



Sasha Bergman, Executive Secretary

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON
THE MERITS OF THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION**

Issued: January 14, 2026

**In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Certificate of Need for the Lyon County
Generating Station in Lyon County, Minnesota**

PUC Docket Number: E002/CN-25-145

CAH Docket Number: 5-2500-41123

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Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

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Review Process. Information on the review process for certificates of need for large electric power facilities is available on the Commission's website at:

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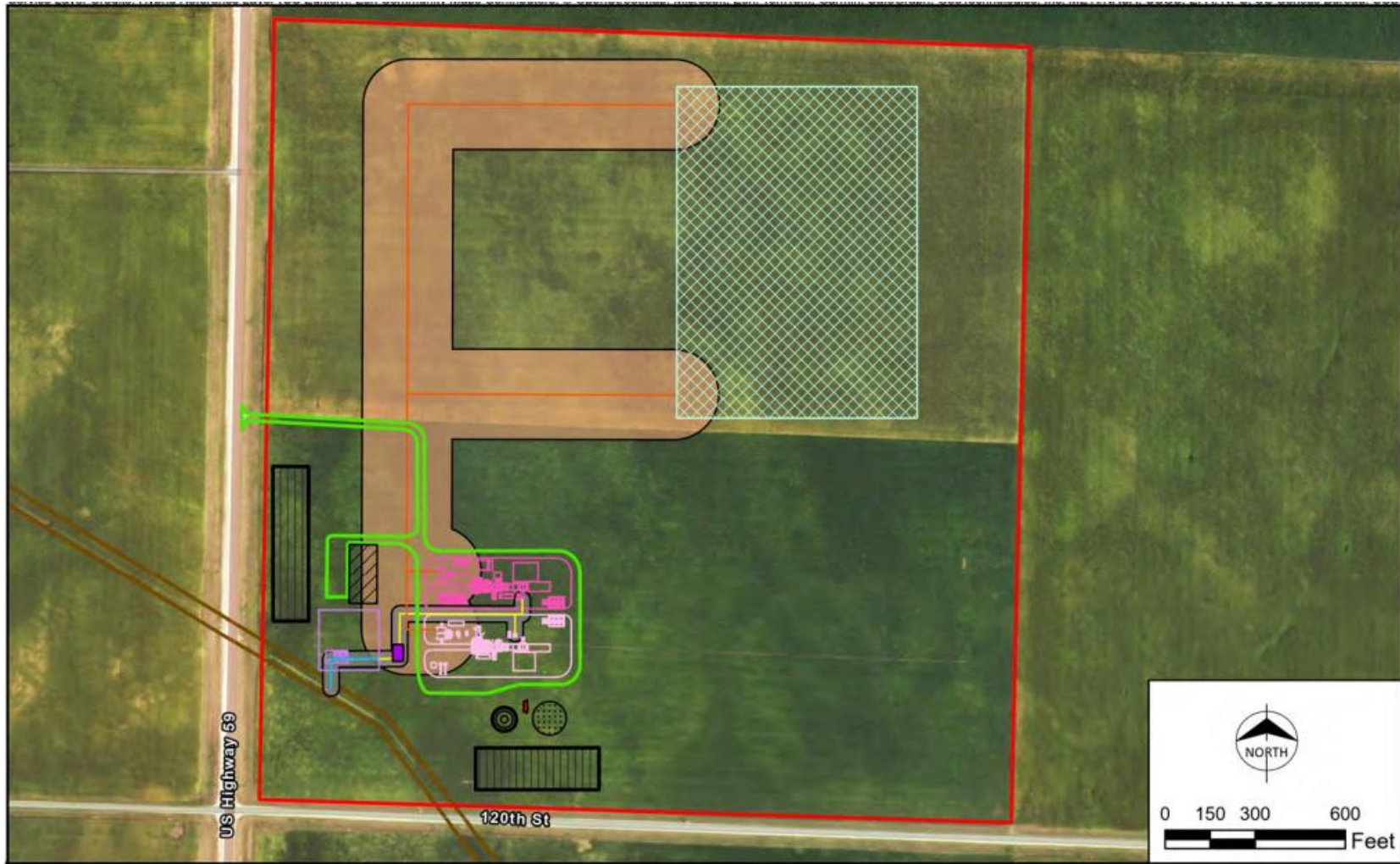
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Project Map



