

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

American Transmission Company LLC

Docket No. EL13-9-000

v.

Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.,

and

Xcel Energy Services, Inc.,

Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin Corporation

And Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Company

MOTION TO INTERVENE

**Town of Stark - Energy Planning & Information Committee [EPIC]
Vernon County, WI**

The Town of Stark Committee on Energy Planning & Information (EPIC) respectfully submits this Motion for Intervention in the above docket. Pursuant to Section 306 of the Federal Power Act, 16 USC 825e (2006), Section 206 of the Rules of Practice and Procedures of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”), 18 C.F.R. 385.206 (2012), the Commission’s October 3, 2012 Notice of Complaint and EPIC’s timely filing a motion for intervention, we respectfully seek to participate in the Commission’s docket on this matter.

Basis for Intervening:

EPIC has invested tremendous time and money to represent the interests of Town of Stark constituents and to facilitate citizen and municipal government access to information and involvement in transmission planning in Wisconsin and the Midwest.

EPIC's initial focus was on gaining access to planning information during the Public Information (pre-application) Phase of the La Crosse- Madison/Badger Coulee. Understanding the interdependence of CapX2020 and Badger Coulee and because EPIC represents ratepayers who would assume costs and other liabilities for the CapX 2020 transmission project, EPIC took an active role in CapX2020 proceedings as well. Specifically related to CapX2020, members of our committee attended public meetings, provided comments on the environmental review, testimony at the public hearing and comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Development. EPIC also participated directly in the CapX2020 Wisconsin Public Service Commission docket by filing a Petition for Rehearing.

EPIC's efforts to facilitate citizen and municipal government involvement extends beyond the two segments of this line to encompass Midwest Transmission Planning Process (MTEP) both alone and in MISO integration of Wisconsin laws and statutes during transmission planning, decision making and execution.

Because the issues in this docket relate to transmission line expansion and a transmission line project that our constituents would pay for, EPIC has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Furthermore, thousands of citizens and nearly one hundred municipalities have been, and will continue to be, supported by EPIC's efforts to become educated through research and involvement in transmission issues affecting them. As such, EPIC's Motion for Intervention and its participation as a party are in the public interest.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Kent".

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