

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN**

Joint Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative,
Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, and
Wisconsin Public Power, Inc. , for Authority to
Construct and Place in Service 345kV Electric
Transmission Lines and Electric Substation Facilities
]for the CapX Twin Cities-Rochester-LaCrosse
Project, Located in Buffalo, Trempealeau, and
LaCrosse Counties, Wisconsin

Docket No. 05-CE-136

**PETITION TO INTERVENE AND NOTICE OF APPEARANCE
OF THE CITIZENS ENERGY TASK FORCE**

Citizens Energy Task Force, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code §2.21, hereby Petitions the Wisconsin Public Service Commission to intervene in the above-captioned docket as a party with all the rights, responsibilities and obligations of full party status.

I. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Citizens Energy Task Force (hereinafter “CETF”) is a Wisconsin and Minnesota public interest and educational organization, with participants and directors who live, work, and own property in both states. CETF’s mission is to collaborate with individuals, organizations, and agencies with organizing, legal, and public education strategies to represent citizens who question the need for these particular high voltage power lines, and who support clean, sustainable, locally-generated power sources.

CETF’s members and directors have substantial interests that may be affected by any action in the above-captioned docket because the routes proposed could directly affect CETF members. CETF members are ratepayers of Dairyland Power Cooperative and Xcel Energy

a/k/a Northern States Power. CETF members own land over which the Applicants have proposed transmission lines, and whose land could be taken by eminent domain if routed over their land. CETF requests it be granted intervention as a matter of right.

CETF was an intervenor in the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's (PUC) Certificate of Need proceeding, MPUC Docket 06-1115, which resulted in a Certificate of Need for this CapX 2020 Hampton-LaCrosse transmission line. CETF's primary focus was, and remains, on the impact of decreased demand on the need for this transmission line. However, this information was not available at the time of the Minnesota Certificate of Need proceeding, and once it became available, the PUC and the appellate court would not reopen or reconsider this new information. CETF is concerned that building transmission lines is inimical to the public interest because it will increase wholesale coal and nuclear generation for sale in more lucrative markets at the expense of local ratepayers and landowners.

CETF is also concerned about the environmental impacts of crossing the Mississippi River at any of the crossings proposed, including avian impacts of crossing the largest migratory flyway in North America, the visual impacts of a crossing over the bluffs and river, and of the impacts of magnetic fields and life under and adjacent to the transmission lines. CETF also requests it be granted permissive intervention.

There are no intervenors thus far, although Citizens Utilities Board and American Transmission Company have filed requests to Intervene. No other party or potential party represents CETF's interests and CETF's interests are not duplicative in any way. CETF's participation would contribute to the record and would not delay the proceeding. CETF's intervention will promote proper disposition of the issues and will not impede completion of this proceeding in any way.

Based upon CETF's interests and knowledge gleaned from past regulatory participation on CapX 2020 issues, CETF should be granted permissive intervention.

II. NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

George Nygaard of Citizens Energy Task Force is the authorized agent representing CETF in this proceeding. At this time, CETF is not represented by an attorney, but is investigating possibilities for representation. Mr. Nygaard is a Steering Committee Member and Chair of the CETF Intervention Committee, a resident of Wisconsin, and he has been authorized by the CETF board to represent CETF in this matter.

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III. CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, CETF requests that it be admitted in this proceeding as a full party with full party status.

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