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Dear Clerk:  
Town of Milton

**Reimbursement for Construction of Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project**

XCEL Energy has begun construction of the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Line Project. Commencement of construction has initiated the payment of impact fees to local units of government affected by construction activities within their municipal boundaries.

The fees include a one-time Environmental Impact Fee and an Annual Impact Fee. The fees are based on the total cost of construction (\$179,461,000), a distance factor prorating the distance in the affected municipality compared to the total length of the transmission line, and the impact fees (5.0% for the one-time environmental fee and 0.3% annually for the Annual Impact Fee). The 2013 Annual impact fee is prorated for the fraction of the year during which construction occurred (7/12 months). The 2014 Annual Impact Fee will be for the entire 12 months of 2014.

For the Town of Milton,


The One-Time Environmental Impact Fee is \$614,113.00  
The Prorated annual fee for 2013 is \$42,988.00

The total reimbursement for 2013 is \$657,101.00. Subsequent to 2013, you will receive an annual fee of \$73,694.00.

Wisconsin Statutes 16.969 (4) directs that the One-Time Environmental Impact Fee funds are to be used for environmental programs unless a different use is approved by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. The annual fee is not restricted and may be used for general expenditures. To aid you in your use of these funds, we have included a list of examples of the use of expenditures directed at reducing the environmental impacts of transmission line construction projects.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact Debbie Miller of the Bureau of Financial Management at 608-266-5877 or Scot Cullen of the Public Service Commission at 608-267-9229.

Sincerely,

  
Jana Steinmetz, Bureau Director  
Division of Administrative Services

**Environmental Impact Fee Payments**  
**CapX2020 Hampton - Rochester - La Crosse Transmission Project**

MUNICIPALITY	One-time Fee	Prorated Annual Fee	Total First Payment	Ongoing Annual Fee
Buffalo County	\$2,352,858	\$0	\$2,352,858	\$0
City of Alma	\$167,637	\$11,734	\$179,371	\$20,116
City of Buffalo County	\$24,580	\$1,721	\$26,301	\$2,950
Town of Belvidere	\$614,149	\$42,991	\$657,140	\$73,698
Town of Buffalo	\$598,232	\$41,876	\$640,108	\$71,788
Town of Cross	\$280,553	\$19,639	\$300,192	\$33,666
Town of Milton	\$614,113	\$42,988	\$657,101	\$73,694
Village of Holmen	\$53,594	\$3,751	\$57,345	\$6,431
La Crosse County	\$723,506	\$0	\$723,506	\$0
Village of Holmen	\$100,351	\$7,025	\$107,376	\$12,042
Town of Onalaska	\$14,028	\$982	\$15,010	\$1,683
Town of Holland	\$609,127	\$42,639	\$651,766	\$73,095
Trempealeau County	\$1,410,162	\$0	\$1,410,162	\$0
City of Galesville	\$80,290	\$5,620	\$85,910	\$9,635
Town of Caledonia	\$115,040	\$8,053	\$123,093	\$13,805
Town of Gale	\$490,862	\$34,360	\$525,222	\$58,903
Town of Trempealeau	\$723,971	\$50,678	\$774,649	\$86,876

\$9,287,110 \$538,382

Government units will receive their first payment in mid-January 2014.

First payment consists of the one-time fee plus a prorated portion of the first annual payment based on the June 2013 construction start.

The project sends funds to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA). DOA distributes the funds to each governmental unit.

Ongoing annual fee payments will be disbursed to the governmental units in approximately April or May of each year.

Use of fees:

One time fee: to be used only for park, conservancy, wetland or other similar environmental programs, unless the Public Service Commission approves a different use. See Wisconsin statute 16.969(4), Fees for Certain High-voltage Transmission Lines.

<http://statutes.laws.com/wisconsin/16/16.969>

Annual fees have no restrictions on their use.

Counties do not receive annual payments.