

One ruling is in for the CAPX 2020 project. The three commissioners of the public service commission this morning decided the 345 thousand volt project is needed to meet local demand in the La Crosse area as well as to provide regional benefits including the ability to transfer more electricity on the bulk power system. The big question was where should the lines go. Chairman, Phil Montgomery.

The commission selected a path for the line from Alma to Galesville, but amended the route slightly in the area of the community of Holmen to reduce the number of properties that would have to be crossed. The project is expected to cost at least \$202.7 million, though the final cost will be updated after the utilities take into account the route modifications chosen by the commission.