

# ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE **CAP-X 2020** HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE BEING PLANNED THROUGH MINNESOTA?

## CITIZENS ENERGY TASK FORCE

### GOALS OF CETF:

1) To **stop** the **Cap-X** high voltage power lines unless the utilities can prove **they are needed and cost-effective**;

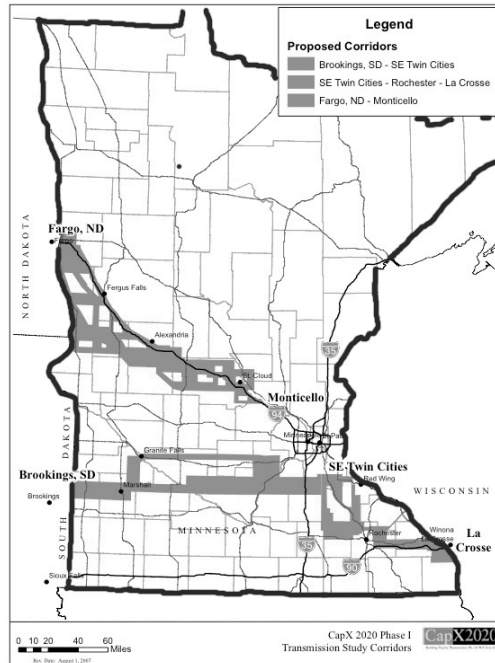
2) To **change the practice of eminent domain** by utilities so that **property owners are treated fairly** and **offered fair value** for any land taken for power lines or other utility infrastructure;

3) To **emphasize the importance of conservation** to **reduce the demand for energy** and **reduce the need to build** high voltage power lines;

4) To **promote clean, renewable energy** and reduce the likelihood that high voltage power lines will support the construction and operation of coal plants in Minnesota and neighboring states;

5) To **promote community-based renewable generation** throughout Minnesota not only to **reduce environmental impacts** and costs of power plants and power lines, but to **strengthen Minnesota's rural economy**;

6) To **minimize the environmental harm** of constructing power lines, including **climate change impacts**, damage to aesthetics and natural features, effects of electromagnetic fields and adverse impacts to farms and property;



**DID YOU KNOW THAT UTILITIES ARE EXEMPT FROM PROTECTIONS THAT ENSURE LANDOWNERS CAN GET A FAIR PRICE IN EMINENT DOMAIN? EVEN STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT EXEMPT!**  
**MINN. STAT. §117.189**

The permitting process is happening through this summer. Testimony and public input are starting in just a few weeks. To be effective in the legal proceedings we need to provide expert testimony, evidence and informed citizen input.

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW.

CETF has hired **Paula Maccabee**, a public interest advocate and independent attorney who is **highly experienced** in Public Utility Commission processes and has a **successful history** dealing with utilities on behalf of landowners. We have **become a legal party** in the process which determines if the Cap-X power lines are needed and, if they are needed, how they will be built.

### SUPPORT THE PROMOTION OF CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY.

**YOU BELIEVE** citizens should have an influence on what type of energy is produced for Minnesota's energy needs and how far it travels.

**ADD YOUR VOICE** to the CapX public hearing in your community. Speak up and write - your opinions matter.

**ADD YOUR VOICE** to change the unfair eminent domain law, which exempts utilities from laws helping landowners to get a fair price in eminent domain.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** to raise money, inform citizens and get the word out.

**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY** to have a voice in Minnesota's energy future and to impact whether or not these lines will be built.

### PLEASE GIVE NOW.

**SEND A DONATION TO:**  
Citizen's Energy Task Force  
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Castle Rock, MN. 55010

**PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL** to receive updates about when and where you can speak up, write letters or volunteer.

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**TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS – SPREAD THE WORD**