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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Nicollet County Board of Adjustment and Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Nicollet County Government Center in St. Peter, Minnesota.

The purpose of said hearing is to consider the following request:

To hear the request of Gary Gilbertson, 1230 S 4th St, St Peter, MN 56082, for an after-the-fact variance to reduce the bluff setback from 30-feet to 0, and increase the maximum height from 14-feet to 20-feet for an hunting shack on property located in Part of the SE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 01-109-27, Oshawa Township. Reference 603.4(5), 717.3(4)

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To hear the request of Gary Gilbertson, 1230 S 4th St, St Peter, MN 56082, for an after-the-fact conditional use permit for a hunting shack, on property located in Part of the SE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 01-109-27, Oshawa Township. Reference 603.3, 717

To hear the request of applicant Willis Anthony, 42505 County Road 15, St Peter, MN 56082, for a conditional use permit to expand an existing swine feedlot to 998 animal units with no new construction, on property owned by Josie's Pork Farm, located at 39741 425th Ave, St Peter, MN 56082, in Part of the W1/2 of the SW1/4, Section 31-111-27, Lake Prairie Township. Reference 602.3

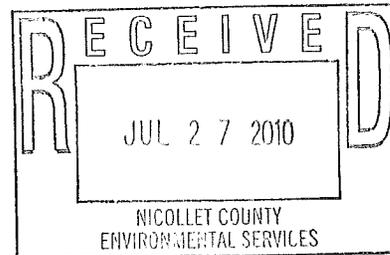
To hear the request of applicant Kurt Klaustermeier, 416 Matthews St, Mankato, MN 56001, for a conditional use permit to replace an existing concrete manure storage area and construct a permanent manure stacking area, on property owned by Rolling Hills Dairy, LLP located at 48600 511th Ave, Courtland, MN 56021, in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 15-109-29 in Courtland Township. Reference 602.3

PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST

Xcel Energy Environmental Assessment Scoping Meeting for a planned 115kV Transmission Line Rebuild of approximately 3200-feet along the line between Sections 30-110-29 and 31-110-29, and Sections 29-110-29 and 32-110-29 in Courtland Township.

July 26, 2010

Robert Redding
Environmental Services
Nicollet County
501 S. Minnesota Ave.
St. Peter, MN 56082



Re: E002/LR-10-641

Dear Mr. Redding,

This letter is to inform the Nicollet County Planning and Zoning office staff of my objections to the proposed re-alignment of the electric transmission line in Courtland Township.

The proposed line runs through 2 properties that I lease. Early last winter I was called by my land-lords, Mike Ramy and John Kuester about Excel Energy's plans to re-align the electrical lines that run through their properties. Later in the winter of 2009 we met with Brian Mielke, a senior sitting and land rights agent representing Excel Energy. We talked about the project at that time. It was said that Excel wanted an easement for the Swan Lake Hilton farm because they were using a different pole setting at that time.

I was led to believe that with a straight alignment of poles that there would not be any guide wires needed. Thus it would not be a burden on our farming operation. There would be a small loss of production land for 3 additional poles. Those poles were to be set in line with the existing poles therefore working with the direction that the farm land is currently planted.

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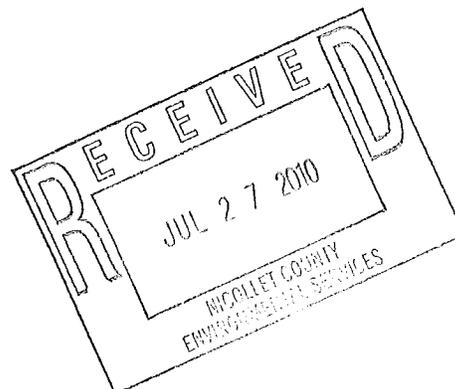


I strongly feel that we were not presented with all the facts on this project during our initial meeting last winter. I also feel that it would not be a burden to Excel Energy to use a single pole system instead of the 5 pole system that was originally introduced to us when we met with Brian Mielke in the 2009 winter.

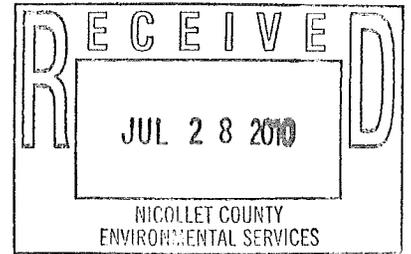
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Sincerely yours,

Tim Waibel
Mary Jean Waibel



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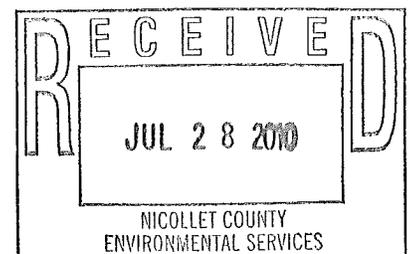
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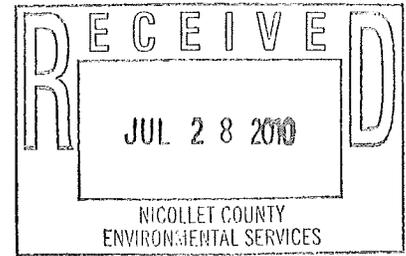
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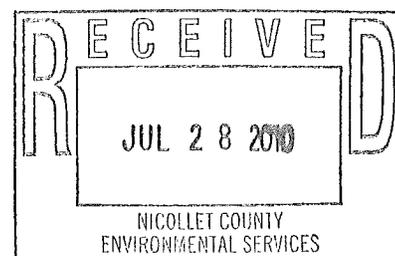
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Mike Kuester



