

Office of Administrative Hearings  
The Honorable Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger  
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St. Paul, MN. 55164-0620

RE: CapX 2020 High Voltage Transmission Lines

Dear Judge Heydinger,

Our family makes it a point to live conservatively and responsibly, consuming thoughtfully and within reason. We work hard to minimize our impact on the natural environment, to conserve resources and preserve our beautiful, rural setting.

The proposed CapX2020 project has gotten our attention. Why? Because the project doesn't appear to take into consideration living conservatively and responsibly. Building 345kV power lines from coal plants in another state to serve the electrical needs of big cities in other states without study of alternatives such as conservation and locally sourced renewable power is not responsible.

If permitted, the CapX 2020 transmission lines will define the energy future for Minnesota and the upper Midwest, and my generation (and my generation's children and grandchildren) will end up living with (and living next to) the consequences of these lines.

As ratepayers we will also be paying for this project. We need to consider not only the cost of building the lines, but also the cost in quality of life and environment. We need to have less environmentally damaging alternatives of conservation and local, dispersed renewable energy fully analyzed and supported instead of the CapX project.

We have heard the power companies says the line is source neutral, and that it will carry wind energy. Yet they say conditions requiring wind are not a good idea and it seems that the whole MISO system is designed to serve the large corporations rather than the citizens, environment, and economy of Minnesota.

The PUC needs to make a decision about the public interest for the citizens of Minnesota and not just rubber-stamp CapX2020. The power companies are already well represented. We are counting on you to protect us.

Sincerely,

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Member of Citizens Energy Task Force  
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