

PUBLIC NOTICE

Transmission Planning Meeting for Southeast Zone

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 17, 2009, Minnesota utilities will conduct a public meeting via online webcast (<http://Minnelectrans.Webex.com>) to present information about possible future transmission line projects in the Southeast Minnesota planning zone. The webcast will be an opportunity for local government officials and the general public to provide input about local transmission needs and inadequacies and possible solutions. The meeting will be held:

Date: September 17, 2009

Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: <http://Minnelectrans.Webex.com>

Pre-registration is not required

To register/view the web cast, visit <http://Minnelectrans.Webex.com> and click on the meeting you'd like to attend, enter your name and email address to continue.

Email addresses will not be shared with anyone

If you do not have Internet access you may attend the webcast in person at

Rochester Public Utilities
4000 E. River Road
Rochester, MN

Transmission Planning Report. Minnesota electric utilities with transmission lines in the state are required by law to conduct transmission planning and identify reasonably foreseeable inadequacies in the transmission system. The utilities must file a Biennial Transmission Projects Report with the Public Utilities Commission by November 1 in each odd numbered year.

Southeast Zone. The utilities have identified areas in the Southeast Zone where inadequacies exist. Additional information, including a map of the Southeast Zone and a list of the inadequacies reported in 2007 is available in the 2007 Report, which can be found at www.Minnelectrans.com. Utility representatives will be available online during the webcast to provide an update of the various inadequacies.

Regional Projects and Renewable Energy. Several projects are either involved in regulatory proceedings, are being studied or have been proposed in various parts of the state. These projects include the CapX2020 projects, the Green Power Express and other transmission lines designed to help Minnesota utilities meet the Minnesota Renewable Energy Standard, enacted into law in 2007.

Information on the CapX2020 projects can be found at www.CapX2020.com. Information on the Minnesota Renewable Energy Standard studies can be found at www.Minnelectrans.com. Information on the Green Power Express can be found at www.ITCMidwest.com.

Public Input. The public is invited to attend this webcast and learn more about the inadequacies in the area. Utility representatives will explain the transmission planning process, describe the inadequacies that have been identified, describe alternative solutions under consideration, and discuss state energy goals and objectives. The public is encouraged to raise concerns and bring information on local transmission needs to the attention of the utilities. Input from the public and local government officials on possible other inadequacies in the area and alternative ideas for addressing any of these is particularly encouraged.

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