Fargo-St. Cloud project Route Permit application public hearings scheduled

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will host public hearings on the Route Permit application filed for the Fargo-St. Cloud 345 kV transmission line project.

	12:30-3:30 p.m.	6:30-9:30 p.m.
November 16, 2010	Barnesville Assumption Church 307 Front Street North Barnesville, MN 56514	Bigwood Event Center 952 Western Avenue Fergus Falls, MN 56537
November 17, 2010	Breckenridge City Hall 420 Nebraska Avenue Breckenridge, MN 56520	Goetzinger Room City of Elbow Lake Community Center 119 Central Avenue North Elbow Lake, MN 56531
November 18, 2010	Broadway Ballroom 115 30th Avenue East Alexandria, MN 56308	Broadway Ballroom 115 30th Avenue East Alexandria, MN 56308
November 30, 2010	Sauk Centre City Hall 320 Oak Street South Sauk Centre, MN 56378	Melrose Area Public School auditorium 546 North 5th Avenue East Melrose, MN 56352
December 1, 2010	Paul's Par-A-Dice 451 Railroad Avenue Albany, MN 56307	ROCORI High School auditorium 534 5th Avenue North Cold Spring, MN 56320
December 2, 2010	El Paso Sports Bar and Grill 200 2nd Avenue NW St. Joseph, MN 56374	Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites 75 South 37th Avenue St. Cloud, MN 56301

The public hearings will provide opportunities for landowners, stakeholders and intervening parties to ask questions regarding the proposed routes and submit comments into the record about the specific routes under review. Administrative Law Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger will preside over the hearings.

The public may participate without intervening. Participation includes: a) offering direct testimony; b) offering testimony or other material in written form at or following the hearing; and c) questioning witnesses. Any person who wishes to question a witness but does not want to ask the questions may submit questions in writing to the ALJ, who will then question the witness. Questions may be submitted during the hearing or in advance.

The evidentiary portion of the hearing will convene on December 6, 2010 at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in Saint Paul and will continue December 7-17, if necessary.

Written comments regarding the Route Permit application should be submitted to Judge Heydinger via U.S. Mail, fax or email. Comments will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on January 5, 2011, and should include the Office of Administrative Hearings Docket Number 15-2500-20995-2. Mailed comments must be postmarked by that date.

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At the end of the process, the MN PUC will consider all material and conduct a public hearing. Following deliberations, it will decide whether to grant the Route Permit, and if so, which route the transmission line will take.

Find all filed project documents by searching eDockets for docket number 09-1056 at www.puc.state.mn.us.

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About the Fargo-St. Cloud project

The Fargo-St. Cloud 345 kV transmission line project will connect a new Bison Substation west of Fargo to an existing switching station near Alexandria and a new Quarry Substation near St. Cloud. A Route Permit application for the project was filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on October 1, 2009. The CapX2020 utilities expect to file the required North Dakota permits later in 2010 and 2011.

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