



LYON COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Re: Docket Nos. E002/CN-25-145; G002/GS-25-154; E002/TL-25-161; G002/GP-25-163

Mr Sullican:

Staff representing Xcel Energy has consulted with Lyon County Staff concerning the electric power generating station proposed near Garvin Minnesota. In particular, discussions have taken place regarding the potential impacts to County Ditch 29 and County Ditch 24. Both ditch systems are located on the property where construction will occur. These ditches consist primarily of subsurface field drain tile. Minnesota Statutes 103E often referred as "Minnesota Drainage Law" provides the frame work for managing the drainage system. Figure 1 is a screenshot of a Lyon County's AcrGis map showing the approximate locations of County Ditch 29 and County Ditch 24.

Figure 1.



Lyon County would like support from the Commission to ensure all applicable drainage laws are followed and neighboring land will not have a negative impact by changes in water runoff during or after construction of the proposed generating station.

Sincerely,

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