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June 26, 2006

Burl Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
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St. Paul, MN 55101

Via US Mail & email

RE: Request for Citizen Advisory Task Force – Minn. R. 4400.1600, Subp. 2  
Joint Application for LEGP Site, HVTL and Pipeline Permits  
MPUC Docket: 05-94-PPS

Dear Dr. Haar:

Enclosed please find Petition for Citizen Advisory Task Force in the above-entitled matter.

I ask that the Board appoint a Citizen Advisory Task Force, under Minn. R. 4400.1600, Subp. 2. This request is made individually, as an observer of the Florence Township and Chisago task forces, and a more distant observer of the SW Minnesota task force. I am also making this request as attorney for citizens of mncoalgasplant.com (MCGP), an Intervenor in the Mesaba PPA Docket (E6472/M-05/1993).

The staff recommendation for this matter is that a "work group" be appointed, comprised of representatives of local units of government. A local government "work group" is not sufficient because it excludes the public. The public has had very little opportunity to participate in the agency proceedings for this project – the Citizen Advisory Task Force is an important avenue contemplated under statute to provide this opportunity. There is no statutory provision for "work groups."

Please let me know if you have any questions or require anything further.

Very truly yours,



Carol A. Overland  
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Enclosure

cc: Bill Storm, Commerce; Bob Cupil, Commerce  
Via email only - Service List – Mesaba PPA

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE  
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Petition by Excelsior Energy, Inc.  
for Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement under  
Minn. Stat. §216B.1694, and Determination of Least  
Cost Technology and Establishment of a Clean Energy  
Minimum Under Minn. Stat. §216B.1693

MPUC Docket: 05-95-PPS

PETITION FOR CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE

mncoalgasplant.com, under the provisions of Minn. R. 1400.1600, subp.2, requests that a Citizens Advisory Task Force be established in the above-captioned proceeding. A Citizens Advisory Task Force is the best means to engage the community, solicit and receive meaningful review and input, and involve community stakeholders in the plant, transmission and pipeline siting process. This project is a large endeavor and has a great impact on the community – the public must be involved.

mncoalgasplant.com requests Intervenor status as a full party with all the rights of a party in the above-captioned Excelsior Power Purchase Agreement proceeding.

Dated: June 26, 2006

  
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**Bill Storm**

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**From:** Refuge East [refuge@isd.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2006 10:08 AM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** bob cupit; Bill.Storm@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** docket 05-94-PPS Excelsior

Dear Dr. Haar,

As a concerned citizen and veteran of the Chisago Project, I am requesting that a citizen advisory taskforce be appointed for the Excelsior Mesaba siting process.

It is essential to have, and allow, public participation in these projects.

Respectfully,

Shellene Johnson  
former President of Concerned River Valley Citizen's (CRVC)  
former Taylors Falls City Council member

## Bill Storm

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**From:** Erin Jordahl-Redlin [ejredlin@cleanwater.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2006 10:39 AM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us; 'Carol A. Overland'  
**Subject:** Request for Citizen Advisory Task Force, Docket 05-94-PPS

June 27, 2006

Burl Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Request for Citizen Advisory Task Force - Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline Permit, Docket 05-94-PPS

Dear Dr. Haar:

Clean Water Action Alliance of Minnesota, with 60,000 members in the state, supports Carol Overland's Petition for Citizen Advisory Task Force in Docket 05-94-PPS.

Erin Jordahl-Redlin  
Energy Campaign Coordinator  
Clean Water Action Alliance of Minnesota  
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## Bill Storm

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**From:** Ron Gustafson [ron.gustafson@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2006 12:49 PM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline Docket 05-94-PPS

Dear Mr. Haar:

I am requesting that the Board establish a Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Mesaba Project. I am a property owner that will be directly impacted by the proposed infrastructure and construction of the high risk Demonstration Coal Gasification Plant to be built on a Greenfield on Scenic Highway 7 in Itasca County. Excelsior Energy has received many special privileges and considerations from the Minnesota State Legislature and local governments by originally proposing this plant to be built on a Brownfield site with existing infrastructure. However, for undisclosed reasons Excelsior Energy announced the Scenic Highway 7 Greenfield as the preferred site and successfully lobbied the state legislature to amend the original language to accommodate the new preferred site.

