

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON
PETITION FOR A MINOR ALTERATION**

Issued: December 9, 2019

In the Matter of the Application for a Minor Alteration of Xcel Energy's 500 kV Transmission Line 5702 in Chisholm, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number: E002/MC-19-758

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes December 23, 2019 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes January 6, 2020 at 4:30pm

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Topics Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission approve the request for a minor alteration to construct an approximately 3-mile, 500-kilovolt (kV) high-voltage transmission?
- Should any conditions be required if a minor alteration is approved?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Project Background:

Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy) petitioned the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on November 27, 2019 for a minor alteration to reroute an approximately 3-mile section of the existing 500-kV high-voltage transmission line (HVTL) in Chisholm, Minnesota. The 500-kV HVTL runs from Warroad to the Chisago County Substation, approximately 250 miles in the state of Minnesota. Xcel Energy is proposing to reroute the portion of the current HVTL to accommodate planned eastward expansion of the Hibbing Taconite Company's existing mining operations.

Under Minnesota Rule 7850.4800, a minor alteration is defined as a change in a large electric power generating plant or high-voltage transmission line that does not result in significant changes in the human or environmental impact of the facility. At the close of the comment period, the Commission will decide whether to authorize the minor alteration and, if so, determine whether additional conditions are appropriate.

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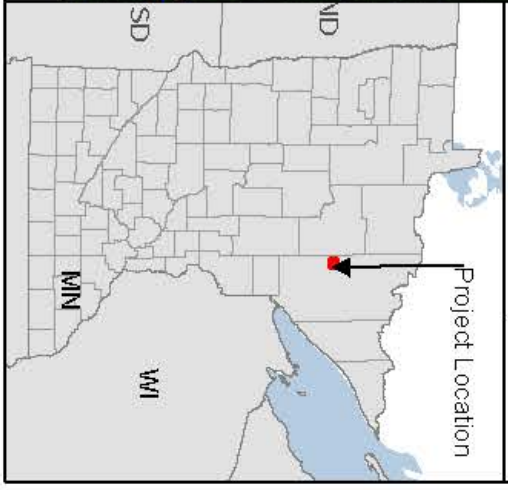
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Reference Map

Project Feature

- Existing 500 kV Transmission Line
- Proposed Location for Relocated Transmission Line

Water Feature

- Public Water Basin
- Public Water Waterway

Jurisdiction

- County Boundary
- Minnesota Discovery Center

XcelEnergy
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Figure 2
Project Map

St. Louis County, Minnesota

Hibbing Relocation Project (Line 5702)