Project Boundary	Transmission Line 150 foot Right-of-Way	Water Bath Heater	Combustion Turbine 2 Infrastructure	Gas Pipeline - Northern Border Owned Portion
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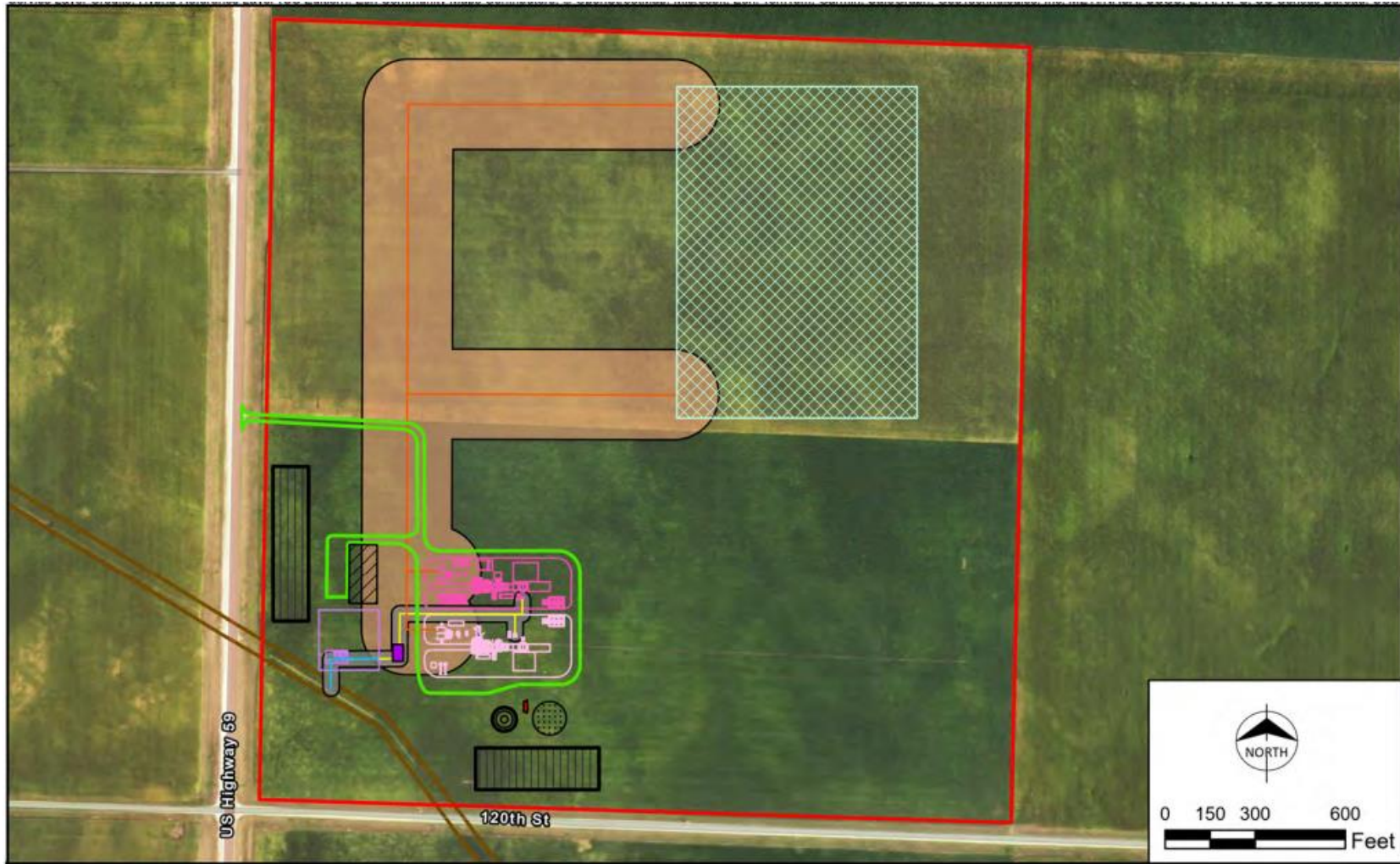
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I, Anne Redmond, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dated this 14th day of January, 2026

/s/ Anne Redmond

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