



**SMARTransmission Study
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting to review and obtain stakeholder input for the SMARTransmission Study final alternatives will be held at the MISO St. Paul Offices, 1125 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, MN 55108, from 10:00 AM to 12 PM CST, Thursday, February 18th, 2010.

This Meeting is Open to the Public

WebEx and teleconference information:

Topic: SMART Study Stakeholders Meeting #4
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010
Time: 10:00 am, Central Standard Time
Meeting Number: 719 568 605
Meeting Password: Smart021810

Please click the link below to see more information, or to join the meeting.

To join the online Webex meeting

1. Go to
<https://aep.webex.com/aep/j.php?ED=132965147&UID=0&PW=3991991f292b33270076080a047a>
2. Enter your name and email address.
3. Enter the meeting password: Smart021810
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To join the online teleconference

Toll-free number: 1-877-253-4307
Toll Number: 1-719-234-7503
Participant Passcode: 9101785

Please register at the following URL
http://www.midwestmarket.org/page/Calendar%20Detail/MP_Details.cfm?meetingID=4396&nowDateTime=2010-02-18&action=newDay until February 8th. Attendance will be through web conferencing. Web conferencing information will be provided at a later time.

To find additional information regarding the study, please visit the SMARTransmission Study web site at www.smartstudy.biz

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Linda Carruth at (614) 552-1785.

Additional Information:

The Strategic Midwest Area Transmission Study (SMARTransmission Study) is a comprehensive study of the transmission needed in the Upper Midwest to support renewable energy development and to transport that energy to consumers.

SMARTransmission is sponsored by Electric Transmission America (ETA), a transmission joint venture between subsidiaries of American Electric Power and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company; American Transmission Company; Exelon Corporation; NorthWestern Energy; MidAmerican Energy Company, a subsidiary of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company; and Xcel Energy.

The sponsors have retained Quanta Technology LLC to evaluate extra-high voltage transmission alternatives and provide recommendations for new transmission development in the Upper Midwest, including North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Quanta will conduct an analysis of transmission alternatives analyzing the impact and quantifying the economic benefits of several transmission options. Once the SMARTransmission study is complete, results will be shared with the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, PJM Interconnection, and Southwest Power Pool for their consideration in their respective planning processes.