

**In the Matter of the Applications of Xcel Energy for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Minnesota Energy Connection Project in Sherburne, Stearns, Kandiyohi, Wright, Meeker, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine, Renville, Redwood and Lyon Counties in Minnesota. PUC Docket No. 22-131; 22-132**

**Commissioner Tuma Alternative 10. A. (Saint Augusta Expanded Width)**

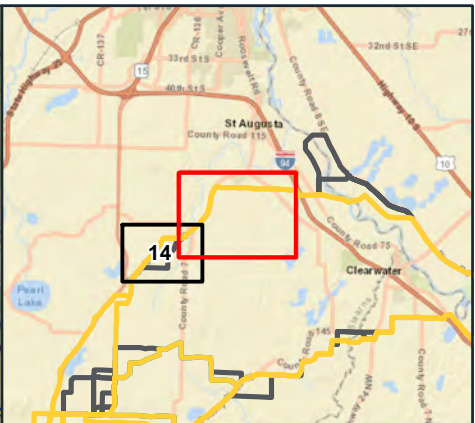
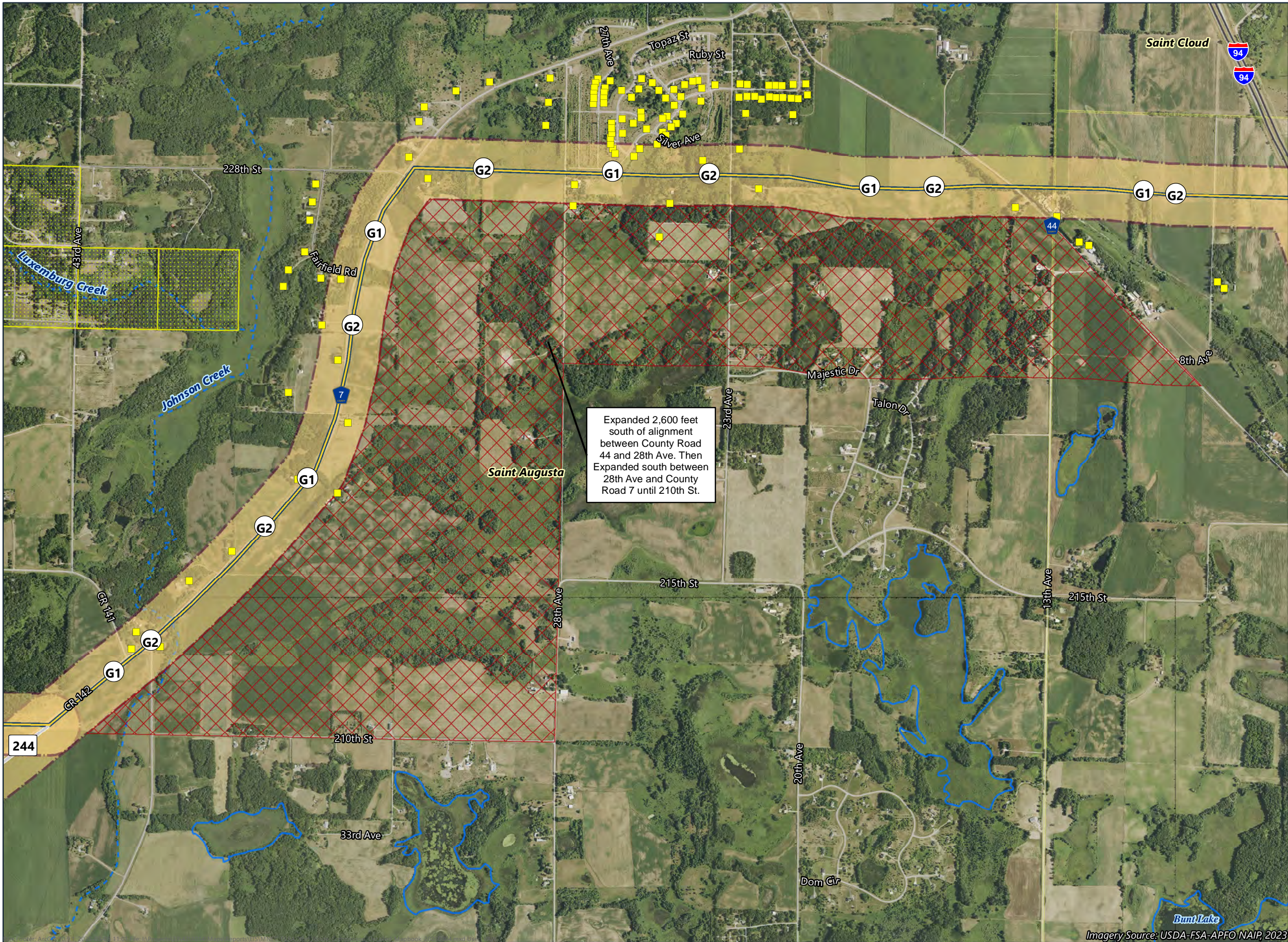
Given the congestion and potential for viable alternative routes south, the approved route width in the area where the Modified Blue Route crosses the city of Saint Augusta shall be expanded as follows to provide greater flexibility:

The 1,000-foot route width between County Road 44 and 28th Avenue will be expanded 2,600 feet south, and from the southern boundary of the 2,600-foot expansion south to 210th Street between 28th Avenue and County Road 7. (see attached map)

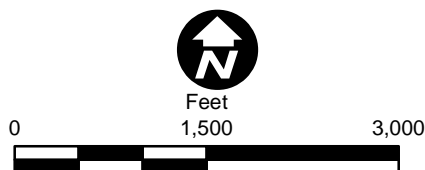
The Permittee may not deviate from the original 1,000-foot alignment in this expanded route width unless it obtains the consent of all landowners where a new alignment (right-of-way) would cross. The Permittee shall consult with the City of Saint Augusta as soon as practical following the issuance of a route permit in order to assess whether there is a potential alternative. The Permittee shall file with the Commission the results of the consultations and any modifications to the transmission line alignment, if any, that have been mutually agreed upon by the impacted landowners within the expanded route width.

If a landowner is willing to allow an alternative route within this expanded route width and if the Permittee acquires all or some of the landowner's property pursuant to Minn. Stat. section [216E.12/216I.21, subd. 4] the Commission finds that result would be reasonable and prudent and in the public interest for this particular section of the route.





- Route Segment (incorporates alternative[s])
- Refinement
- Route Width
- Route Width Expansions
- Residence Location
- Municipal Boundary
- PWI Watercourse
- Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Easement



**ST. AUGUSTA AREA EXPANSION**  
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