encouraged to provide summary positions on the facts in the case record.
- Please note that all comments from previous public hearings are in the official record, presented on pages 102 through 158 of the Report of the Administrative Law Judge, and reviewed by the PUC Commissioners prior to this meeting. Because the hearing record is closed, no new evidence can be accepted. However, commenters may provide written documentation that supports summary positions. Nine (9) courtesy copies of any written submissions are encouraged but not required.

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- Persons associated with one of the formal parties listed below should expect their positions will be presented during oral argument by the parties.

Oral Argument

Oral argument before the Commission by formal parties is conducted pursuant to Minnesota. Rule 7829.2700. Parties will be heard in the following order and within the allotted time. Answers to Commission questions will not reduce the allotted time. The Applicants will be allowed a final rebuttal.

20 minutes	Applicants Great River Energy/Xcel Energy
10 minutes	Robert and Patricia Johnson
10 minutes	NoCapX2020/United Citizens Action Network
10 minutes	Applicants' Final Rebuttal

Oral argument will begin after public comments have been heard, beginning not later than 1:30 PM and continuing that day until complete. Upon conclusion of oral arguments, the official record is considered closed.

Commission deliberation on this matter is scheduled for Thursday, July 15 at 9:30 AM, following preliminary matters, and is open to all persons. However, no additional testimony will be taken except as direct and limited response to a specific question from Commissioners to parties.

In addition to the Findings of Fact, Conclusion and Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge, issued on April 30, 2010, Commission briefing papers have been prepared by the Office of Energy Security. These documents are available via eDockets: www.puc.state.mn.us, click on "Search eDockets." Search by Docket Number: select 08 in the "year" field, enter 1474 in the "number" field, click Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

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Questions regarding scheduling of this matter may be directed to Commission staff as noted above. Communication with staff is allowed for procedural, scheduling and status inquiries, or other inquiries or requests, as long as they have no bearing on the outcome of the proceeding.

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