

CapX 2020

FARGO TO MONTICELLO TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT ROUTING WORK GROUP MEETING 2

**Best Western Doublewood Inn – Fargo, North Dakota
March 4, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.**

The meeting was conducted on March 04, 2008 from 10:00am to 12:00am at the Best Western Doublewood Inn in the City of Fargo, North Dakota. Of the 54 invitees, 4 people had confirmed their attendance in advance for the meeting and 5 actually attended.

The following agenda was followed for the meeting.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and Introductions	Tim Carlsgaard/Darrin Lahr
10:05 – 10:10	Review of January Routing Work Groups	
10:10 – 10:25	Interactive Exercise	
11:25 – 11:00	Overview of Projects and Regulatory Processes	Tim Carlsgaard/Darrin Lahr
11:00 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 – 11:25	Review of January Criteria Exercise	Darrin Lahr
11:25 – 11:35	Review of Criteria and Route Development Process	Tim Carlsgaard/Darrin Lahr
11:35 – 11:45	Monticello – St. Cloud Potential Route Alternatives, St. Cloud – Fargo Refined Corridors	
11:45 – 11:50	Next Steps	
11:50 – 12:00	Questions and Answers	

The meeting opened with group introductions and a review of recent activities. The attendees were asked to participate in an interactive exercise. The group, lead by a facilitator, was asked to participate in routing a line on a fictitious map. This map had many of the same characteristics and land features as the Fargo to Monticello project area. For example, it depicted farmland, center pivot irrigation, airports, wildlife areas, lakes, highways and towns. The group worked together to discuss their preference for the route and what they chose were recorded by the facilitator. The exercise lasted approximately 15 minutes.

Following the interactive exercise, an overview of the projects and regulatory processes, as well as a review of January criteria exercises were presented. Also presented was a review of the criteria and the route development process where it was explained how the project was split into two pieces. The St. Cloud to Monticello piece was presented as a way to understand the routing methodology that is being used and the subsequent steps that develop the route options

to be included in the applications to the individual states. The presentation concluded with a discussion of the next steps in the project process, as well as a question and answer session.

Questions and comments during the meeting, as transcribed by a representative of the project team, are listed below.

- Does residential take precedence over agriculture land for routing?
- At some point you are going to have to cross over an existing line. Will your new line be higher than the old?
- Landowners do not want power lines on their land.
- For routing purposes, some prefer the shortest route as long it's not on their property.
- Could you possibly use an existing easement?
- Is there an ideal span?
- Existing state highways Right-of-Ways are nice to use.
- Can you go diagonally for shortest distance or section lines? Some prefer not to do it diagonally.
- Two gentlemen already have lines on their property and it's hard to farm behind those lines.
- How are you (CapX) affected by a State Park?
- Will energy rates increase?
- Where do co-ops and municipals get energy?

Following the meeting, a comment form was returned from one attendee. A summary of the comment form is presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Routing Work Group Meeting 2 Questionnaire and Comment Form

Comment(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything appears to be going smoothly for the new Fargo – St. Cloud transmission line. • Hopefully the line can be constructed as soon as possible.