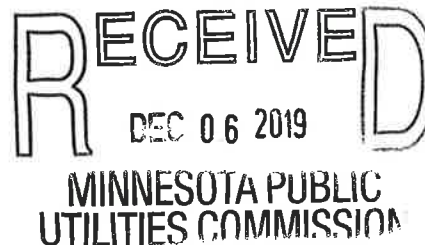


November 4, 2019

Mr. Michael Kaluzniak
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147



RE: Application for a Minor Alteration of Xcel Energy's 115 kV Transmission Line 0881
PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-19-697
City of Cottage Grove, Washington County, Minnesota
Metropolitan Council District 12, Francisco J. Gonzalez
Metropolitan Council Review File No. 22382-1

Dear Mr. Kaluzniak:

The Metropolitan Council (Council) received notice of Xcel Energy's application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a Minor Alteration of Xcel Energy's 115 kV Transmission Line 0881 Project on November 19, 2019. The proposed Project is located in Washington County, in the City of Cottage Grove.

The application indicates that the proposed project would entail construction of a new 0.58-mile long 115 kV high-voltage transmission line and distribution substation in Cottage Grove. Council staff reviewed the application to determine its potential for impact to Council property, activities, and/or facilities. Staff has identified one area of regional concern with the proposed route and facility construction.

The site plan shows the proposed high-voltage transmission line crossing Council Interceptor 9701, located on the east end of the proposed Project near the intersection of Miller Road South and 100th Street South. The interceptor, built in 2002, is a 54-inch diameter Reinforced Concrete Pipe constructed at a depth of approximately 9 feet. Prior to initiating the proposed Project, preliminary plans should be sent to Tim Wedin, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager (651-602-4571) to assess the potential for impacts to our interceptor system.

Please contact Jim Larsen PE, Principal Reviewer, with any questions at 651-602-1159.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela R. Torres".

Angela R. Torres, Manager
Local Planning Assistance

cc: Francisco J. Gonzalez, Council District 12
Tim Wedin, MCES Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager
Kyle Colvin, MCES Engineering Services Assistant Manager
Judy Sventek, MCES Water Resources Manager
Corrin Wendell, Sector Representative
Raya Esmaeili, Reviews Coordinator

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