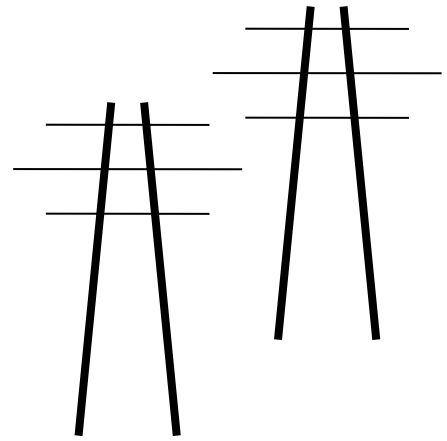


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In Re: **NO CAPX 2020 COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**
Dairyland Power Cooperative Upgrade of Q-1D South
USDA Rural Utilities Service #1060

Dear Mr. Thompson and Mr. Rankin:

ON BEHALF OF NO CAPX 2020, I REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF THE COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING THIS PROJECT – SPECIFICALLY THAT THE COMMENT PERIOD BE EXTENDED TO AT LEAST 30 DAYS FOLLOWING RELEASE AND PUBLICATION OF PROJECT INFORMATION.

Please regard this as a Comment on this project. Today is September 18, 2015, just one week before comments are due as requested by the public notice of August 28, 2015 (calculated conservatively because September 27 is a Sunday).

Where is the additional information to describe this project and its impacts? Has it been published, posted on-line, available to the public? I can't find anything. I've not received any additional information from you on this project. I presume that there is an Application, of which the Appendix A maps are a part. Like any member of the public, the "public notice" was vague, contained no link for further info, and so I am utterly in the dark on what to comment about!

I can make some guesses based on past transmission experience...

- **The maps denoted as Appendix A are helpful**, from which I've been able to discern that it will run through many residential areas, including trailer parks, many commercial and industrial areas, part of this project will be double circuited, access roads go through residential property, and the "Tap" seems to be proposed for a greenfield just south of the new subdivision the line runs through, near the "substation on a stick" that appears on google earth (could be something else?).
- The MISO planning reports for DPC: P7664 have been helpful, revealing conductor size as 795 ACSS, a higher capacity conductor, but there's no explanation of the double circuiting, the transformer size, or disclosure of the limiting factor for capacity of this line. Project type is "other reliability" which is not further explained. Maybe "ya had to have been there" at MISO in Carmel or St. Paul to get the full scoop.
- Badger Coulee testimony and briefing has also been helpful. The Q-1 line, and specifically this line, a/k/a the North La Crosse – La Crosse 161 kV Tap, was named as a part of the 161 kV system that MISO and Applicants held up as rationale for a need determination for Badger Coulee, that Badger Coulee would alleviate the issues with the 161 kV system. SOUL also advocated for upgrade of the existing 161 kV system as an "**alternative**" to Badger Coulee, but this upgrade was rejected. But now in addition to Badger Coulee and CapX 2020, you're also rebuilding the 161 kV system and increasing its capacity in that rebuild?

As a public advocate, I also note that I've seen no notice to landowners and residents, no notice to local governments, only this "public notice" buried in the paper, and I have no idea how many times this was published and what papers were used. Has there been any direct notice to those along route and those who on property upon which access roads are planned? Affidavits of Service of Notices should also be published and included with the publication of the Application.

Please forward information about this project at your earliest convenience, and post it online for the public to access.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Very truly yours,



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