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Dear Mr. Stevenson,

I am writing in regards to two separate applications to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) to construct 345kV transmission lines across western Wisconsin. Constituents throughout the region have contacted me, expressing their concern that these projects should be seen as integrally related to each other. Please answer the following questions so that I can provide this information to my constituents:

1. If the PSC finds that the La Crosse area is not found to require an increase in supply or reliability, will the CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse project move forward?
2. How will the proposed project provide usage, service or increased regional reliability benefits to wholesale and retail customers in Wisconsin that are reasonable in relation to its cost?
3. To what extent have the proposed routes for the CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse project line taken into consideration the use of existing utility, highway, and railroad corridors?
4. If Xcel is ultimately found not to prevail in its dispute with ATC over the line connecting the La Crosse substation to Madison (referred to as the "Badger Coulee" line), will Xcel still move forward with the CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse project?

I am very concerned that so many family farmers, individual landowners, and communities throughout western Wisconsin are going to be deeply affected by this project. Many of my constituents have expressed their anger at how this project has been proposed and I urge you to work closely with landowners and local communities to ensure their concerns are being addressed. Thank you for your timely response to these questions.

Sincerely,



Ron Kind
Member of Congress

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