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## **CapX2020 utilities host open houses to provide information about transmission line project**

*Big Stone South-Brookings County 345 kV transmission line*

**SOUIX FALLS, S.D. – June 1, 2012** – Two CapX2020 utility partners – Otter Tail Power Company and Xcel Energy – have scheduled open houses in Clear Lake and White to provide information to local residents and landowners who may be affected by the proposed Big Stone South-Brookings County 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The line would run between a new substation about three miles west of Big Stone City and the existing Brookings County Substation 12 miles east of Brookings.

Open houses are scheduled for:

- **Tuesday, June 12:** 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Clear Lake Community Center, 125 Third Ave., Clear Lake
- **Wednesday, June 13:** 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., McKnight Community Center, 300 West Main St., White

Utility representatives will take comments and answer questions about the approximately 70-mile 345 kV line and related facilities. Those interested in attending an open house can stop by any time; no formal presentation is scheduled.

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission issued a Facility Permit in January 2007 for approximately 40 miles of the planned line from just west of Big Stone City to just north of Gary. CapX2020 plans to file a Facility Permit in early 2013 for the remaining 30 miles from just north of Gary to the existing Brookings County Substation.

“These open houses are our first opportunity to explain why the line is needed and to begin working directly with local government officials and landowners to help determine the best location for the line,” said Darrin Lahr of Xcel Energy, project routing lead.

CapX2020 is a joint initiative of 11 transmission-owning utilities in South Dakota and the surrounding region formed to upgrade and expand the electric transmission grid to ensure continued reliable and affordable service. Xcel Energy and Otter Tail Power Company are partners in the Big Stone South-Brookings County project. The targeted in-service date for the project is 2017.

If you are unable to attend an open house, you can submit comments by visiting [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com), calling 1-800-238-7968 or emailing [bssinfo@capx2020.com](mailto:bssinfo@capx2020.com).