

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON PETITION FOR A MINOR ALTERATION

Issued: November 18, 2019

In the Matter of the Application for a Minor Alteration of Xcel Energy's 115 kV Transmission Line 0881 in Cottage Grove, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-19-697

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes December 5, 2019 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes December 12, 2019 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 0.58 mile 115 kilovolt (kV) high-voltage transmission line and distribution substation?
- Are there other project-related issues or concerns?

Project Background: Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy) petitioned the Commission on November 4, 2019 for a minor alteration to construct an approximately 0.58 mile 115 kV high-voltage transmission line and new distribution substation in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. The construction would support the operation of a nearby industrial gas manufacturing facility owned and operated by Airgas, LLC. The proposed project would be constructed on property owned by Airgas, LLC, 3M Corporation and the City of Cottage Grove.

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 determine whether additional conditions are appropriate. If approved, project construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2020 and be completed in Fall 2020.

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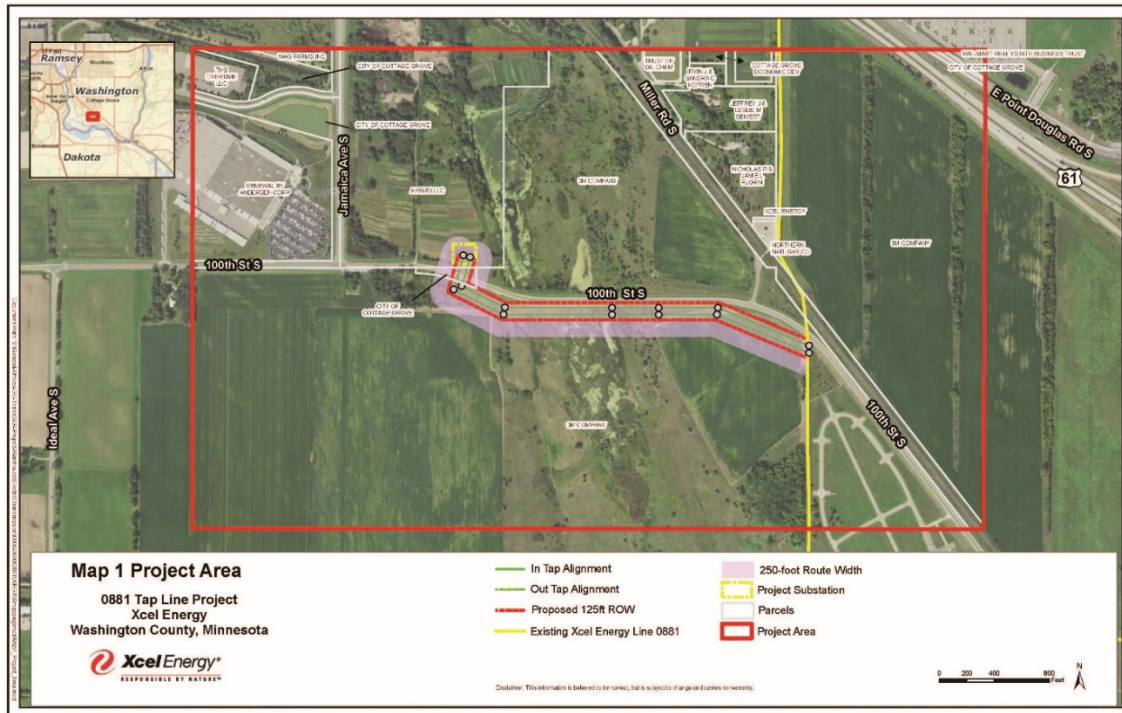
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