

# Public Information & Scoping Meeting

Clearwater, MN - July 2, 2009

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**On the Monticello to St. Cloud  
345 kV Transmission Line Project**

# Welcome

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- **Project**
  - The applicants' proposal
- **Process**
  - How the state reviews the project
- **Public Participation**
  - Your voice in the process

# Welcome

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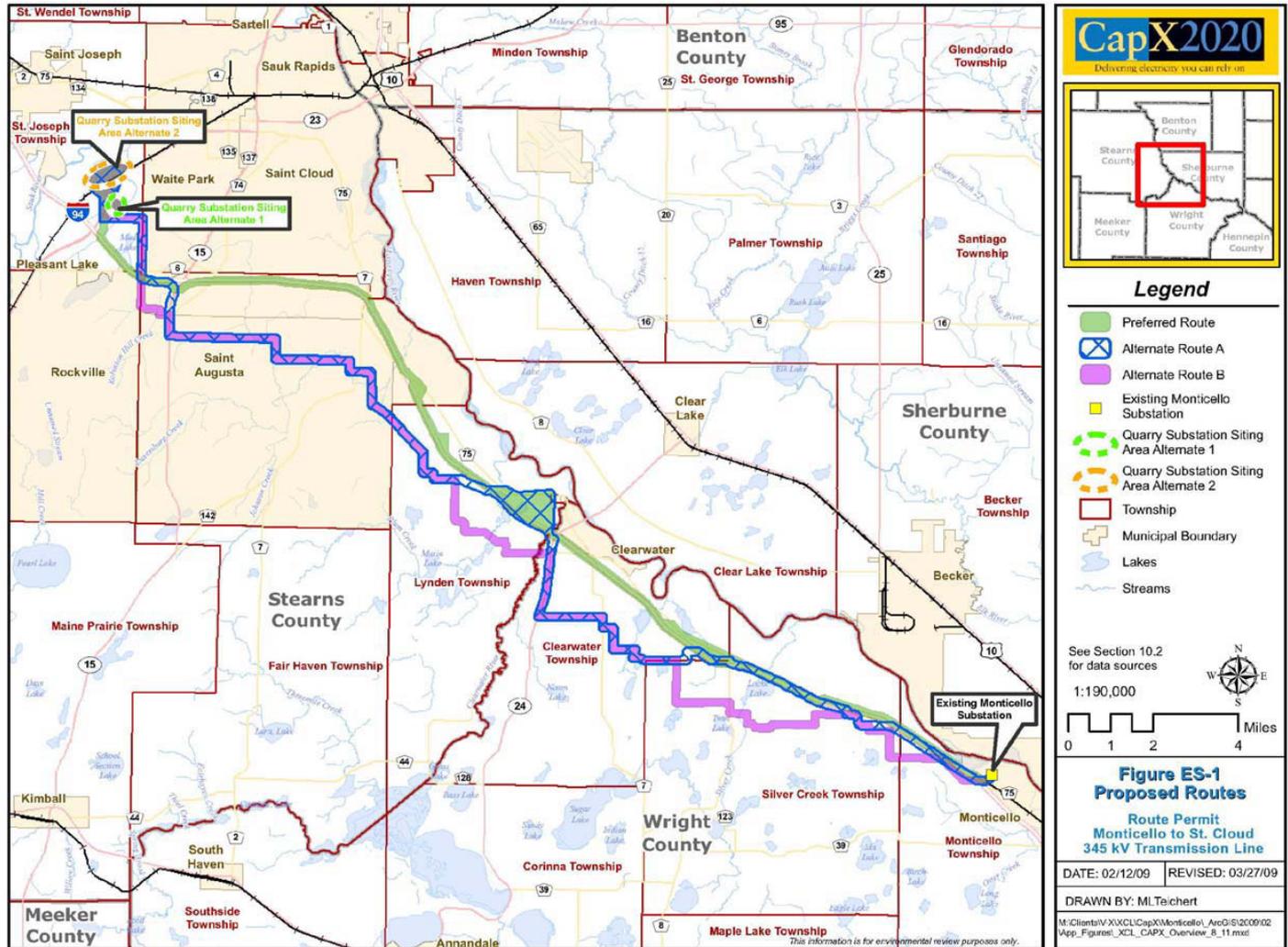
- **Materials**

- Registry cards, comment sheets, informational materials.