Proposed Structure Replacement on Existing 115 kV Transmission Line

PROJECT NEED

Northern States Power, doing business as Xcel Energy, has determined that two of the existing structures supporting the transmission line that follows along the section line between Sections 30 and 31 and Sections 29 and 32 in Township 110, Range 29 W, are failing and are in need of replacement (see photo below and Figure 1 on reverse side of page.) The existing 115kV line currently follows a non-linear path thru the Swan Lake Wildlife Management Area (Swan Lake WMA) where two of the four existing structures in the water body are leaning and consequently need to be replaced.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will entail the following construction activities:

- Creating temporary access for installing new structures and removing existing structures.
- Installing two concrete piling foundations within the water body upon which single pole structures (approximately 95 feet tall) will be mounted.
- Direct imbedding two 5-pole structures on either side of water body in upland areas (approximately 88 ft.).
- Transferring existing transmission lines (conductors) from the existing structures to the new structures (approximately 3,100 feet).
- Removing the four existing H-frame structures from the water body and two existing 5-pole structures from the upland areas.
- Restoring site conditions.

Once complete, the project will provide stable structures for the transmission line crossing the water body. It will also result in a net loss of two structures within the water body and a straighter, more in-line route crossing the Swan Lake WMA. The line voltage will remain the same.

CONSTRUCTION DATES

Both civil and line construction are planned for winter 2010/2011.

PUBLIC HEARING

Environmental Assessment (EA) Scoping Meeting at Nicollet County Public Hearing, 8:30 PM, July 19th, 2010.



Existing Structure



EX: New Single Pole Str.



EX: New 5-Pole Structure

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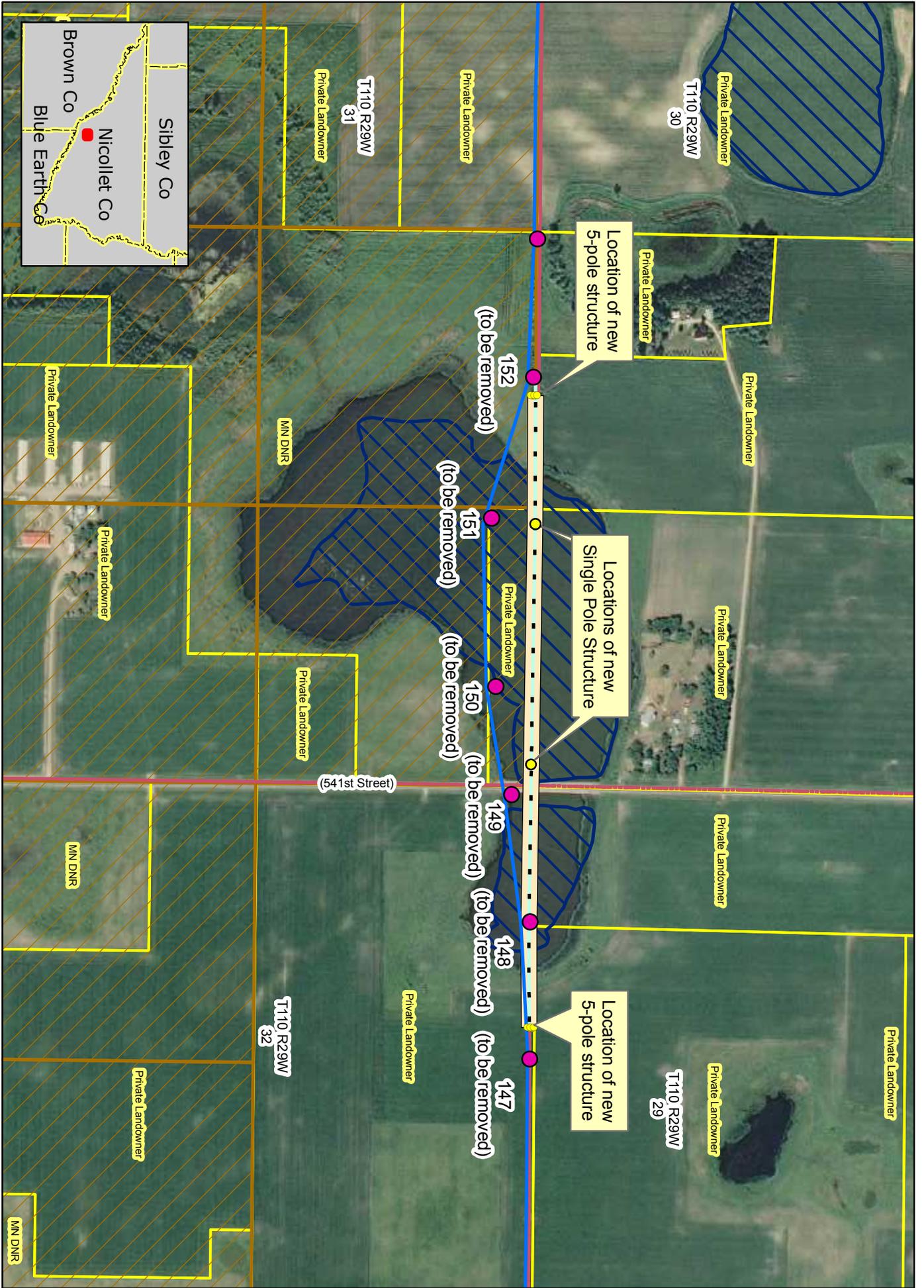


Figure 1
Xcel Line 0837 Rebuild
 June, 2010

PWI - 57W
 Swam Lake Wildlife Mgt. Area

— Existing Xcel Energy Line 0837
— Proposed Line (with 75 ft. ROW)
● Existing Structure
● Proposed Structure
 Section Line
 Nicollet County Parcel

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