I have attended several informational meetings conducted by Excelsior Energy and local government officials where the information presented was vague and lacking detail. In several cases Excelsior Energy representatives specifically excluded participation from certain members of the audience by publicly refusing to take their questions.

I ask that you act in the best interest of the public and establish a Citizen Advisory Task Force.

Thank you

Ronald P. Gustafson

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** John Nauerth [proplock@federatedwildblue.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2006 7:04 AM  
**To:** burf haar  
**Cc:** bill storm; bob cupit  
**Subject:** catff excelisor/mesaba

Docket 05-94-PPS Dear Mr. Haar, I have served on two CATF'S , and I believe it is imperative citizens from the general public are also on these task forces. As an example, while working on the 161 transmission line project in Jackson,Mn., a citizen brought forth a filed agreement from city government concerning future property use/zoning on a parcel. No representative from city government was aware this agreement existed, as city administration changes, representation changes, and files are sometimes miss filed. I have observed appointing citizens with no allegiance to stakeholders serves as a function of checks and balances in the system. Regards, John Nauerth III

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** Kurt Christopherson [kurtc@pipeline-supply.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2006 4:33 PM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Excelsior Energy Citizen Advisory Task Force

Dear Mr.Haar,I believe a Citizen Advisory Task Force committee regarding the proposed Excelsior Energy venture would be in the best interest of the general public rather than a local government work group!! believe a Citizen Advisory group would give a better broad sampling and maybe not as driven by outside influences.I myself would like to be considered for appointment.I have been involved on the stakeholders committee with the MPCA involving on-site wastewater,serve as Vice-President of MOWA (Minnesota On-Site Wastewater Association),committee chair for the Minnesota Water Well Association,and a member of the Minnesota Plumbing and Heating contractors association.To be fair I also need to make you aware that I am the primary landowner that the proposed rail line and CoRd 7 would be going thru.But I feel that I could be impartial and would bring knowledge of some important enviromental issues that need to be addressed before this project moves forward.Sincerely Kurt Christopherson

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** Earl Orf [earlorf@uslink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2006 4:07 PM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Citizen Advisory Task Force

June 26, 2006

Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
121 - 7th Place E.  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Reference: Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline Permit  
Docket 05-94-PPS

Dear Mr. Haar,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Itasca County and asking that you appoint a Citizen Advisory Task Force in the above matter. It is very important that the public be involved in this decision. If this plant were to be built it would affect the lives of many people, especially in Itasca County. It will also affect the lives of people between the plant and the Twin Cities area because transmission and pipe lines will need to be built between these areas. This is too important a matter to exclude the public.

Thank you,

Earl Orf  
PO Box 252  
Bovey, MN 55709

Sent via e-mail and US mail

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** SPICA Benge+Jones Farm [spicabplusj@2z.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2006 7:24 AM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Citizens Advisory Task Force for Mesaba/Excelsior

Mr. Haar,

My wife and I are citizens of Itasca County, living about 5 miles from the proposed Excelsior Energy site. We have attended numerous township, city and Excelsior sponsored meetings regarding the proposed project. It is apparent from those meetings that many people have strong feelings regarding the project, many of them are opposed to the project. It is apparent that the decision to build this energy plant in a natural forest setting in Itasca County is a decision that should be influenced by more than a small group of elected officials, many of whom are near the end of their terms. We urge you to call for the formation of a Citizens Advisory Task Force (CAFT) to provide a broad level of input into this decision.

I will be following this e-mail up with a letter to you, but I wanted to be sure to send something that you received prior to your July 6th meeting. As is common in these projects, the time frame from when an opportunity to comment is publicized and when the comments are due is very short for people who have full schedules. My wife and I think that the formation of a CATF would broaden the opportunities for the public to provide thoughts and ideas.

