

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Northern States Power Company
Fargo-St. Cloud MN 345 kV Cap-X Transmission Line
Siting Application

Case No. PU-07-759

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

May 18, 2011

On December 30, 2010, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for a certificate of corridor compatibility for a new 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities proposed from St. Cloud, MN to near Fargo, North Dakota. NSP filed an amendment to its application on April 13, 2011 and a supplement on May 16, 2011. NSP requests the Commission designate a transmission facility corridor in Cass and Richland Counties as shown on the attached map. If a corridor certificate is granted then a separate route permit application and hearing is required before designating a transmission line route within the approved corridor.

A **Public Hearing** on the application is scheduled to begin **June 23, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. CDT, at the West Fargo City Hall, City Commission Room, 800 4th Ave East, Suite 2, West Fargo, North Dakota 58078.** The issues to be considered are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

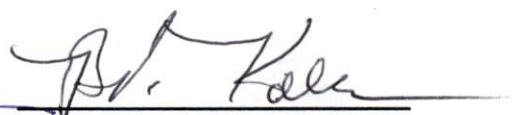
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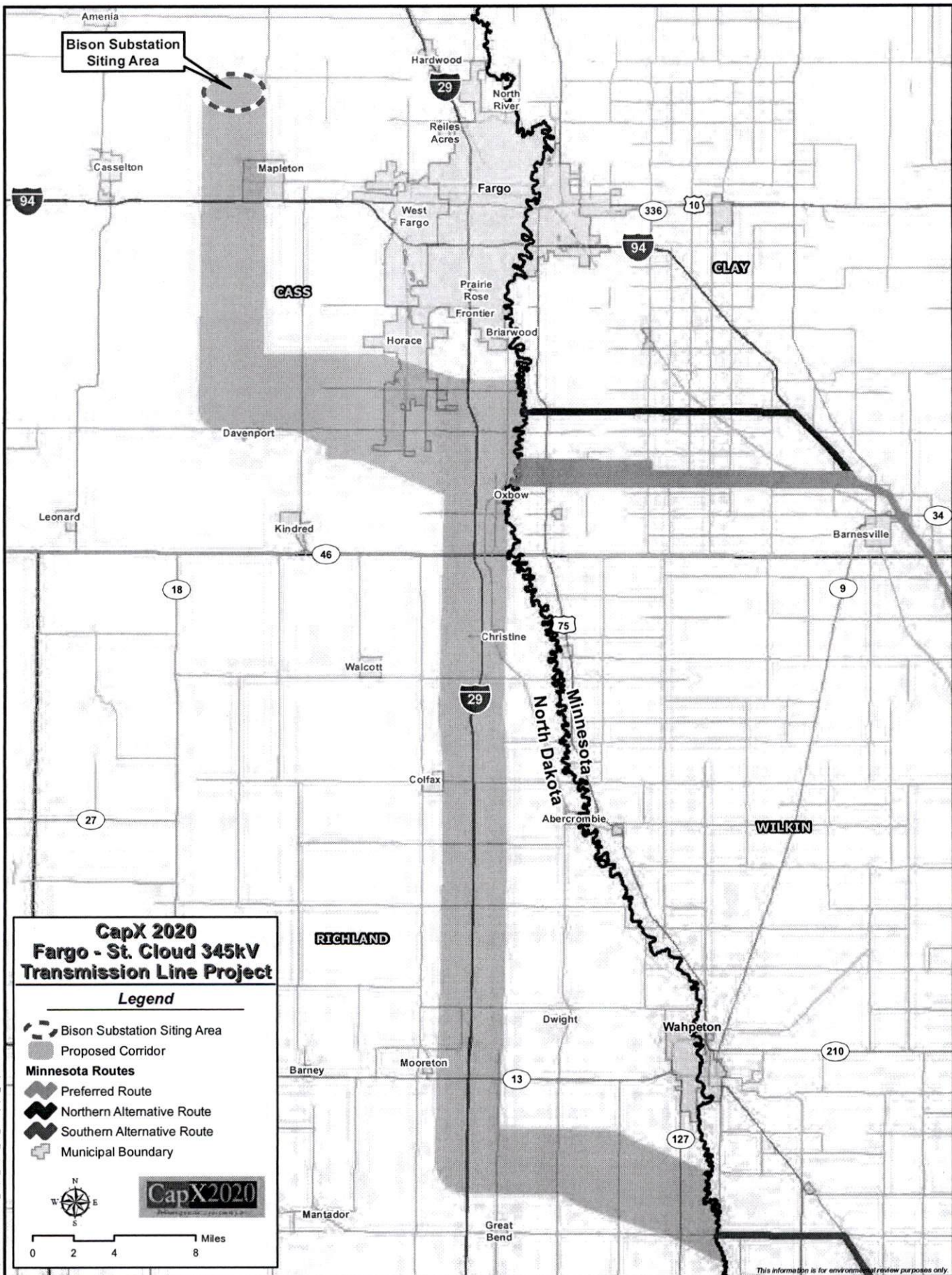
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