Fargo-St. Cloud-Monticello 345 kV Transmission Line

**Current Status:**
Construction of the 210-mile Fargo-St. Cloud 345 kV transmission line started in 2012 and is scheduled for completion in 2015. The double circuit capable transmission line is being built in two phases between the Alexandria Switching station in Alexandria, Minnesota and the new Quarry Substation west of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and between the new Bison Substation west of Fargo, North Dakota and the Alexandria Switching Station. A 28-mile segment between the Quarry Substation and the Monticello Substation was completed and energized in December of 2011.

**Regulatory Process:**
The project was granted a final Route Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on June 10, 2011. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (ND PSC) approved a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit on September 12, 2012.

**Top Property Tax-Payer**
The CapX2020 transmission line is creating property tax revenue for cities and counties across Minnesota. According to the St. Cloud Times, Northern States Power (NSP), an Xcel Energy Company, is now the top property tax-payer in Stearns County. The St. Cloud Times reports NSP, with its ownership share in the CapX2020 Fargo-Monticello project, will pay $3.3 million in property taxes this year in Stearns County, with a total estimated market value of $93.7 million.

**Road Use Agreements:**
The project team meets with local government staff and officials to define road use agreements. The project's construction contractors will be limited to defined haul routes and those haul routes will be the basis for discussing road use agreements with the townships and counties.

**We want to hear from you.**
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**About CapX2020**
CapX2020 is a joint initiative of 11 transmission-owning utilities in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin formed to upgrade and expand the electric transmission grid to ensure continued reliable and affordable service.

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
Construction Schedule:

- **Phase 2**
  (St. Cloud to Alexandria)

  Construction work continues on Phase 2 of the project between Alexandria and St. Cloud with poles and wire being installed. More than 225 structures have been set (50 percent) and nearly 30 percent of line stringing is complete. Construction in the fall will be concentrated between Melrose and St. Cloud. Phase 2 is scheduled to be energized in May 2014.

- **Phase 3 Minnesota**
  (Alexandria to Red River)

  Approximately 40 percent of the foundations on Phase 3 between Alexandria and the new Bison Substation west of Fargo have been completed. Foundation construction between Barnesville, Minnesota and the Red River is nearly complete with structure erection and line stringing starting in mid-September. Foundation construction between Alexandria and Fergus Falls will continue through the fall of 2013.

- **Phase 3 North Dakota**
  (Red River to Bison Substation)

  About 90 foundations (50 percent) were completed in North Dakota during the winter of 2012. Foundation work will resume near the Red River and move west in early fall of 2013.

**Crops and Harvest**

If construction work affects your crops or harvest schedule, CapX2020 will pay for any crop damages. In addition, CapX2020 will work with you when possible to schedule early harvest or other options to minimize loss to crops.

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**By the numbers**

**Between the Bison Substation & the Monticello Substation:**
- 1,400 structures will be erected
- 9 million feet of wire will be strung
- 170,000 cubic yards of concrete will be poured (enough to build 3 Target Fields or a 4 foot sidewalk from Minneapolis to Toledo, OH)

**HELI Coheters & Explosions**

Power line construction work along I-94 between Alexandria and Freeport starting in May 2013

- Keep your eyes on the road.
- DON'T STOP. DON'T GAWK. DRIVE SAFELY.

**Grading is underway at the Bison Substation west of Fargo. The next step will be fencing off the site, followed by installation of foundations. Electrical construction is slated to begin in 2014.**