

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON SITE PERMIT AMENDMENT

Issued: July 9, 2019

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) for a Site Permit Amendment for the up to 200 MW Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number(s): IP6985/WS-17-700

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

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Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Should the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) amend the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 site permit to change the number, type and layout of the turbines to be used, as well as expanded project boundaries?
- Should the Commission accept the supplemental environmental impact analysis?
- Should any permit conditions be modified or added if the requested amendments are approved?

Background: On November 6, 2019 the Commission issued a site permit to Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC (Blazing Star 2) to operate the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 project located in Lincoln County. On April 26, 2019 Xcel Energy filed a Notice of Acquisition and Request for Transfer of the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 site and route permits. Xcel Energy appeared before the Commission on June 21, 2019 regarding the permit transfers. The Commission issued its order approving the transfer of the permits on July 8, 2019.

On June 19, 2019, Xcel Energy filed a letter requesting amendments to the site permit that include changes to the number, type, and layout of the turbines to be used, as well as expanded project boundaries.

Comments may be submitted:

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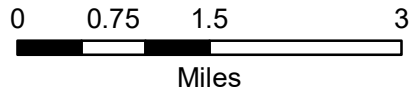
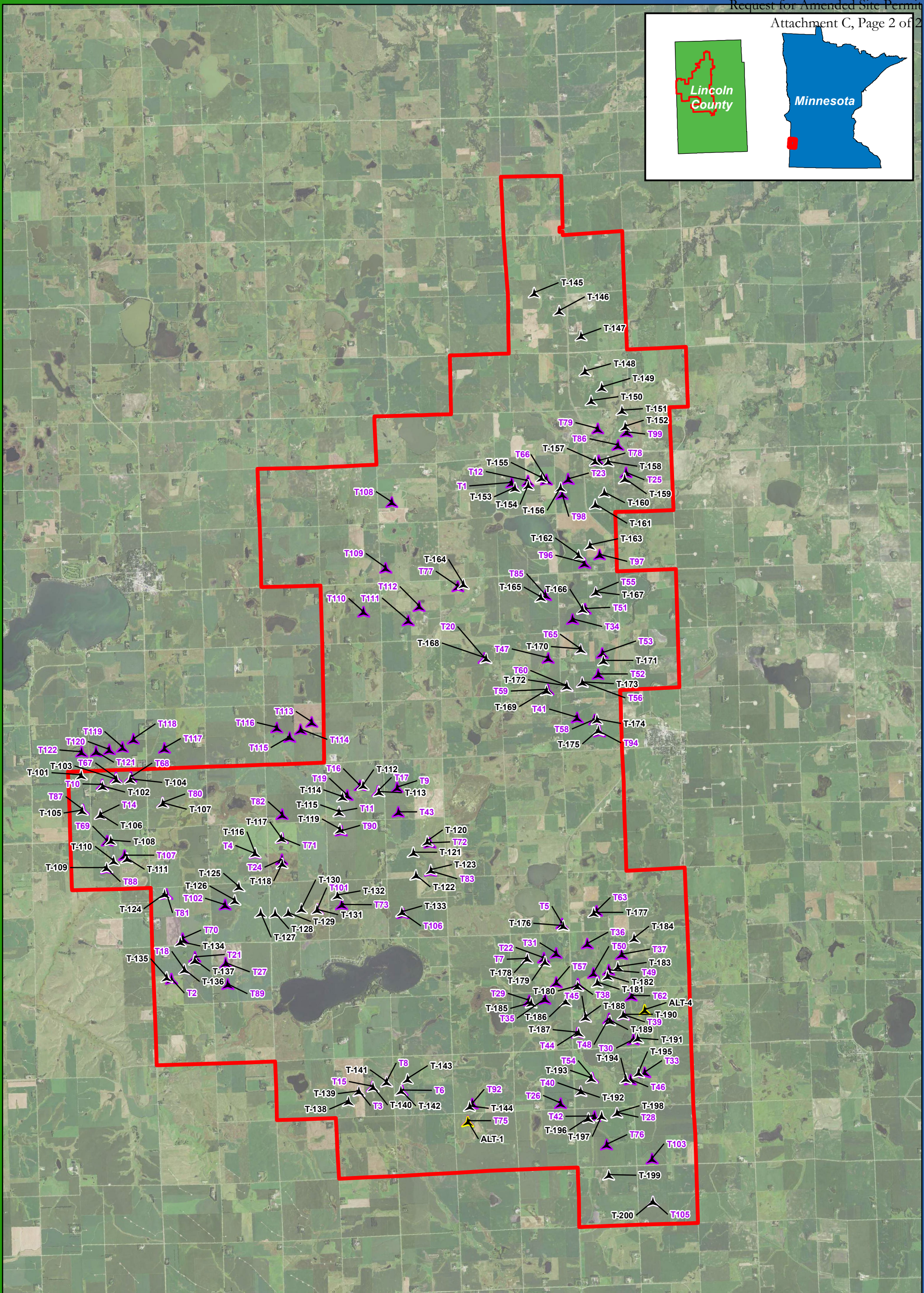
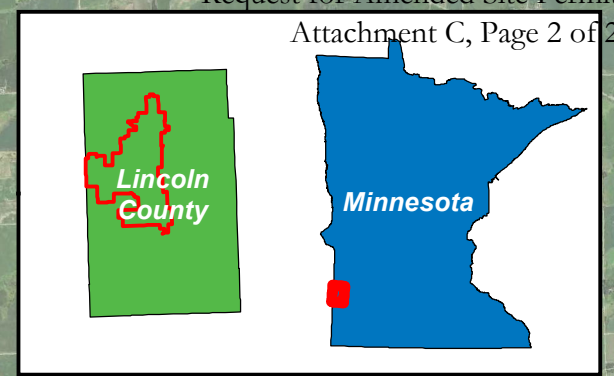
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Turbine Layout Comparison Vestas V110/V120

Blazing Star Wind Farm 2
Lincoln County, MN
44.460125, -96.336861

- ▲ Permitted Turbine Layout (November 2017)
- ▲ April 2019 Turbine Layout
- ▲ Turbine Location
- ▲ Alternate Turbine Location
- Project Area Boundary

Imagery Source: 2015 Color FSA
Data Source: Geronimo Energy, MN DNR, USFWS