- **Introductions**

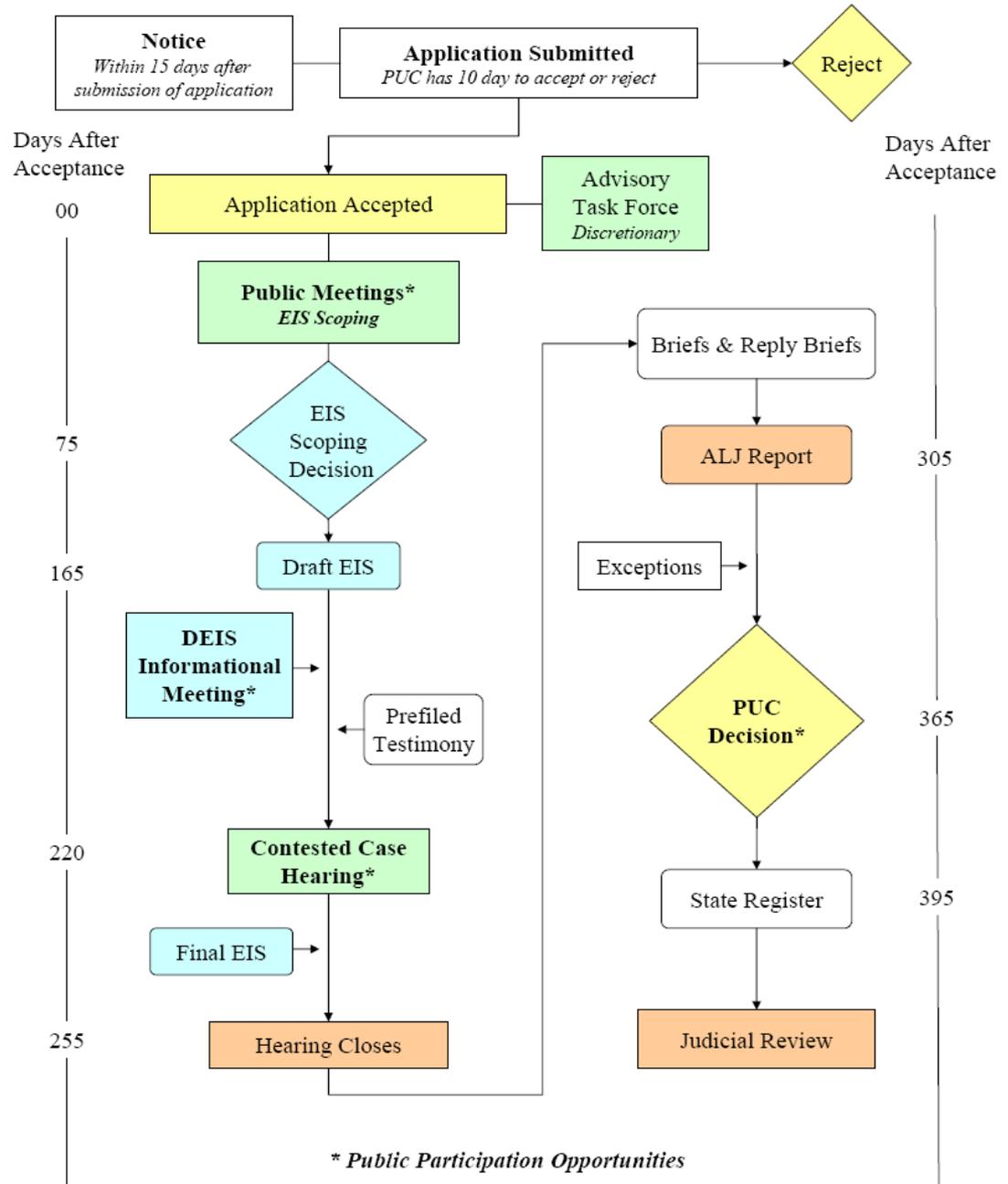
- OES staff, PUC staff, Xcel Energy Representatives.

# Project



# Process

## ○ Full Review Process



# Process - Scheduling

Action	Anticipated	Actual
Application Filing		04/08/09
Application Acceptance		05/13/09
Certificate of Need Order		05/22/09
Advisory Task Force		Jun 25-Aug 6
Public Information & Scoping Meeting		07/02/09
Scoping Decision	Aug 2009	
Draft EIS	Dec 2009	
Public Information Meeting	Jan 2009	
Final EIS	Feb 2010	
Contested Case Hearing	Feb 2010	
Judge's Report/Exceptions	Apr 2010	
Permit Issued	May 2010	

# Public Participation

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- Public Meeting
- Scoping the EIS
- Draft EIS Information Meeting
- Local Public Hearing
- Public Utilities Commission Hearing in St. Paul

# Public Participation – Scoping

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## ○ MR 7849.5300, subp. 3

- A person desiring that a particular site or route be evaluated shall submit to the (OES Director), during the scoping process, an explanation of why the site or route should be included in the environmental impact statement and any other supporting information the person wants the commissioner to consider.

# Public Participation – Comment

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- Comment Sheets
  - Tonight or mail in
- Fax
  - (651) 297.7891
- Comment Online
  - [www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us)

# Public Participation – Comment

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- Comments accepted through the end of business on Friday, July 24, 2009

# Public Participation – Project List

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- Sign up to get all project notices at:
  - <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19957>
- or send information to David or Raymond:
  - Office of Energy Security  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Ste. 500  
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# Comments & Questions

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