

Office of Administrative Hearings
The Honorable Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger
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RE: CapX 2020 High Voltage Transmission Lines

Dear Judge Heydinger,

As a resident of Minnesota and electric ratepayer, I am writing to voice my concerns over the CapX 2020 High-Voltage Transmission Line Project and respectfully ask that you deny the Certificate of Need for the proposed CapX 2020 project.

Minnesota has some excellent laws in place preferring utilities to focus on renewable energy, higher energy conservation efforts, and the dramatic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. However, the 11 utility companies involved with the CapX 2020 project have ignored these laws, and instead rely on inaccurate forecasts for electricity growth and favor large remote power plants, including coal plants, rather than smaller community-based renewable energy sources. Therefore, not only would these lines go directly against recent Minnesota laws governing utilities, but they also would go against the best interests of the public, ratepayers, landowners, local communities and the environment. In fact, it seems that the only winners in the CapX 2020 Project would be the utility companies themselves and the huge profits they would garner on the backs of taxpayers.

The CapX 2020 transmission lines would define the energy future for Minnesota and the upper Midwest, and at this great turning point in our energy policies I hope that you will hold our public utilities accountable to Minnesota laws requiring conservation, increased efficiency, and incorporation of renewable energy.

If these lines do indeed need to be built, please require conditions requiring the incorporation of conservation and renewable energy. Doing so is good for our environment, local jobs, and the long-term ability of Minnesota to provide our own energy security.

Sincerely,

Name

Member of Citizens Energy Task Force

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