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September 29, 2010

Dear Landowner,

You are receiving this letter because your property may be directly or indirectly affected by route alternatives for the proposed Pleasant Valley to Byron 161 kilovolt (kV) transmission line project. Route alternatives are being evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is being prepared by the Minnesota Office of Energy Security, Energy Facilities Permitting Unit (EFP).

This letter provides you with information on the transmission line project, the route permitting process, and future opportunities to participate in the process. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the proposed project, sign up for the project mailing list, and participate in the route permitting process.

### ***Project***

Xcel Energy filed a Route Permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on December 3, 2009 to construct a new 161 kV high voltage transmission line between the existing Pleasant Valley substation located in Mower County, southwest of the intersection of County State Aid Highway (“CSAH”) 1 and CSAH 10 and an existing substation located at the west edge of the City of Byron

### ***Process***

The Route Permit application is subject to environmental review in accordance with Minn. Rules 7850.1700 to 7850.2700. The first step in the review process is developing the scope of the EIS for the project. The scoping process, which has already been completed, has two primary purposes: (1) to identify issues that are important to people and communities along the proposed routes for study in the EIS and (2) to solicit suggestions for route alternatives beyond those proposed by the applicants to study in the EIS.

A public information and scoping meeting was held March 25, 2010 at the American Legion in Byron, Minnesota to gather public input on the proposed project and routes. At this meeting, the public had the opportunity to propose route alternatives for consideration in the EIS. Comments were also accepted through letters and emails through April 8, 2010. A number of these new route alternatives have been included in the scope. Property records indicate you are located near or own property on one or more of these new route alternatives. The new route alternatives are described in the EIS scoping decision at <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=25695> (scroll down to the File Register and “Scoping Decision Document”). A map showing the new route alternatives, as well as the applicant’s proposed routes, is attached to this mailing.

***Participation***

A draft EIS is currently being prepared by EFP staff. The draft EIS will evaluate the potential environmental, economic, social and human impacts for all of the route alternatives. The draft EIS is scheduled to be issued in early-October 2010. Once issued, EFP staff will hold a public meeting to gather comments and questions on the document. EFP will also accept written comments on the Draft EIS through November 5, 2010. Comments and responses will be incorporated into the final EIS.

In addition to the public meeting, an administrative law judge (ALJ) from the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings will preside over a public hearing. Anyone may speak at the public hearing, present evidence, ask questions of the applicants and EFP staff, and submit comments on the proposed project. The ALJ will make a recommendation on the Route Permit application to the Commission. The Commission’s decision on the Route Permit application is expected in January 2011.

Both the public meeting and public hearing are anticipated to be held on October 26, 2010 in the City of Byron. By signing up for the project mailing list (instructions below), you will receive notice of the meeting and hearing, including times and location.

Information about the project and the route permitting process is available on the EFP website at <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=25695> and on the eDockets website at <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the docket year “09” and number “1315”).

Notice of public meetings and public hearings will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons who register their names on the EFP project mailing list. To add your name to the project mailing list, contact the project manager, or register at: <http://www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/#MailingLists>.