Brad Jones  
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Bovey, MN 55709

## Bill Storm

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**From:** Charlotte Neigh [neighcan@northlc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2006 5:21 PM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill Storm; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Docket 05-94-PPS Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission & Pipeline Permit

Burl Haar, Exec. Secy.  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
by e-mail only

Dear Dr. Haar:

As a resident of Trout Lake Township in Itasca County, through which the Mesaba Project proposes to run a natural gas pipeline, and as a leader of a local group, Citizens Against the Mesaba Project (CAMP), I'm writing to request that the Public Utilities Board appoint a Citizen Advisory Task Force under Minnesota Rule 4400.1600.

There is a strong sentiment among the local citizens that they have had too little opportunity to be heard regarding this project. Another exclusive club of local government officials will not satisfy this need.

Charlotte Neigh  
25886 Spruce Drive  
Bovey MN 55709  
(218) 245-1844

808 Berry Street Apt 406  
St. Paul MN 55114-1384

June 27, 2006

In regards to: Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline Permit Docket 05-94-PPS

Burl Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place E  
St. Paul MN 55101

Dear Mr. Haar:

I am personally requesting that the Board establish a Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Mesaba Project. For more than one year, I have followed the process for permitting and was assured a Citizen Advisory Task Force would be included in the process. I believe this is especially critical due to all the special privileges being afforded Excelsior Energy and the fact that the language in this special legislation has been struck that would have required the power plant be sited on an industrial site where mining operations had terminated. It was also required to have on site access to existing railroad infrastructure. That language has now also been struck from the legislation.

As a property owner being directly impacted by the fact that the proposed site has no infrastructure I am requesting that the PUC demonstrate citizenship and leadership by establishing a Citizen's Advisory Task Force.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Linda I Castagneri  
[linda.castagneri@comcast.net](mailto:linda.castagneri@comcast.net)  
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cc: Bill Storm, Commerce; Bob Cupit, Commerce

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** Leeann Norgord [leeannn@localnet.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2006 5:14 PM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Citizen's Advisory Task Force

Dear Mr. Haar,

As residents of Minnesota and the area that would be adversely impacted by the permitting of the Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline, Docket 05-94-PPS, we request that as per Minnesota Rule 4400.1600 that a Citizen's Advisory Task Force be established regarding this matter. Please contact us if you need volunteers to serve on this board.

Bob and Lee Ann Norgord  
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Bovey, MN 55709

E-mail: [leeannn@localnet.com](mailto:leeannn@localnet.com)

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## Bill Storm

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**From:** Andrew David [adavid@lcp2.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 10:47 AM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Request for Citizen Advisory Task Force

29 June 2006

Andrew David  
19780 County Road 566  
Bovey, MN 55709

Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
121 - 7th Place E.  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Dr. Haar,

As a citizen that lives and works in the proximity of the proposed Excelsior Energy/Mesaba Project I am requesting that you support the formation of a Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Mesaba Energy Site Permit, Transmission Line Permit and Pipeline Permit Docket 05-94-PPS. This is preferable to a "work group" which would severely limit public input.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew David

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** jane latimer [sohumjane@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 8:42 AM  
**To:** burl.storm@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; bob.cupita@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Citizen Advisory Task Force

Dear Burl,

I have friends in close vicinity to the proposed Mesaba Project. I would like to request that the board appoint a Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline Permit Docket 05-94-PPS. I feel that a "work group" will not give adequate opportunity for public participation at this critical time. This is an important matter and needs to be looked into carefully.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jane Latimer  
28447 Nancy Dr  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
218-327-2141

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(Message sent via e-mail)

June 29, 2006

Burl Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
121 – 7<sup>th</sup> Pl. E.  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline Permit, Docket 05-94-PPS

Dear Dr. Haar:

This to request that the Board appoint a Citizen Advisory Task Force in the above matter. I am making this request as an individual who has been serving as an active volunteer in lake and watershed management in Aitkin and Itasca counties for the last 15 years. I have worked closely with elected and appointed officials in both counties. From 1995 to 1999, I served as a Science Advisor for the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, regarding the potential for, and effects of, "currents in the earth" on dairy herd health and milk production.

