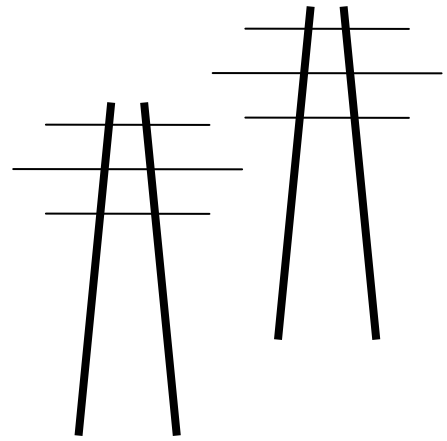


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via email and eFile

RE: Initial Comments of NoCapX, U-CAN and CETF
In the Matter of the Application of GRE, NSP et al. for Certificate of Need for
Three 345 kV Transmission Lines with Associated System Connections
MPUC Docket No.: ET-2, E002, et al./CN-06-1115
OAH Docket No: 15-2500-19350-2

Dear Dr Haar:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of NoCapX 2020, United Citizen Action Network, and Citizens Energy Task Force are these Comments on Xcel Energy's October 8, 2012 Compliance Filing in the above-entitled docket. Enclosed also please find Correspondence and Information Request for CapX 2020 Applicants and Department of Commerce.

Initially, we request that this Compliance Filing be open for Comment, beginning when the primary documents have been filed with the Commission. We note that the September 28, 2012 Second Amended and Restated Project Participation Agreement, Construction Management Agreement, Transmission Capacity Exchange Agreement, and Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the Fargo Project have not yet been filed.

Attached please find Information Requests I've served on Xcel Energy and the Department of Commerce requesting these documents for all the CapX 2020 segments covered by this docket (Brookings, Fargo, Monticello and La Crosse). A similar filing was made for the Brookings – Hampton project and no primary documents were filed with that Compliance filing either.

The pattern thus far has been for a Compliance Filing to be filed, and within a few days, the Department of Commerce files a "Compliance Closure" and the filing has not been subject to any review by the Commission. There are important issues lurking and the matter of the Compliance filing should remain open. The Applicant's presentation and characterization issues

of Ownership Structure, Project Owners, and Transmission Capacity each contain some points that should be clarified, and we'll have additional comments after the primary documents requested are available for review.

If you have any questions, or require anything further, please let me know.

Very truly yours

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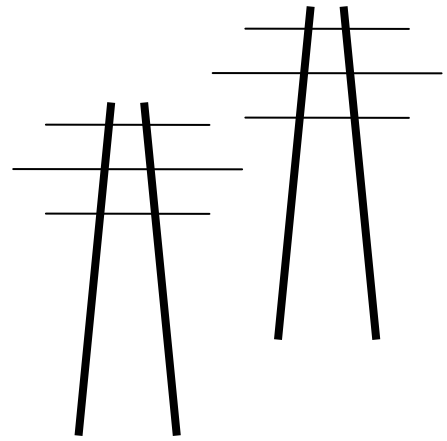
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Dear Mr. Lehman and Ms. Agrimonti for Xcel, and Dr. Rakow and Ms. Anderson for
Commerce:

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Xcel's October 8, 2012 filing references the September 28, 2012 Second Amended and Restated
Project Participation Agreement, Construction Management Agreement, Transmission Capacity
Exchange Agreement, and Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the Fargo Project, and to
my knowledge, these have not yet been filed.

We are requesting these documents for all the CapX 2020 segments covered by this docket
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TO: CapX Applicants, e.g., Xcel Energy; MN Dept of Commerce

Docket No.: E002, ET2/CN-06-1115

Response To: Carol Overland Post Permit
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Citizen Action Network
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Date Received: October 10, 2012

Question:

Please provide any and all New, Amended and/or Restated Project Participation Agreements, Construction Management Agreements, Transmission Capacity Exchange Agreements, and Operation and Maintenance Agreements for all segments of the CapX 2020 transmission project covered under the above-numbered Certificate of Need docket, including but not limited to Brookings –Hampton; Fargo – St. Cloud; St. Cloud – Monticello; and Hampton – Rochester – La Crosse. Please do not include those agreements filed in Appendix B of the original Certificate of Need application.

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