



**State of Minnesota
Office of Energy Security**



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NOTICE OF ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING

PUC Docket Number: E017, E015, ET-6/TL-07-1237

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of the Advisory Task Force for the proposed Bemidji – Grand Rapids transmission line project will be held at the date and location listed below.

ADVISORY TASK FORCE MEETING

Monday, July 14, 2008

1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Cass Lake City Council Chambers

330 2nd Street NW

Cass Lake, MN

Otter Tail Power Company, Minnesota Power, and Minnkota Power Cooperative are proposing to build a 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Bemidji to Grand Rapids, MN. These companies have identified an initial 68-mile corridor through which the line could be routed.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has authorized the Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) to establish an Advisory Task Force (ATF) to advise the PUC on the routes to be evaluated and the impacts and issues to be considered in the environmental impact statement. OES staff has solicited ATF nominations from local units of government located along the proposed and alternative routes identified in the application.

The first meeting of the ATF will be from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. on July 14, 2008, at the Cass Lake City Council Chambers. This meeting is open to the public, but participation will be limited to task force members. A series of public scoping meetings to gather input on routes to be evaluated and impacts and issues to be considered in the environmental impact statement will be held in the project area in August. A notice announcing the public scoping meetings will be issued once locations and times have been finalized.

PROJECT INFORMATION

A detailed explanation of the proposed project is contained in the application for a route permit filed with the PUC. Copies of the application can be viewed on the PUC website:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19344>

If you have questions or would like more information about this project, please contact Project Manager, Suzanne Steinhauer (Tel: 651.296.2888 or suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us) or Public Advisor, Ray Kirsch (Tel: 651.296.7588, or raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us).