Based upon my experience in environmental protection and water resource management and as a science advisor to the MPUC, it is my opinion that local government work groups will not be able to provide the diversity in knowledge and a required science background for informed decisions on the above permit. Interpretation of data and prediction of the extent of potential environmental and human health effects that have been identified in written correspondence by both the DNR and MPCA would not be possible. Decisions that will have long term impacts on the health and welfare of all citizens and on the environment require more thoughtful study and discussion than can occur when limited to local government.

Sincerely yours,

Harold E. Dziuk, DVM, PhD

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Copies sent via e-mail to: Bill Storm and Bob Cupit

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** Christopher Childs [worldgarden@igc.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 1:29 PM  
**To:** Burl Haar  
**Cc:** Bill Storm; Bob Cupit; Carol Overland; Heather Cusick; Brian Pasko; Michael Brakke; Erin Jordahl-Redlin  
**Subject:** Request for Citizen Advisory Task Force, Docket 05-94-PPS

To: Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East  
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Re: Request for Citizen Advisory Task Force, Excelsior/Mesaba Site Transmission and Pipeline Permit, Docket 05-94-PPS

Dear Dr. Haar,

The North Star Chapter of the Sierra Club supports Carol Overland's Petition for a Citizen Advisory Task Force in the matter of Docket 05-94-PPS.

We concur that the "work group" recommended by staff would, unacceptably, exclude the public from the proceedings.

Sincerely,

Christopher Childs  
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Sierra Club, North Star Chapter  
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**Bill Storm**

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**From:** Leeann Norgord [leeannn@localnet.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 5:40 PM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Fw: Citizen's Advisory Task Force

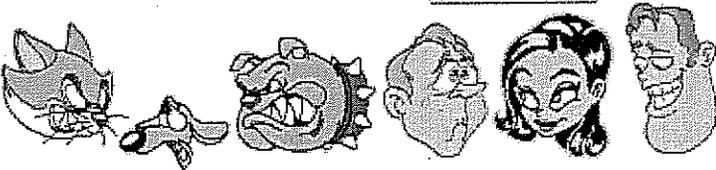
Dear Mr. Haar,

As residents of Minnesota and the area that would be adversely impacted by the permitting of the Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline, Docket 05-94-PPS, we request that as per Minnesota Rule 4400.1600 that a Citizen's Advisory Task Force be established regarding this matter. Please contact us if you need volunteers to serve on this board.

Darrell and Dee White  
22710 Co. Rd. 70  
Bovey, MN 55709

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**From:** Julie Risser [julie.risser@visi.com]  
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**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Excelsior Mesaba-CATF

Dear Dr. Haar,

We need a Citizen Advisory Task Force to review the Excelsior joint applications before the commission. This is a fundamental need and public right - specifically residents who live near the proposed site and members of groups dedicated to responsible energy policy.

The public should not be excluded from energy policy dialog-local government representation is not sufficient.

Thank you,

Julie Risser  
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Edina, MN 55424  
952-927-7538

## Bill Storm

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**From:** ELCSK@webtv.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 8:15 PM  
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**Cc:** elcsk@webtv.net; overland@redwing.net  
**Subject:** Siting Docket: 05-94-PPS Excelsior-Mesaba

Dear Dr. Haar,

As an Intervenor in Minnesota's Arrowhead-Weston EQB case, I know personally the importance of public participation and the need for careful review and input on projects by those affected most by the project. Those on the ground in the area, who have a stake in this, who must live with this project if built, are the best source of information about impacts. I request that the PUC appoint a Citizens Advisory Task Force to address siting issues raised by Excelsior's Mesaba plant and associated transmission and pipelines.

