The CapX2020 utilities met a major milestone for the Brookings County–Hampton 345-kV transmission line project with the late December filing of a Route Permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Landowners owning property within one of the two route options were mailed a packet in late December.

As required by state law, two route options were proposed for the approximately 210-mile long transmission line and associated substations. The Commission will determine which route option will be certified after a lengthy public process, including public meetings held by the Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) and public hearings held by the Commission and overseen by an administrative law judge.

The CapX2020 utilities encourage all landowners, regardless if they have property within a route option, to continue attending meetings and participating in the public process. There have been instances in Minnesota where the Commission has certified routes not proposed in the utilities’ Route Permit application. Additionally, public participation continues to be valued at all stages of the process.

If you have questions about the Route Permit application or current project status, please call 1-888-473-2279, visit www.CapX2020.com or email brookingsinfo@CapX2020.com.

If you would like to receive written notices of project milestones regarding the environmental review process, including availability notice of the draft Environmental Impact Statement, please sign up for the project contact list at http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/ or by contacting:

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The Brookings County-Hampton 345-kV transmission line project preferred and alternate routes detailed in the maps below were filed in a Minnesota Route Permit application on December 29, 2008. The route options were developed based on information compiled from meetings with local landowners and government officials, county staff, state and federal agencies, and other interested stakeholders. A Route Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is required before the project can be constructed. The Commission determines the transmission line’s final route and design. Please continue to be involved with this important project.

Brookings County–Cedar Mountain Substation area route options

Cedar Mountain Substation area–Hampton route options

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