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The Minnesota Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security (OES) has selected the following individuals to serve as members on an Advisory Task Force (ATF) for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 KV Transmission Line Project. The ATF will assist OES staff in developing the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and in determining specific impacts, issues of local concern and route alternatives that should be assessed in the EIS for the Freeport to St. Cloud segment of the project.

Freeport to St. Cloud Advisory Task Force

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The ATF will meet three times, beginning January 22, 2010. The ATF will, through a facilitated process, discuss and make recommendations to the Director of the OES in accordance with its charge. The meetings are open for viewing to the public; however, participation in the discussions is limited to members of the ATF.

The ATF will expire upon completing the above charge or upon designation by the Director of the OES of the Scoping Decision for the EIS, whichever occurs first.

To learn more about the proposed project visit the project webpage at:

<http://www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=25053>

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