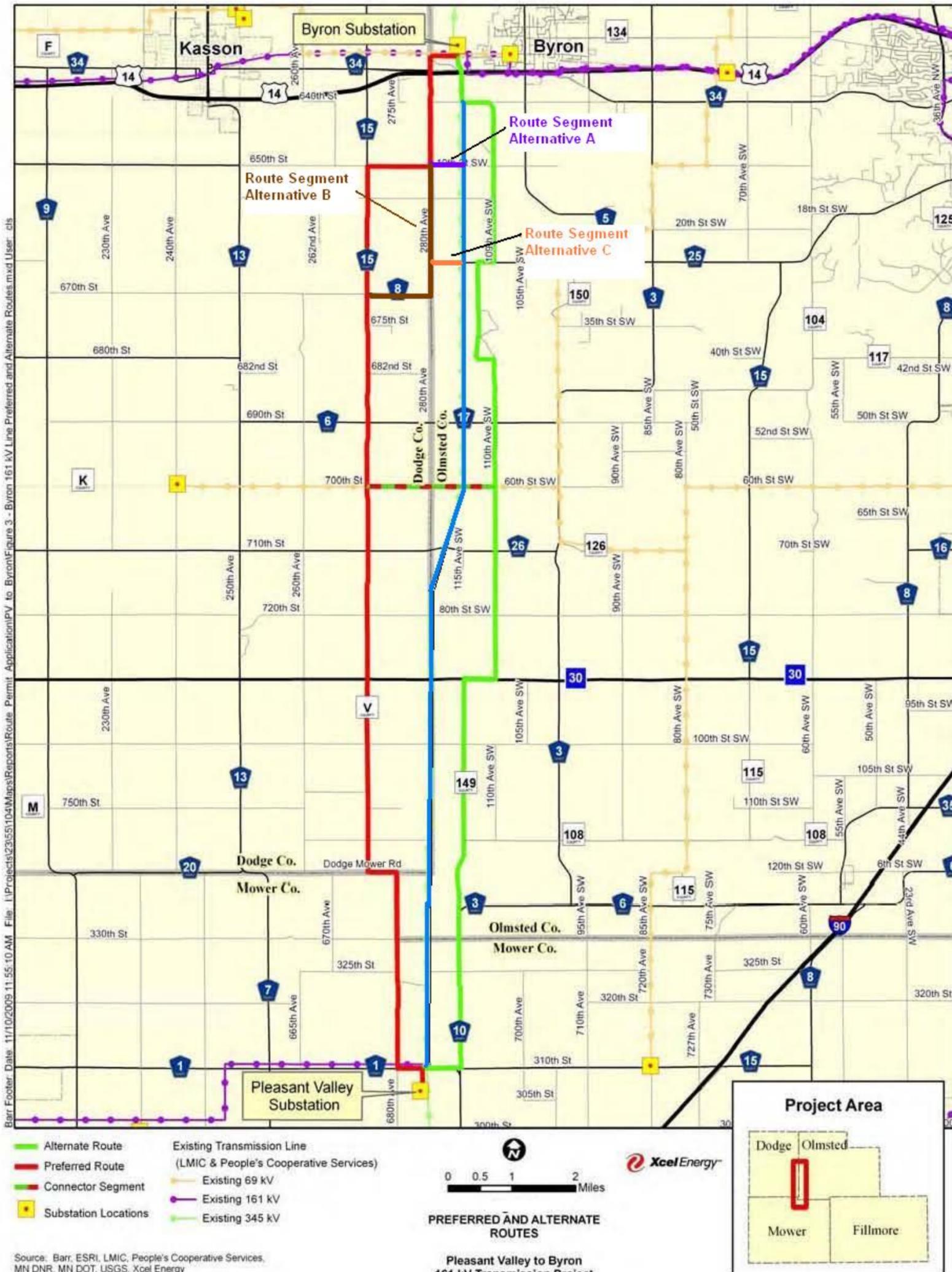
Please note, if you do not register to be on the EFP project mailing list you will not receive correspondence regarding this project after this notice. Registration is voluntary and may be done at any time.

If you have questions or if you would like further information, please contact:

<i>Matt Langan, State Permit Manager</i>
(651) 296-2096
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Other contact information: Toll-Free Tel: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891 or TTY: Minnesota Relay Service, 800-627-3529, ask for DOC.

cc: Affected local government units



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“345” Route Alternative

**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

I, Dawn Schultz, hereby certify that on October 1, 2010, I deposited in the U.S. mail at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, a copy of the following mailing notice (copy attached) addressed to all persons on the attached service lists.

**NOTICE OF ROUTE ALTERNATIVES BEING EVALUATED IN THE EIS, AND INFORMATION ON THE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, THE ROUTE PERMITTING PROCESS, AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS.**

Dated this 1st day of October, 2010.

  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 1st day of October, 2010.

  
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Notary Public



**NANCY J. DOTSON**  
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF WISCONSIN  
My commission expires April 13, 2014

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