

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON PETITION FOR
SITE PERMIT AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Issued: October 11, 2019

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) for a Site Permit Amendment for the up to 200 MW Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number(s): IP6985/WS-17-700

Comment Period: Comment period closes October 21, 2019 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes October 28, 2019 at 4:30pm

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Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Should the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) amend the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 site permit to change the number, type and layout of the project turbines, modify and expand project boundaries, and other changes, as filed in the following documents?
 - June 19, 2019 Petition for Permit Amendment: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), [Part 4](#), [Part 5](#)
 - August 20, 2019 Reply Comments: [Reply Comments Summary](#), [Att A](#), [Att C](#), [Att D](#)
 - September 18, 2019 Response to Info Requests: [IR-1](#), [IR-2](#), [IR-3](#), [IR-4](#), [IR-5](#), [IR-6](#)
 - October 8, 2019 Supplemental Reply Comments: [Reply Comments - Supplemental](#)
- Should any permit conditions be modified or added if the requested amendments are approved?

Background: On November 6, 2018 the Commission issued a site permit to Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC (Blazing Star 2) to operate the Blazing Star Wind Farm 2 project located in Lincoln County (the permit was subsequently transferred to Xcel Energy).

On June 19, 2019 Xcel Energy filed a letter requesting amendments to the site permit that include changes to the number, type, and layout of the turbines to be used, as well as a modified and expanded project boundary. On August 20, 2019, Xcel filed supplemental information, further modifying the project boundary and provided supplemental environmental information on turbine location modifications and additions. On September 18, 2019, Xcel filed additional supplemental information on the project modifications including further revisions to the project site boundary and environmental impacts of a further revised turbine layout. On October 8, 2019, Xcel filed further supplemental comments and updating the project map.

Comments may be submitted:

Email: Comments can be emailed to publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us

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U.S. Mail: Charley Bruce, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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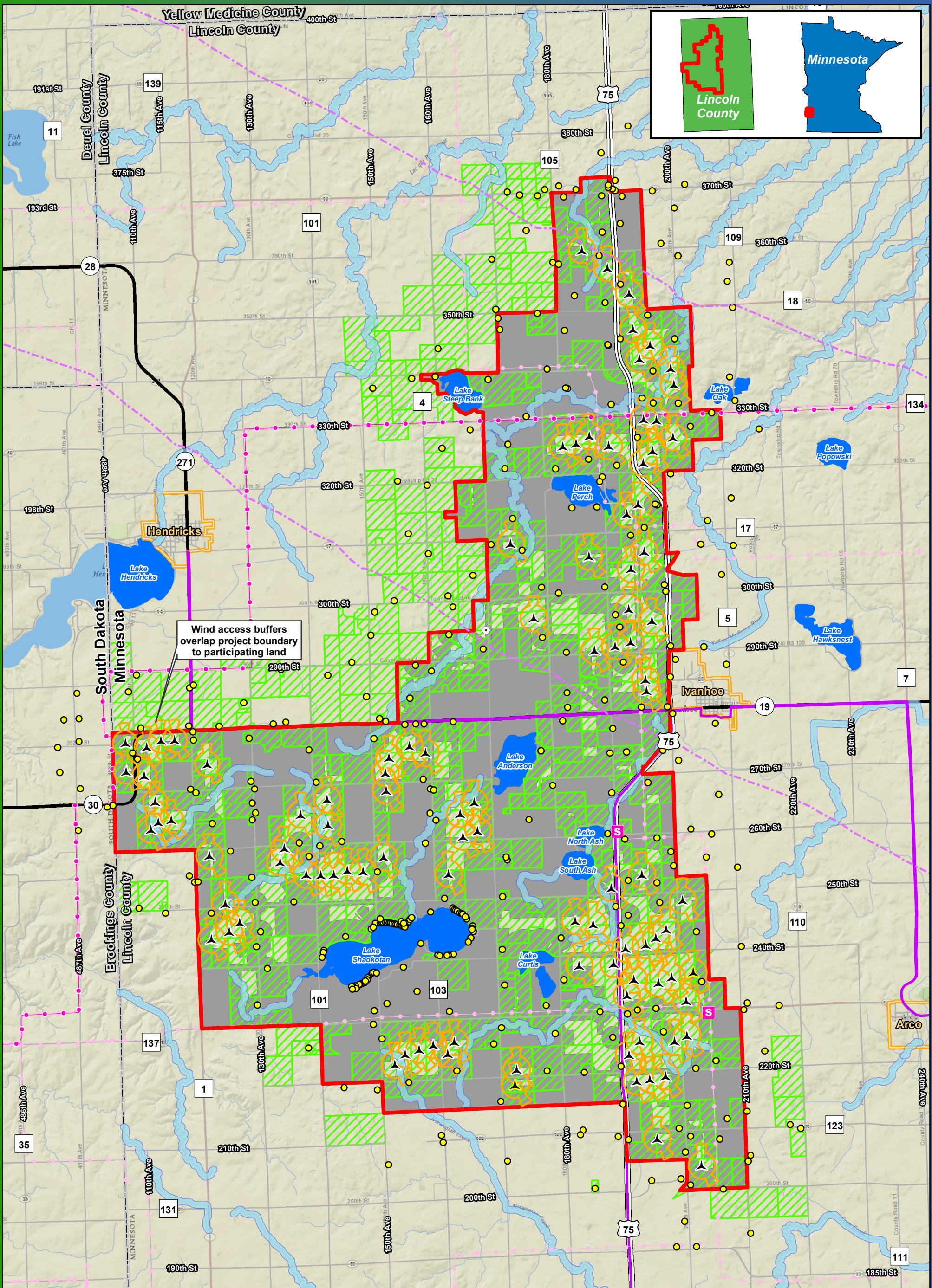
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Wind access buffers overlap project boundary to participating land

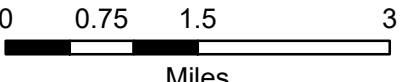
Figure 3
Turbine Layout and Constraints
Vestas V110/V120

Blazing Star Wind Farm 2
Lincoln County, MN

44.460125, -96.336861

- ▲ Preliminary Turbine Location
- ▲ Alternate Turbine Location
- ADLS Tower
- Residential Structures within 1 Mile (excluding cities of Hendricks and Ivanhoe)
- ▭ Project Area Boundary (Sept 2019)
- ▭ 3x5 Wind Access Buffer
- ▭ Setbacks
- ▭ Shoreland Management District
- ▭ Participants within 1 Mile
- Ⓢ Existing Substation
- Existing Transmission Line
- MVP 345kV Transmission Line
- Existing Pipeline
- Snowmobile Trail

* Turbines are not to scale



Imagery Source: National Geographic World Map
 Data Source: Geronimo Energy, MN DNR, Census, Lincoln Co.