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County Board Votes to Oppose CAPX 2020 Project

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LA CROSSE, Wisconsin (WXOW) The La Crosse County Board of Supervisors voted in favor of a resolution opposing the Cap X 20-20 power line project.

The resolution introduced by Board member Marilyn Pedretti also requests additional public hearings in La Crosse in La Crosse on the issue, along with a request for detailed information about the need for the project.

The Board supported the resolution by a vote of 26 to 2. Two members abstained.

Eleven utilities are part of the Cap X project which is designed to expand the electric transmission grid.

Xcel Energy Community Service Manager Mike Herro says future demand shows there's a need for the project. Joe Morse with the Citizen's Energy Task Force disagrees. Morse says the Public Service Commission in their draft environmental impact statement said that this is not needed.

Morse says that Xcel overestimated the population increase projected to happen in the area. So Morse says, there's no real need for increased capacity for this area. Mike Herro says the Commission report to which Morse refers is a draft. Herro says that Xcel set new peaks in August this year. He says those are demand peaks and that's what the issue really is.

Herro says that information has been given to the PSC. He says it's his company's job to make sure commission members have all the information.

Morse says his group brought a petition to the Board meeting signed by 782 local residents opposing the project. The vote is part of what members of the PSC will consider.

Those members are scheduled to make a decision on this issue in June, 2012.

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