

CapX2020 Public Information Meeting held in Holmen

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Holmen, WI (WXOW)-- A public information meeting on the controversial CapX2020 project was held in Holmen Monday night.

Attendees heard presentations from Xcel Energy and the Citizens Energy Task Force, who opposes the project.

Representative Steve Doyle acted as the moderator for the meeting, which will provided details about the proposal for the 150 mile long power line. The power line would run from Hampton, MN to the La Crosse area.

After the presentations the public had a chance to submit written questions to both groups. Many of the inquiries had to do with the proposed route, but the questions that got the biggest reaction from the crowd, had to do with health concerns.

"What we're saying is that the research that we've done, through epidemiological journals, is that there are associations, high associations which is accepted, that the rates of leukemia and childhood leukemia, are doubled next to power lines," said Joe Morse, a spokesman for the Citizens Energy Task Force.

Now Xcel Energy said there are minimal risks and that the state conducted necessary health studies in the environmental assessment.

"The state of Wisconsin has addressed that in their EIS and the bottom line is that there's not enough of a concern to really warrant any kind of regulation or specific routing changes for EMF," said Tom Hillstrom of Xcel Energy.

Tonight's meeting only allowed written questions, no comments. The next step in the process is getting public input. There will be two public forums. One March 13 at the American Legion in Alma, and another one March 14 at the Centerville Community Center.

You can also log-on to the [public service commission website](#) and leave your remarks in the public comments section.