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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON XCEL ENERGY'S REQUEST FOR
MINOR ALTERATIONS TO THE HAMPTON – ROCHESTER – LACROSSE
345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

Issued: January 28, 2014

**In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the Hampton - Rochester -
La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Line Project - North Rochester to Mississippi River
345 kV Transmission Line Segment**

PUC Docket Number/s: E002/TL-09-1448

OAH Docket Number: 3-2500-21181-2

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes February 14, 2014 at 4:30pm.
Reply comment period closes February 25, 2013 at 4:30pm.

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Does Xcel's request meet the definition of a minor alteration?
- Should the Commission approve Xcel's minor alteration request?

Submit Public Comments: E-mail to PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us.

Persons without e-mail access may send by U.S. mail to Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101-2147. Please include the Commission's docket number in all communications.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling.

Project Background: On, May 30, 2012, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a route permit to Xcel Energy for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse Transmission Project.

On January 24, 2014, Xcel Energy applied to the Commission for two separate minor alterations to the approved route alignments.

The first request pertains to Pole Numbers 3-9 of Segment 1 in Pine Island Township and would modify the anticipated alignment by placing approximately 65 feet of transmission line right-of-way outside of the approved route width. The permittee stated that the placement was due to a buffer mapping error and that the poles themselves are located on the approved alignment.

The second request pertains to Pole Numbers 49-53 of Segment 1 in Oronoco Township. This alteration would entail a route width expansion of approximately 0.05 acres in Oronoco Township to accommodate a landowner's request.

At the close of the comment period, the matter will be brought before the Commission for a determination of whether to authorize a minor alteration, or determine the alteration is not minor and requires a full permitting decision.

Full Case Record: All documents filed in this docket are available on the Commission's website at www.puc.state.mn.us, select "Search eDockets," enter the year (09) and the docket number (1448), select "Search."

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