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## STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON MINOR ALTERATION APPLICATION

*Issued: March 3, 2014*

**In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Application for a Minor Alteration to the Blue Lake-Wilmarth-Lakefield 345 kV Transmission Line #0982 and Scott County Substation in Scott County, Minnesota**

**PUC Docket Number:** E-002/MC-14-163

**Comment Period:** Comment period closes **Monday, March 17, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.**

**Topics Open for Comment:**

- Does Xcel Energy's request meet the definition of a minor alteration?
- Should the Commission approve Xcel Energy's minor alteration request?
- If the minor alteration is approved, should any conditions be required?

**Project Background:** On February 27, 2014, Xcel Energy applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a minor alteration to the Blue Lake-Wilmarth-Lakefield 345 kV Transmission Line #0982 and Scott County Substation in Scott County, Minnesota.

The proposed minor alteration includes the construction of an approximately 0.55-mile (2,911 feet) 345 kilovolt (kV) in-and-out tap transmission line and upgrades to the Scott County Substation. The new 345 kV transmission line will connect the Blue Lake-Wilmarth-Lakefield 345 kV Transmission Line #0982 to the Scott County Substation. Xcel Energy has indicated that the minor alteration is needed to improve system reliability and alleviate future load serving problems.

A minor alteration is 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 (Minnesota Rules 7850.4800). At the close of the comment period, the Commission will decide whether to authorize the minor alteration or determine that the alteration is not minor and requires a full permitting decision.

**Submit Public Comments:** Email to [PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us](mailto:PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us). Persons without email access may send by U.S. mail to: Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101-2147. Please include the PUC Docket Number (14-163) in all communications.

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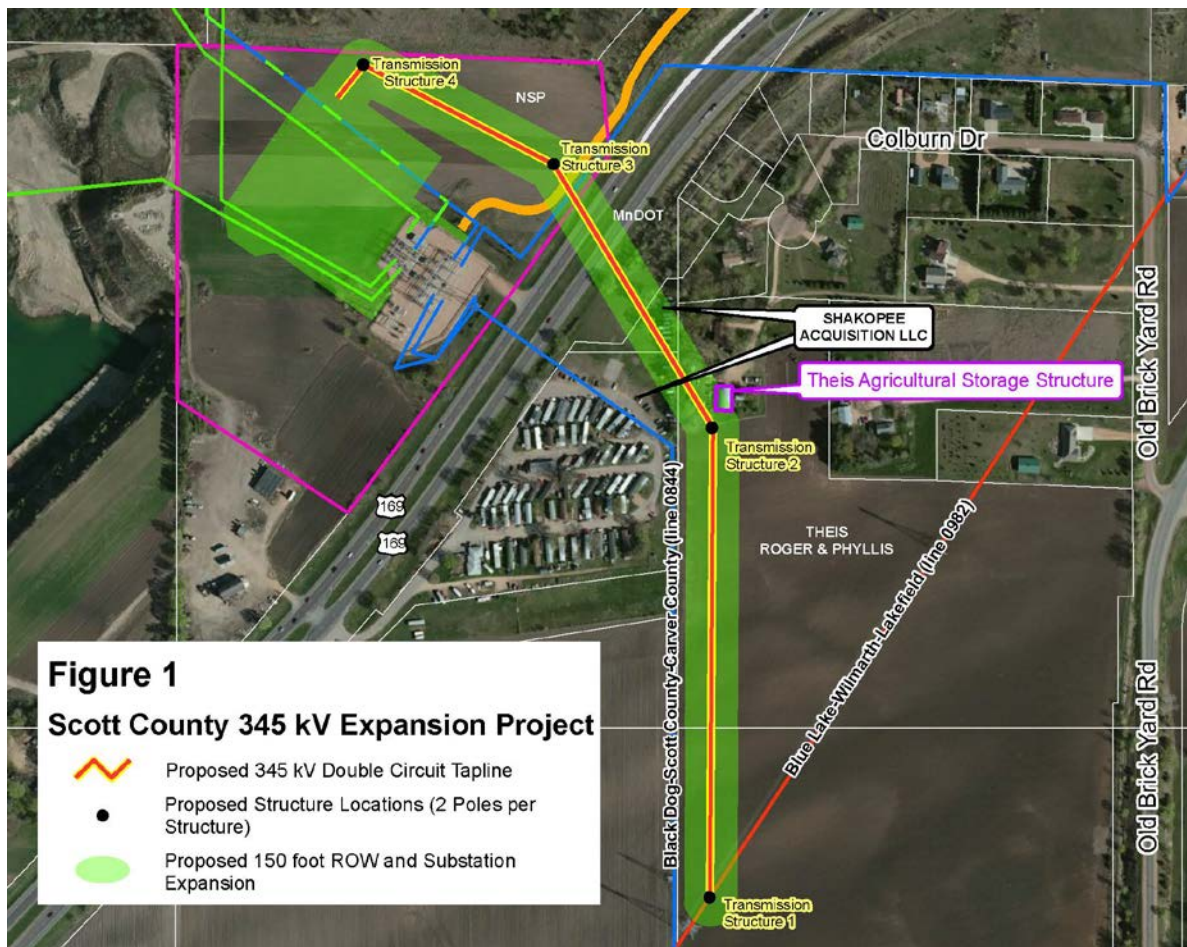
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