

Numerous public meetings and hearings will be held throughout the process. The September open houses are the first of many that the CapX 2020 utilities plan to host, and your involvement is essential. If you are unable to attend the upcoming open houses, feel free to submit comments at [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com) or call or email us.

\* The dates and locations of the CapX 2020 open houses are listed on the inside.

## INVITATION TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

Dear Landowner,

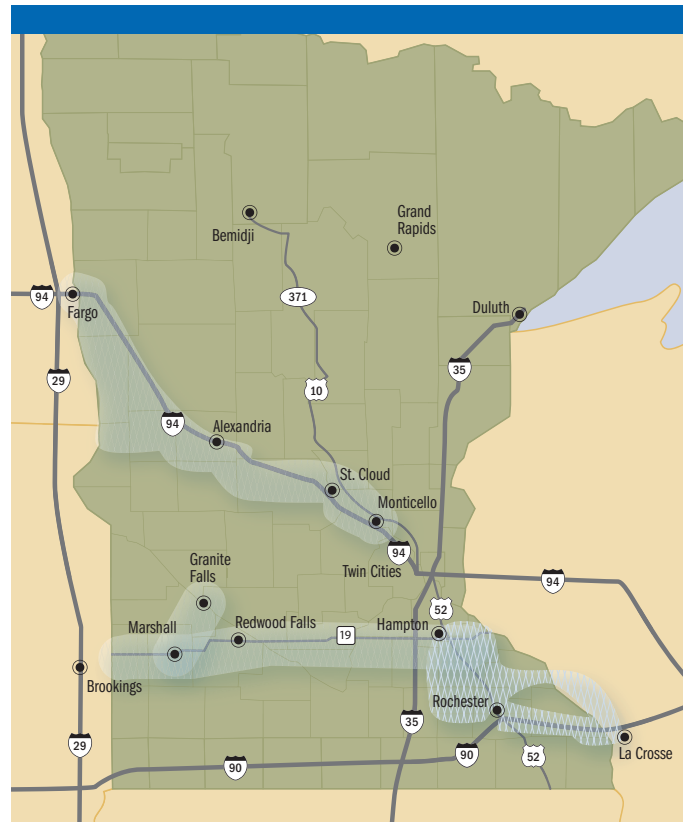
In July you were sent a Notice Plan letter by a group of regional utilities informing you of the proposal for three major transmission lines that would ensure customers in Minnesota and the surrounding region receive continued reliable, low-cost electricity, and increase access to renewable energy sources. CapX 2020, a joint initiative of these 11 transmission-owning utilities in Minnesota and the surrounding states, filed a Certificate of Need application for this project on August 16, 2007, with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

The CapX 2020 utilities have scheduled open houses in your area to provide information on the proposed high voltage lines and to answer your questions.

These proposed lines represent one of the largest single transmission initiatives in the region in decades, possibly spanning more than 600 miles. The approximate lengths and general location of the lines are as follows:

- A 200-mile, 345-kilovolt (kV) line between Brookings, SD, and the southeast Twin Cities, plus a related 345-kV line between Marshall and Granite Falls, MN
- A 250-mile, 345-kV line between Fargo, ND, and Alexandria, St. Cloud and Monticello, MN
- A 150-mile, 345-kV line between the southeast Twin Cities, Rochester, MN, and La Crosse, WI

Following a rigorous public process, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will likely decide whether the lines are needed by early 2009. If it is determined that the projects are needed, the Commission will decide routes for the new lines in separate proceedings. Portions of the proposed lines also will require approvals by federal officials and by regulators in North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.



### Contact information for the three projects:

**Brookings, SD-SE Twin Cities**  
888-473-2279  
[brookingsinfo@capx2020.com](mailto:brookingsinfo@capx2020.com)

**Fargo-Alexandria-St. Cloud-Monticello**  
866-876-2869  
[fargoinfo@capx2020.com](mailto:fargoinfo@capx2020.com)

**SE Twin Cities-Rochester-La Crosse**  
800-238-7968  
[lacroseinfo@capx2020.com](mailto:lacroseinfo@capx2020.com)

## Brookings, SD-SE Twin Cities (345-kV)

### Monday, September 10

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Wind Energy Center  
2390 County Hwy 1  
Hendricks, MN 56136

### Tuesday, September 11

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Prairie Events Center  
1507 East College Drive  
Marshall, MN 56258\*



### Wednesday, September 12

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Kilowatt Center  
600 Kilowatt Drive  
Granite Falls, MN 56241

### Thursday, September 13

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Max's Grill  
1325 West Lincoln Ave.  
Olivia, MN 56277\*

### Tuesday, September 18

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Redwood Falls Area Community Center  
901 Cook St.  
Redwood Falls, MN 56258

### Wednesday, September 19

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Arlington Community Center  
204 Shamrock Drive  
Arlington, MN 55307

### Thursday, September 20

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Pla-Mor Ballroom  
1913 9th St. E.  
Glencoe, MN 55336

### Tuesday, September 25

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Park Ballroom  
300 Lexington Ave. S  
New Prague, MN 56071

### Wednesday, September 26

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Archer House  
212 Division St.  
Northfield, MN 55057

### Thursday, September 27

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn  
20800 Kendrick Ave.  
Lakeville, MN 55044

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## Fargo-Alexandria-St. Cloud-Monticello (345-kV)

### Tuesday, September 11

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Best Western Bigwood Conference Center  
921 Western Ave.  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

### Wednesday, September 12

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Courtyard by Marriot  
1080 28th Ave. S.  
Moorhead, MN 56560\*

### Thursday, September 13

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn  
5637 Highway 29 S.  
Alexandria, MN 56308

### Wednesday, September 19

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Ramada  
2115 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Brainerd, MN\*

### Tuesday, September 25

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
American Legion  
265 County Road 173  
Melrose, MN 56352

### Wednesday, September 26

5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
West Central High School  
303 County Road 2  
Barrett, MN 56311

### Thursday, September 27

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
American Legion  
505 Pine St.  
Clearwater, MN 55320

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## SE Twin Cities-Rochester-La Crosse (345-kV)

### Tuesday, September 11

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Riverport Inn  
900 Bruski Drive  
Winona, MN 55987

### Wednesday, September 12

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
International Event Center  
7333 Airport View Drive SW  
Rochester, MN 55902\*

### Thursday, September 13

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Coffee Mill Golf Course and Country Club  
180 Coffee Mill Drive  
Wabasha, MN 55981

### Tuesday, September 25

3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Red Wing Community Library, Foot Room  
225 East Ave.  
Red Wing, MN 55066

### Wednesday, September 26

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