

CAPX 2020 PROJECT "BUY THE FARM" ELECTION

As a potentially affected property owner, you may be aware of the CapX 2020 project, which is a joint initiative of 11 transmission-owning utilities, including Xcel Energy, in Minnesota and the surrounding region to expand the electric transmission grid. This project will result in the placement of high-voltage power lines and the towers used to support those power lines across hundreds of properties throughout Minnesota. Many persons are concerned with the potential health effects, as well as the aesthetic impacts, this project will have upon them and their properties. As a result of the intrusive nature of these high-voltage power lines, the Minnesota legislature passed a statute, which states that power companies cannot force certain property owners to share their property with those power lines. If a property owner is faced with the placement of high-voltage power lines on their property, they can compel the power company to acquire their entire property through a negotiated acquisition or by eminent domain if those negotiations fail. This statute is commonly referred to as the "Buy the Farm" statute. However, in order to invoke the Buy the Farm statute, the property owner must inform the power company of their election in a timely manner. Failure to do so will result in the property owner being barred from exercising their rights and will mean that the property owner has to live with the effects of the high-voltage power lines and towers. There are many attorneys that are not familiar with the legal issues involved in invoking the Buy the Farm statute and the process for obtaining maximum compensation for their client's property. However, based upon our experience and understanding of this law, Schnitker Law Office, P.A. can provide valuable assistance to persons facing the placement of high-voltage power lines on their property. If this is happening to you, we can, at no cost to you, assess your case to determine if you should be invoking your rights under the Buy the Farm statute.

Schnitker & Associates, P.A., is here to help you and insure your rights. In addition, we can assist other attorneys to thoroughly meet their clients' needs.

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