

Minnesota Office of Energy Security Energy Facilities Permitting

Public Information and Scoping Meetings

CapX 2020 Proposed
Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse
Transmission Line Project

May 4 – 6, 2010

**Public Information and Scoping Meeting:
CapX 2020
Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project**

Introductions

- OES Staff
- Xcel Energy Staff

Materials

- Public Information and Scoping Meeting Notice
- Sign-In Sheet
- Speaker registration
- Comment sheets
- State Review Process Diagram

**Public Information and Scoping Meeting:
CapX 2020
Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project**

Agenda

- 1) Energy Facility Permitting in Minnesota
- 2) Project Description
- 3) State Review Process
- 4) EIS Scoping
- 5) Public Input
- 6) Comments and Questions

**Public Information and Scoping Meeting:
CapX 2020
Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project**

Energy Facility Permitting in Minnesota

- MN Public Utilities Commission is the permitting authority
- For HVTLs greater than 100kV and 1500 feet in length:
 - Route Permit required [Docket No. E002/TL-09-1448]
 - “Route” description
 - Route permitting process includes a 12-month review of the permit application.
 - Public input and environmental review built into the route permitting process.

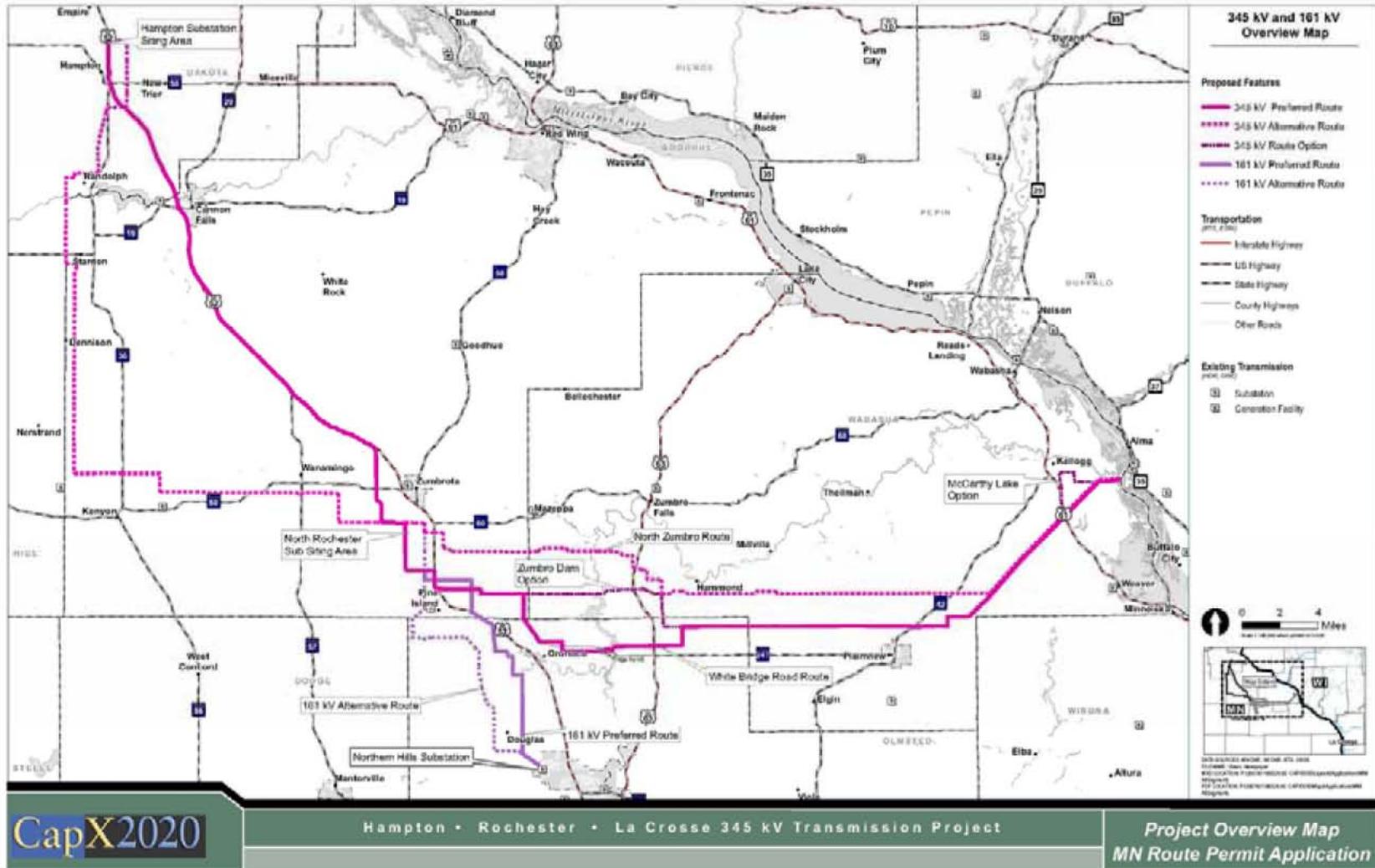
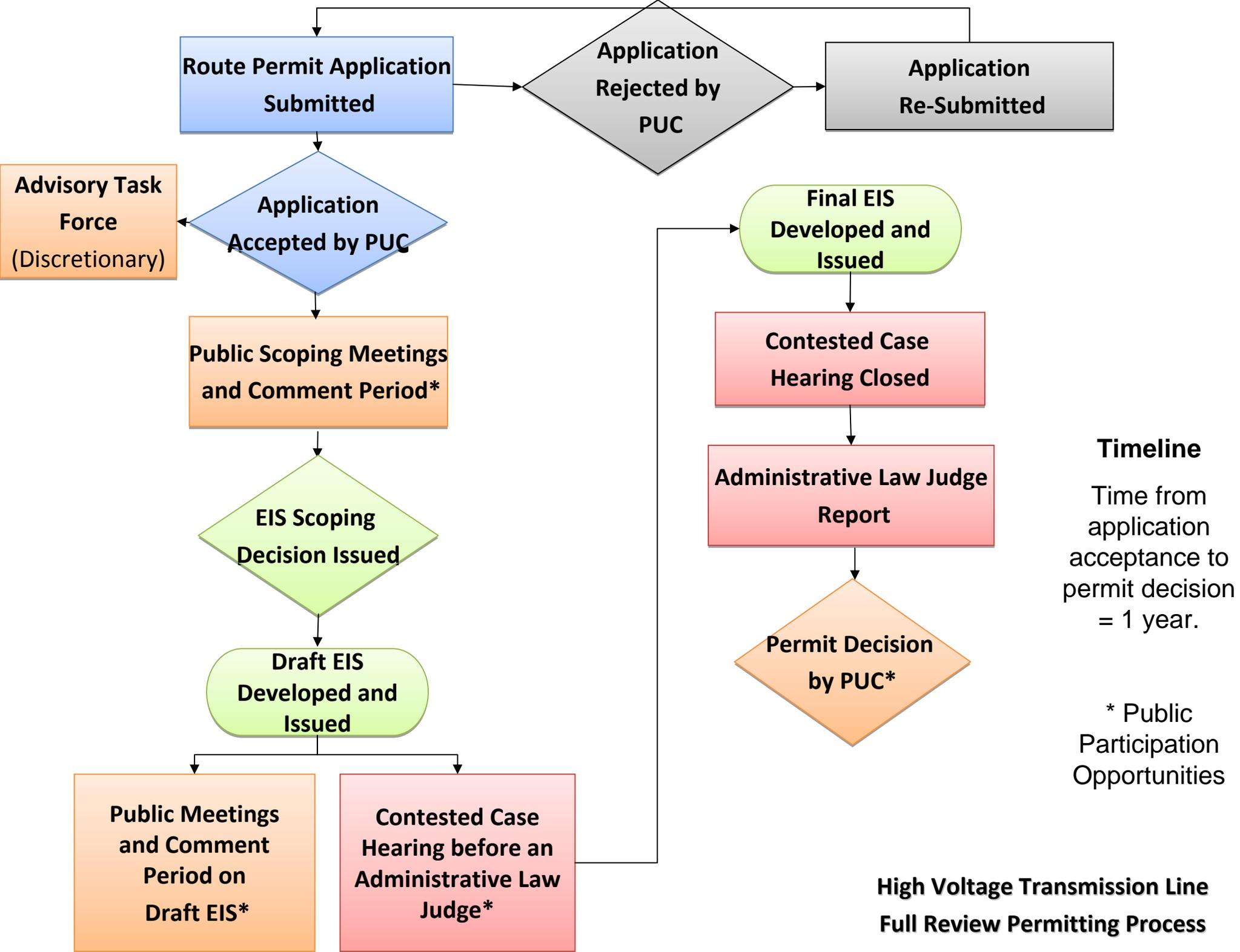


