

**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

December 21, 2011

On October 3, 2011, Northern States Power Company (NSP) filed an application for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit authorizing construction of the North Dakota portion of a new 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities proposed from St. Cloud, MN to near Fargo, North Dakota. NSP requests the Commission designate a transmission facility corridor and route in Cass County as shown on the attached map.

NSP requests the Commission waive procedures and time schedules set forth in ND Century Code chapter 49-22 and ND Admin.Code article 69-06 to allow for a single consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit and to hold a combined hearing on the waiver request and application for corridor certificate and route permit.

A **Public Hearing** on the application is scheduled to begin **Jan 30, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. CST, at the Fargo City Commission Room, 200 3rd St N, Fargo, North Dakota 58102.** 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?
4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive procedures and time schedules as requested, including the request for a single consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit?

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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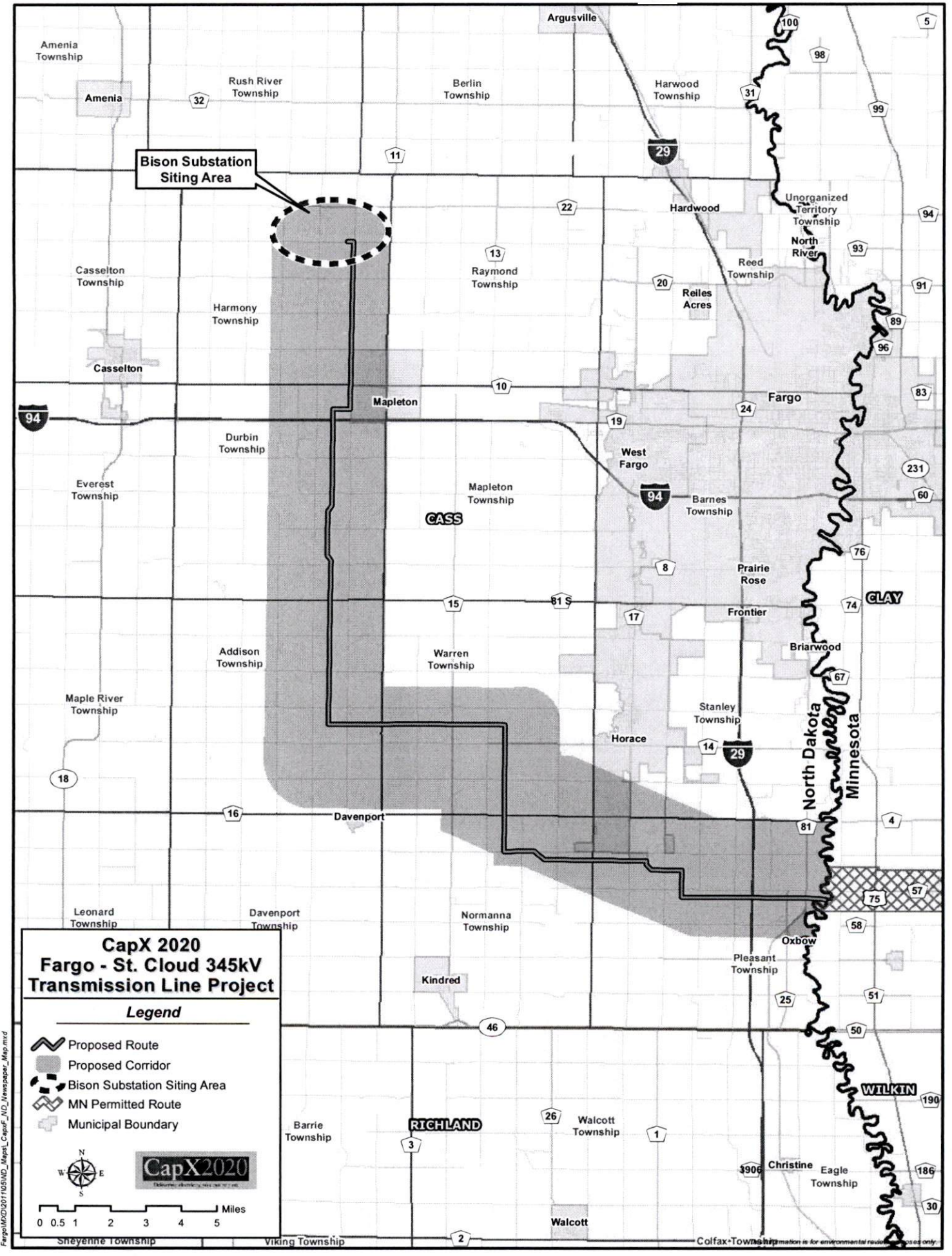
**Kevin Cramer
Commissioner**



**Tony Clark
Chairman**



**Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner**



CapX 2020 Fargo - St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project

Legend

- Proposed Route
- Proposed Corridor
- Bison Substation Siting Area
- MN Permitted Route
- Municipal Boundary

A north arrow is located to the left of a scale bar. The scale bar is marked in miles from 0 to 5. Below the scale bar is the CapX2020 logo.

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