

FARGO-ST. CLOUD PROJECT draft EIS public meetings scheduled

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) issued the Fargo-St. Cloud 345 kV transmission line project's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on August 31, 2010. A hard copy of the draft EIS is available at your local library or at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission website:

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

The OES public meetings to discuss and obtain comments on the document are scheduled as follows:

**Monday,
September 27**

1 p.m.

Barnesville
American Legion
101 2nd Street SE
Barnesville, MN 56514

7 p.m.

Bigwood Event Center
952 Western Avenue
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

**Tuesday,
September 28**

1 p.m.

Dream Weaver's
Banquet Facility
410 2nd Street NE
Elbow Lake, MN 56531

7 p.m.

Broadway Ballroom
115 30th Avenue East
Alexandria, MN 56308

**Wednesday,
September 29**

1 p.m.

Rondezvous Grille
401 Main Street East
Melrose, MN 56352

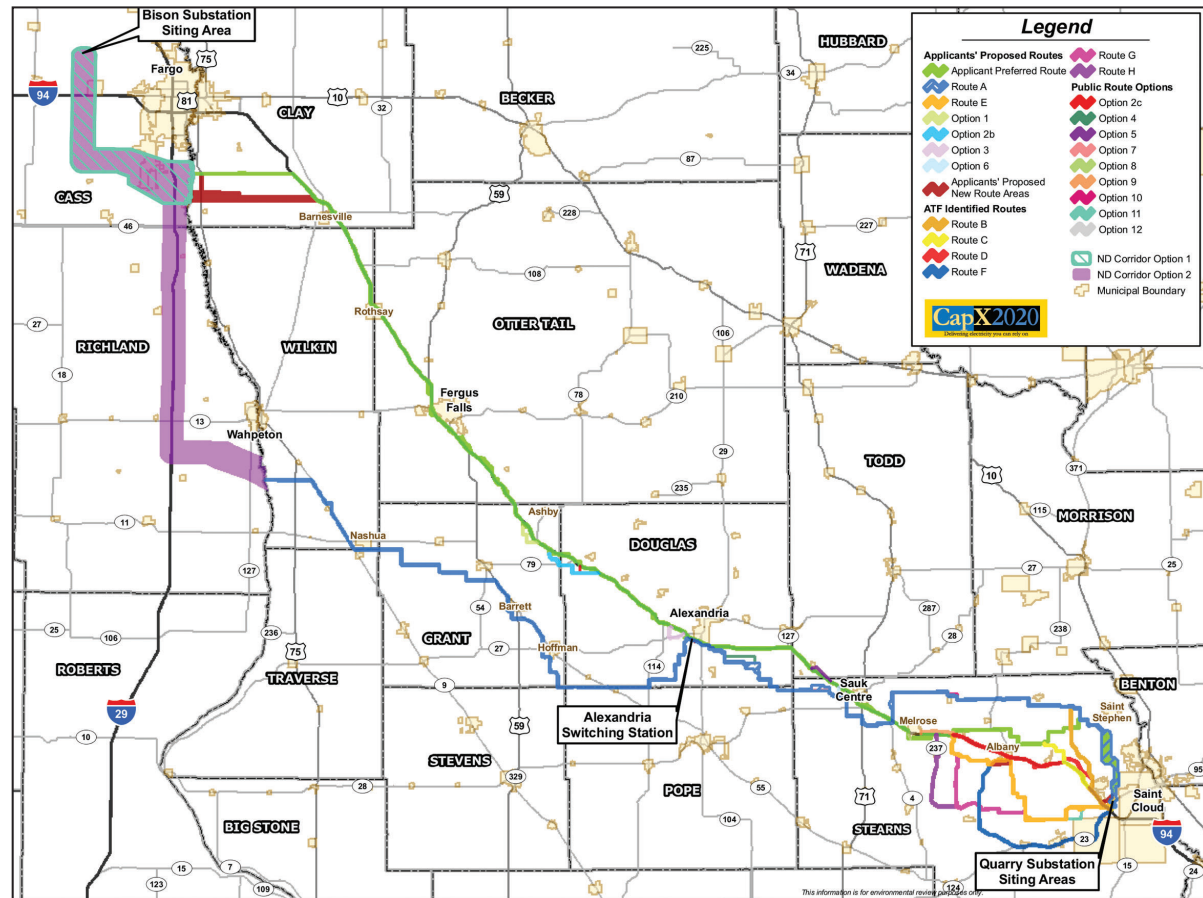
7 p.m.

Paul's Par-A-Dice
451 Railroad Avenue
Albany, MN 56307

**Thursday,
September 30**

1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

El Paso Sports Bar and Grill
200 2nd Avenue NW
St. Joseph, MN 56374



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The Minnesota Office of Energy Security will accept written public comments on the draft EIS until **Monday, October 18, 2010**. Comments can be faxed, mailed or emailed to:

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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 has been filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. The CapX2020 utilities expect to file the required North Dakota permits later in 2010 and 2011.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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