

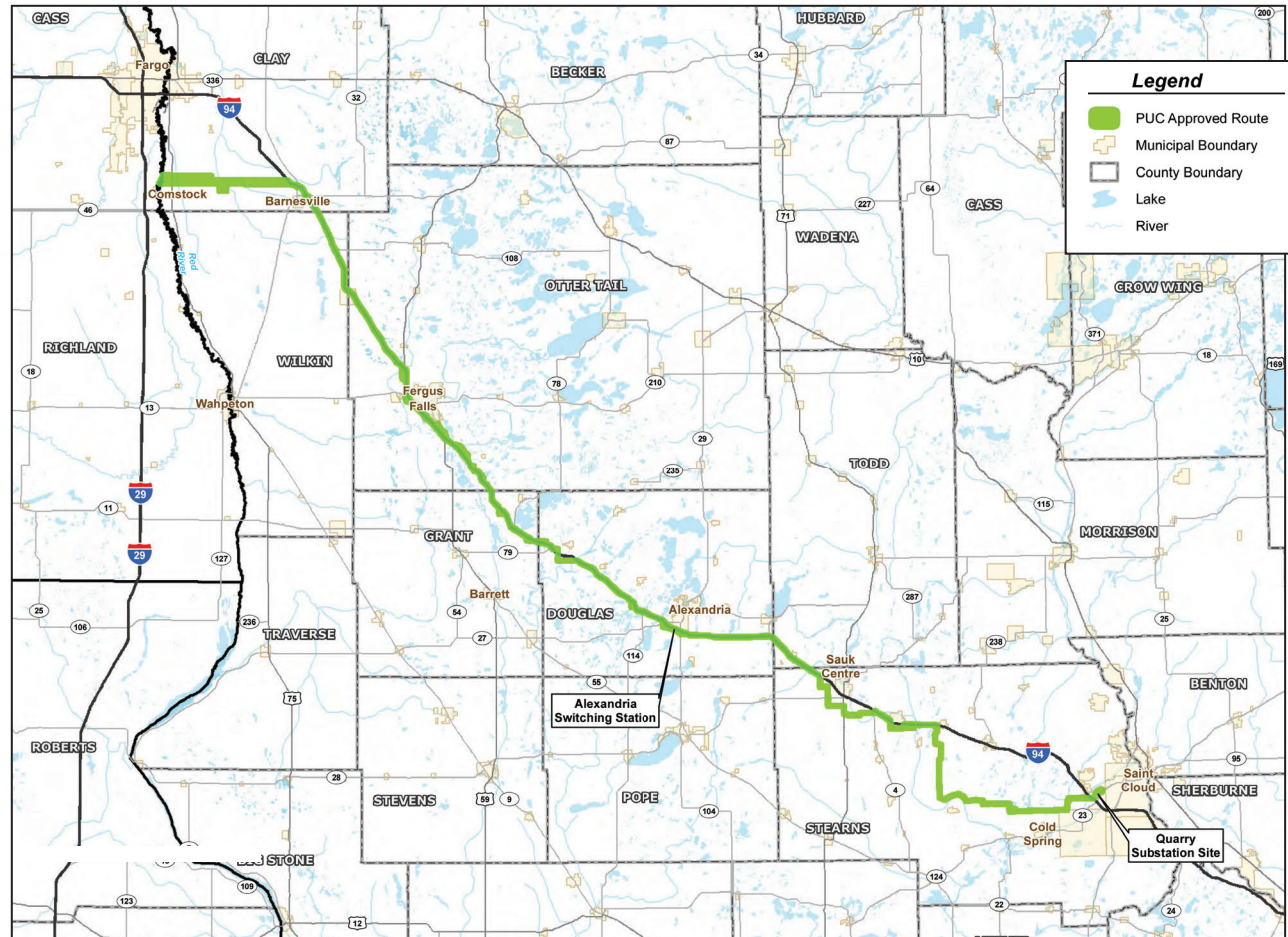
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission selects final route for Fargo-St. Cloud 345 kV project

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MN PUC) approved the Route Permit application for the CapX2020 Fargo-St. Cloud 345 kV transmission line on June 10, 2011. The approved route will connect at the new Quarry Substation near St. Cloud and at a new Bison Substation west of Fargo. The North Dakota portion of the project has not yet been approved; a Route Permit application will be filed in that state in summer 2011. The approved route in Minnesota generally follows Interstate 94 from the North Dakota border south of Fargo to the Alexandria Switching Station. From Alexandria, the line will continue east mostly along Interstate 94 to Sauk Centre where it heads south along county and township roads near Albany, Colleagueville and St. Joseph to the new Quarry Substation west of St. Cloud.

Utilities have started contacting landowners between Alexandria and St. Cloud to begin the easement acquisition process; construction on this segment is expected to begin in late 2011. CapX2020 will keep landowners, local officials and other stakeholders informed as the project progresses. The Fargo-St. Cloud project, including a North Dakota segment, will be energized in 2015.

The green line designates the final Fargo-St. Cloud project route selected by the MN PUC.

www.capx2020.com



CapX2020

Delivering electricity you can rely on

PO Box 9451
Minneapolis, MN 55440

Presorted
First-Class Mail
U.S. Postage
PAID
Saint Paul, MN
Permit No. 3302

*Central Minnesota Municipal
Power Agency
Dairyland Power Cooperative
Great River Energy
Minnesota Power
Minnkota Power Cooperative
Missouri River Energy Services
Otter Tail Power Company
Rochester Public Utilities
Southern Minnesota Municipal
Power Agency
WPPI Energy
Xcel Energy*

 @capxprojects



About the Fargo-St. Cloud project

The Fargo-St. Cloud project is a double circuit 345 kV transmission line (constructed as double circuit capable) between the North Dakota border south of Fargo and the new Quarry Substation west of St. Cloud. The line will be constructed primarily of single pole structures attached to concrete foundations spaced about five per mile.

We want to hear from you.

Contact us at www.CapX2020.com or:
Project development manager - Xcel Energy
Darrin Lahr, routing lead
Jerry Chezik, project manager
PO Box 9451
Minneapolis, MN 55440-9451
1-866-876-2869
fargoinfo@capx2020.com