The public as well as WOLF, Inc. has been instrumental with presenting facts that are not normally presented via the utilities. Outside intervenors and the public have in the past demonstrated credible evidence that the PUC should evaluate. One example is that WOLF, Inc. showed that the noise levels violated the MPCA levels at the Arrowhead Substation; consequently the ALJ decided that mitigation for those noise levels were necessary.

What is not presented by this case is the interconnections of bulk transfer, any cost benefit analysis to the benefit of Minnesota or businesses of MN or benefit to the consumer. It should be a right, however small or large a concern, that the intervenors, public, and other outside agencies to be able to present their views.

Therefore, I respectfully request that a Citizens Advisory Task Force be assigned for this project. Issues could be solved prior to the implementation of the project by including the public.

Thank you,

Linda Hanson, Intervenor  
World Organization for Landowners Freedom  
W1806 Wilson Road  
Hawkins, WI 54530

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** Carmen Griggs [carmen@gydestar.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 2:43 PM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Citizen Advisory Task Force for Mesaba Project

Dear Dr. Haar,

As citizens of Trout Lake Township in close vicinity to the proposed Mesaba Project, we request that the board appoint a Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline Permit Docket 05-94-PPS. We feel that a "work group" will not give adequate opportunity for public participation at this critical time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David & Carmen Griggs

## Bill Storm

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**From:** douglas veit [bdveit@uslink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2006 9:25 AM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Dear Dr. Haas,  
As residents of Trout Lake Township, close to the proposed Mesaba Project, we encourage and support the formation of a Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline Permit Docket 05-94-PPS.

A Citizen Advisory Task Force will give the opportunity for public input that a "work group" will not.

Sincerely,  
Douglas and Barbara Veit  
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Bovey, MN 55709

email: bdveit@uslink.net

July 4, 2006  
Burl Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East  
St Paul, MN 55101

Concerning the Transmission and Pipeline Permit for the Excelsior/Mesabi Site, Docket 05-94-PPS

Dear Mr. Haar,

Please consider appointing a true Citizen Advisory Task Force to ponder this proposal. Presently only a "work group" comprised of elected officials will examine the issue. These officials have neither the expertise nor the political courage to ask the difficult questions, and instead will pander to the public with easy explanations that provide them with short-term gains. The potential for long-term environmental damage should be taken seriously, and while average "citizens" may not have any more expertise than the politicians, at least they can offer an array of varying viewpoints together with a willingness to look at the proposal with a critical eye.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Nelson  
Sanna Pederson  
36841 Sherwood Forest Trail  
Deer River MN 56636

Cc: Bill Storm, Bob Cupit

**Bill Storm**

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**From:** Earl Orf [earlorf@uslink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2006 4:07 PM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Citizen Advisory Task Force

June 26, 2006

Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
121 - 7th Place E.  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Reference: Excelsior/Mesaba Site, Transmission and Pipeline Permit  
Docket 05-94-PPS

Dear Mr. Haar,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Itasca County and asking that you appoint a Citizen Advisory Task Force in the above matter. It is very important that the public be involved in this decision. If this plant were to be built it would affect the lives of many people, especially in Itasca County. It will also affect the lives of people between the plant and the Twin Cities area because transmission and pipe lines will need to be built between these areas. This is too important a matter to exclude the public.

Thank you,

Earl Orf  
PO Box 252  
Bovey, MN 55709

Sent via e-mail and US mail

## Bill Storm

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**From:** Ross Hammond [mnbry@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2006 2:47 PM  
**To:** Burl.Haar@state.mn.us  
**Cc:** Bill.Storm@state.mn.us; Bob.Cupit@state.mn.us  
**Subject:** Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Mesaba Project

Dear Mr. Haar,

I understand that you are considering a request to have a Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Mesaba Project.

I would like to support that request for a group of citizens to review, learn about and make recommendations about this project. I believe that it is critical in this case because:

1. This is a major project that will affect the energy for the entire state
2. The project is receiving many dollars of public money and additional guarantees backed by the public
3. The project is new technology and has not been done before
4. A review of this type of technology has not been done before

Thank you,

Ross Hammond

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