Figure ES-1: Project Overview Map

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project



**Public Information and Scoping Meeting:
CapX 2020
Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project**

Timeline

March 2010:	Permit Application Accepted as Complete
May 2010:	Public Scoping Meetings & Comment Period
July 2010:	Scoping Decision
November 2010:	Draft EIS Published
November 2010:	Public Information Meetings
December 2010:	Contested Case Hearings
January 2011:	Final EIS published
February 2011:	Administrative Law Judge's Report
March 2011:	PUC Permit Decision

**Public Information and Scoping Meeting:
CapX 2020
Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project**

EIS Scope

Asking for public input on:

- 1) Issues and impacts to be evaluated in the EIS
- 2) Alternative Routes or Route Segments to be evaluated in the EIS.

(including an explanation of why the site or route should be included in the environmental impact statement and any other supporting information.)

**Comment period ends at
4:30 p.m. on May 20, 2010**

Public Information and Scoping Meeting: CapX 2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project

Issues to be covered in EIS

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| -Project Description | -Environmental Setting | -Property Values |
| -Purpose of the Transmission Line | -Socioeconomic Setting | -Air Quality |
| -Project Location | -Human Settlement | -Surface Water |
| -Route Description | -Noise | -Groundwater |
| -Applicant's Preferred Route | -Aesthetics | -Wetlands |
| -Applicant's Alternative Route | -Public Health and Safety | -Floodplains |
| -Route Width | -Recreation | -State Wildlife Management Areas |
| -Rights-of-Way Requirements | -Transportation & Public Services | -Scientific Natural Areas |
| -Project Cost | -Interference | -National Wildlife Refuges |
| -Regulatory Framework | -Archaeological & Historic Resources | -Waterfowl Production Areas |
| -Engineering & Operation Design | -Zoning & Compatibility w/ Federal, State and Local Government Planning | -Flora |
| -Construction | -Land-Based Economies | -Fauna |
| -Maintenance | | -Rare and Unique Natural Resources |
| | | -Critical Habitat |

Public Information and Scoping Meeting: CapX 2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project

Public Input

- Provide verbal comments at today's meeting
- Fill out comment forms tonight.
- Send comments via U.S. mail or fax to:

Matt Langan
Office of Energy Security
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198
fax: 651-297-7891

- Send in comments via email to matthew.langan@state.mn.us with 09-1448 in subject line.

**Public Information and Scoping Meeting:
CapX 2020
Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project**

Follow project process, documents, and deadlines on the OES website:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/>

Sign up for the project mailing list:

Matt Langan #651-296-2096.

**Public Information and Scoping Meeting:
Xcel Energy
Pleasant Valley to Byron 161 kV Transmission Line Project**

Comments and/or Questions

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROCESS

- You are welcome to stay around after the presentations for an opportunity to ask additional questions.
- Please feel free to take a comment card, my business card, and/or a copy of the meeting notice.

Remember scoping comment period ends at
4:30 p.m. on May 20, 2010