CapX 2020 SE Twin Cities-Rochester-La Crosse open house schedule:

**Monday, December 8**
5 – 8 p.m.
Riverport Inn
900 Bruski Drive
Winona, MN 55987

**Tuesday, December 9**
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
St. Charles Community Center
830 Whitewater Avenue
St. Charles, MN 55972
5 – 8 p.m.
Alma High School
S1618 State Road 35
Alma, WI 54610

**Wednesday, December 10**
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Centerville Community Center/Curling Club
W24854 State Road 54/93
Centerville, WI 54630
5 – 8 p.m.
La Crescent American Legion
509 North Chestnut Street
La Crescent, MN 55947

**Thursday, December 11**
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Oronoco Community Center
115 2nd Street NW
Oronoco, MN 55960
5 – 8 p.m.
Grandpa’s Event Center
31846 65th Avenue
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

CapX 2020 Project update

The SE Twin Cities-Rochester-La Crosse project team is identifying potential route options for the proposed 345-kilovolt transmission line project. Open houses are scheduled for December 8-11 to gather public input, which will help the utilities select two route options. After a Route Permit application is filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MN PUC) and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) is filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) – both in 2009 – the agencies will host public meetings and hearings to gather additional input.

The project team is also working with Rural Utilities Service (RUS), a federal financing agency that provides funding assistance to cooperatives for the installation and modernization of rural electric systems. Dairyland Power Cooperative, a CapX 2020 partner, is seeking financing from RUS for its portion of the investment in the 345-kV line. RUS conducts a federal environmental review of the project and will host several public meetings along the project study corridor in 2009.

The MN PUC and the PSCW make the final decision on whether the line is needed and its route.

**Stay informed**


**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MN PUC):** To view the full docket (all documents filed with the MN PUC), go to the agency’s Web site at www.puc.state.mn.us, click on “eDockets & eFilings” on the left-hand side and then click on “Search Documents” and search for docket 06-1115. Use “O6” for the year (when the first CapX 2020 document was filed) and “1115” in the second field, then press the search button. All filings in the CapX 2020 eDocket will be listed.

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW):** Check the status of the project case on the PSCW Web site, www.psc.wi.gov, by entering document number 05-CE-136 in the “Link Directly to a Case” section. The PSCW can also be contacted at (888) 816-3831.

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For additional information on the regulatory process:

**Minnesota Department of Commerce**
www.commerce.state.mn.us

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**
www.puc.state.mn.us

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**
www.psc.wi.gov

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Minnesota Power • Minnkota Power Cooperative • Missouri River Energy Services • Otter Tail Power Company
Rochester Public Utilities • Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency • Wisconsin Public Power Inc. • Xcel Energy
The CapX 2020 utilities are hosting open houses in Winona, St. Charles, La Crescent, Oronoco and Cannon Falls, Minnesota, and Centerville and Alma, Wisconsin, to provide information on the proposed high voltage transmission line between SE Twin Cities, Rochester and La Crosse as well as possible route options. The utilities are currently reviewing and collecting data on the route options, including three potential sites for crossing the Mississippi River – Alma, Winona and La Crescent/La Crosse – where existing transmission lines already cross the river; the proposed line would only cross the Mississippi River once. Please stop by an open house anytime to provide comments. No formal presentation is scheduled.

This line is one of three 345-kilovolt lines proposed by CapX 2020, a joint initiative of 11 transmission-owning utilities in Minnesota and the surrounding region. The initiative is designed to expand the electricity infrastructure to ensure continued reliable service, meet the growth in electricity demand and support renewable energy expansion.

If you are unable to attend an open house, submit comments by visiting www.capx2020.com, calling 1-800-238-7986 or sending an email to lacrosseinfo@capx2020.com.