



## Energy Facility Permitting

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Addressee

Title

Organization

Address

City, State Zip

Dear X:

This notice is soliciting nominations for a North Rochester to Mississippi River Advisory Task Force (ATF) for the proposed CAPX 2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Project (Project). On January 19, 2010, Xcel Energy submitted a High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) Route Permit application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for the Project. The application was accepted as complete on March 9, 2010. In an Order dated March 16, 2010, the Commission authorized the establishment of two advisory task forces: the Hampton to Northern Hills ATF and the North Rochester to Mississippi River ATF. The North Rochester to Mississippi River ATF would assist the Office of Energy Security (OES) in identifying impacts, issues and alternatives that should be assessed in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the portion of the proposed routes between the proposed North Rochester Substation (near Pine Island, Minn.) to the Minnesota terminus of the proposed project at the Mississippi River (near Kellogg, Minn.)

The task force will assist the Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES) Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff in developing the scope of the EIS by identifying local land use plans, zoning ordinances, environmental issues and future development plans. The OES charges the ATF members to:

1. Assist in determining specific impacts and issues of local concern that should be assessed in the EIS; and
2. Assist in determining potential route alternatives that should be assessed in the EIS.

The ATF will expire upon designation of the EIS scoping decision by the OES Director.

ATF members will be selected from the list of nominations received. The ATF will consist of no more than 10 persons. The structure of the advisory task force will be pursuant to Minn. Stat. 216E.08, subdivision 1. The final structure will comprise one employee or elected official from each county (3), one employee or elected official from each city (2), board members from the eleven townships (3-5), and up to two non-governmental organizations (0-2).

Members of the ATF are being solicited from the following:

Type	Name
County	Goodhue
County	Olmsted
County	Wabasha
City	Kellogg
City	Pine Island
Township	Pine Island
Township	Farmington
Township	Oronoco
Township	Elgin
Township	Greenfield
Township	Highland
Township	Mazeppa
Township	Oakwood
Township	Plainview
Township	Watopa
Township	Zumbro
NGO	
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Please provide the name of a person(s) who can represent your governmental body on the task force. If your government unit wishes to participate on the task force, but needs more time to identify the specific person to nominate, please submit the form on behalf of your local government unit, and contact Matthew Langan, OES (contact info below).

The qualifications for serving on the task force are (1) that the person be an employee or official of the entity; (2) that the person be willing, interested, and available to serve on the task force; (3) that the person be knowledgeable about local planning and environmental issues; and (4) that the person not be an officer, agent, or employee of Xcel Energy. If you or someone in your organization would like to be considered for inclusion on the ATF, please fill out the attached candidate information form and **e-mail, fax or mail the form to be received by 4:30 p.m. on April 6, 2010** to:

Matthew Langan, State Permit Manager  
 Office of Energy Security  
 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198  
[matthew.langan@state.mn.us](mailto:matthew.langan@state.mn.us)  
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Members of the ATF will be contacted by April 13, 2010. The ATF will meet three times. Specific meeting times and locations within the project area will be announced by April 13. Each meeting will be held in the afternoon on one day during the following range of dates:

Meeting #1: April 27 – 29

Meeting #2: May 11-13

Meeting #3: June 1-3

If there is a more appropriate contact person within your organization, please pass on this letter along with the enclosed form to them. Also, please pass on this letter along with the enclosed form to any groups you think might be interested, notably nongovernmental environmental or civic organizations.

To learn more about the application, visit the project webpage at:

<http://www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=25731>

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Langan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Matthew Langan, State Permit Manager

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ATF Charge

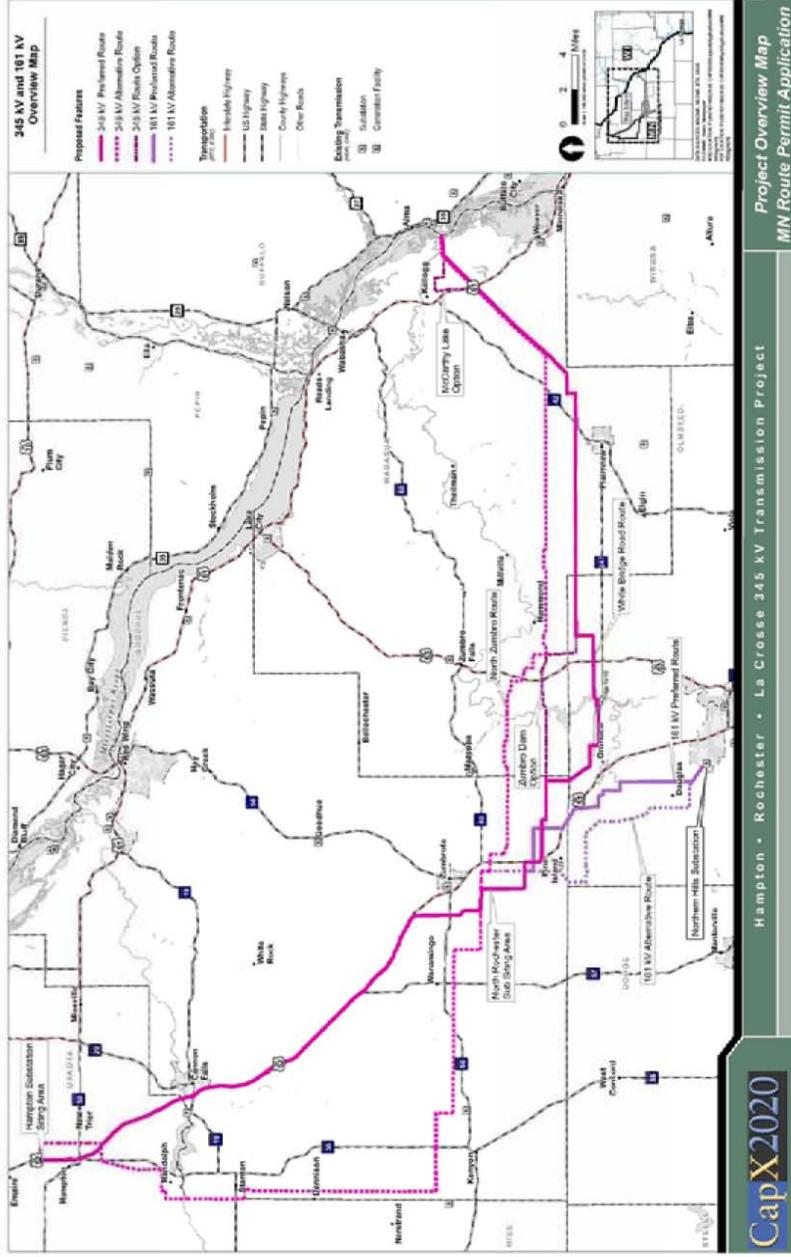


Figure ES-1: Project Overview Map  
 Hampton - Rochester - La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project



**CAPX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse  
Transmission Project  
North Rochester to Mississippi  
River  
Advisory Task Force  
Candidate Information Form**



**Candidate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone No(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Job Function:** \_\_\_\_\_

**With which Local Government Unit or Non-governmental Organization is the candidate affiliated, and what is their role within it:**

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**Describe the candidate's interest(s) in the CAPX 2020 Hampton to La Crosse Project:**

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**Checking this box certifies that the candidate is not affiliated with Xcel Energy; nor are they an officer, agent or employee of said organizations.**

Return to: Matthew Langan, State Permit Manager [matthew.langan@state.mn.us](mailto:matthew.langan@state.mn.us)  
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