

# COMMENT FORM

## COMMENTS ON DEIS 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, Fargo-St. Cloud and this **Hampton-Alma** route dockets. We've been to MANY scoping meetings and have used the siting rules and criteria to offer these suggestions to help your comments count.

The Dept. of Commerce/MOES has requested comments regarding their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) – and it's important to remember that as far as the Dept. of Commerce, sponsor of this meeting, is concerned, this comment opportunity is where we address what is or is not in their Draft 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](mailto:matthew.langan@state.mn.us) or mail: MOES, 85 7th Pl. E., Suite 500, St. Paul, MN, 55101.

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**To MOES: The following specific issues or facts that I've listed in the categories below are missing or should be more completely addressed in the Final 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.