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Public Utilities Commission



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCOPING MEETING

Issued: January 6, 2016

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Site Permit for the 215 MW Black Dog 6 Project in Burnsville, Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: E-002/GS-15-834

Date: January 28, 2016

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Burnsville City Hall – Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Parkway
Burnsville MN 55337

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651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc

Project Description

Xcel Energy proposes to:

- Construct a 215 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired combustion turbine within its existing Black Dog Generating Plant
- Use natural gas as a fuel source

The proposed project is located in Dakota County, in the city of Burnsville.

All construction will take place on Xcel Energy property.

Meeting Information

- The meeting starts on time.
- Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- State agency staff members run the meeting.
- Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce, and Xcel Energy staff members are available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.
- You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- The Department of Commerce uses comments received at the meeting and during the comment period to develop the scope of the environmental assessment for this project.

Submit Comments

Topics Open for Public Comment:

- Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions.
- In your comments, please state which question(s) you are addressing.
 1. What human and environmental impacts of the proposed project should be studied in the environmental assessment prepared for this project?
 2. Are there any specific methods to address (avoid, minimize, or mitigate) these impacts that should be studied in the environmental assessment?

Comment Period Comments accepted through February 11, 2016

- Please include the PUC Docket Number (*15-834*) in all communications

Online mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment

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Important Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's and the Department of Commerce's websites, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

Process Information

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must approve a site permit before the project can be built. The Commission accepted Xcel Energy's site permit application in December 2015. This means the company submitted all the information required to begin the review process. The Commission's decision-making process takes about six months.

Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff prepares an environmental assessment for this project. The environmental assessment reviews the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, as well as ways to address impacts.

After the environmental assessment is issued, an Administrative Law Judge holds a public hearing. You may speak at the hearing, ask questions, and submit written comments about the project.

After the public hearing, the Commission reviews all the information in the record, including written comments and comments received at the public hearings. The Commission's final decision on the site permit for this project is expected by September 2016.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34314>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.).

Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (15-834), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website - mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (15) and the docket number (834), select *Search*.

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Community Locations: The site permit application is available at these locations:

- Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway, Burnsville
- Dakota County Library, 1101 West County Road 42, Burnsville

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: This project is reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216E and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850, available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

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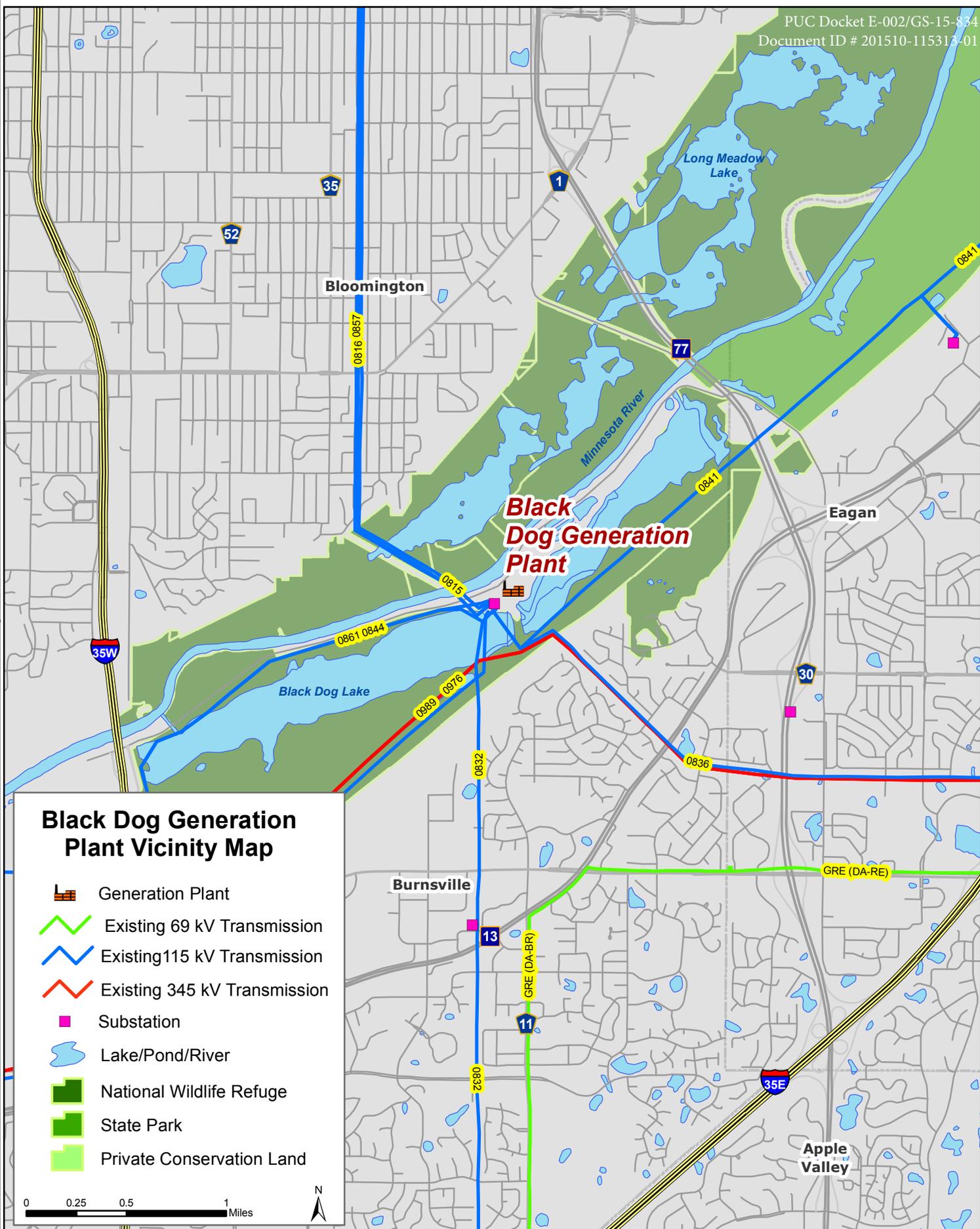
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Black Dog Generation Plant Vicinity Map

- Generation Plant
- Existing 69 kV Transmission
- Existing 115 kV Transmission
- Existing 345 kV Transmission
- Substation
- Lake/Pond/River
- National Wildlife Refuge
- State Park
- Private Conservation Land

