

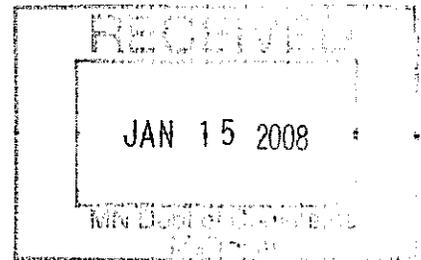
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Re: Environmental Report for Monticello - Fargo Line
CapX 2020 Certificate of Need Application

Dear Mr. Birkholz:

This letter is submitted for consideration in connection with the preparation of the Environmental Report for the proposed 345 kV CapX 2020 Monticello - Fargo Line (the "Alexandria CapX Line").

I am a member of the Board of Governors for a C-BED project located in Stevens County, Minnesota. In addition to our C-BED project, there are several other wind development projects in the area ranging in size from 20 MW to 400 MW (the "West Central Minnesota Projects"). The combined MISO applications for West Central Minnesota Projects exceed 1,000 MW. These projects, both C-BED and non-C-BED, are located near Minnesota State Highway 28 in Stevens, Big Stone, and Traverse Counties. Meteorological tower data and the Commerce Department wind maps both indicate a very strong wind resource in this area.

During the development of our C-BED project, we have been working with transmission engineers in an effort to identify significant transmission issues and constraints. Our engineers have advised us that several 345 kV transmission upgrades are necessary if all of the West Central Minnesota Projects are to be constructed. These upgrades include construction of the Alexandria CapX Line and a 345 kV connection (perhaps through an existing 115 kV right-of-way) from the Morris Substation to the Alexandria CapX Line.

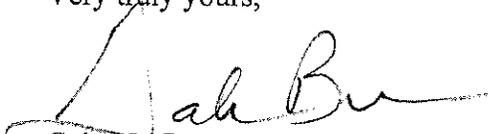
Therefore, during the preparation of the Environmental Report, I respectfully request that the Public Utilities Commission consider that the use of renewable energy sources would be severely limited if the Alexandria CapX Line is not built. If West Central Minnesota Projects are not built, the communities in West Central Minnesota will lose out on a great opportunity to develop a significant

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wind resource and the State of Minnesota will lose out on a great opportunity to advance its renewable energy objectives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

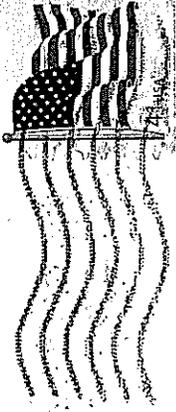


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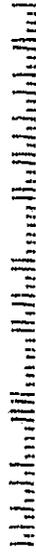
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Dear Mr. Birkholz:

We appreciate your request for input on the issue of the Certificate of Need for the CapX 2020 Group I Transmission Lines in Minnesota. The purpose of this letter is to express our **STRONG OPPOSITION** to this initiative. We believe that insufficient time has been allowed to study the impact and that given the critical environmental, health and aesthetic risks, more time must be allocated to assess actual needs, examine energy alternatives and assess impact and outcomes. Our rationale for our strong opposition to proceeding at this stage is outlined in the following paragraphs.

In October 2007 we learned of the “possibility” that a power line would connect Fargo with Monticello. During the past three months, we followed developments, traveling first to Brainerd and then to Clearwater to attend the public forums. In neither of the information sessions nor in any of the materials made available have we been convinced of the need for such a power line. The case for redundancy is weak (in fact, there have been no debilitating power outages in recent years and critical facilities, such as the St. Cloud Hospital, have an alternative energy supply). And the case for transporting wind-produced energy, sometime in the future when it becomes available, is weaker still. Given that coal-fired plants would initially be the primary source of power being generated, such an initiative appears to contradict and indeed undermine initiatives to save energy and reduce the carbon footprint, initiatives at the international, federal, state, regional, and local levels.

We advocate that more time is taken to seriously examine important questions: To what extent will the construction of a power line actually stimulate the production of wind energy in Northwestern Minnesota and Northeastern North Dakota? Since development follows power creation and transmission, to what extent is it wise to stimulate the growth of the state’s already-congested metropolitan areas? Might alternatives—decentralized sites of power generation, credits for alternative and sustainable forms of energy (e.g. wind turbines)—that are environmentally friendly also be more economically feasible? Finally, does it behoove us to interrupt and indeed destroy some of the state’s remaining rural landscapes, like those being so carefully preserved in the Collegeville and Farming Townships (the latter where we reside)?

Sincerely,



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