Administrative law judge recommends route for Brookings County-Hampton 345 kV project


After reviewing the record, including public comments, the ALJ recommended that a Route Permit be issued for a route that was developed through the contested case process. The recommended route follows the modified preferred route identified by applicants, as modified by Route Option 6P-06 near the proposed Hampton Substation. Route Option 6P-06 was proposed by landowners as an alternative and was reviewed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Although the ALJ recommended a route in his report, other route options are not exempt from consideration by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MN PUC) when making its final decision on the Route Permit application.

The next step in the Route Permit review process: The MN PUC will schedule time at an official meeting to deliberate and discuss the record and consider the ALJ’s recommendation. The MN PUC has the final authority over the selection of the transmission line’s final route. A final decision is expected in early summer 2010.

Additional information will be posted at www.CapX2020.com when available.
The administrative law judge recommended in his April 22 report that the Brookings County-Hampton 345 kV transmission line follow the modified preferred route combined with Route Option 6P-06 as defined in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission makes the final decision on the route and has not yet ruled; a decision is expected in early summer 2010.

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