

APPENDIX E

LANDOWNER LIST

AND

PUBLIC COMMENTS*

*Addresses have been redacted from comment forms due to privacy concerns

APPENDIX E.1
LANDOWNER LIST

Owner Name	City	State	Zip
BROWN COUNTY LANDOWNERS FREDRICK & MARIANNE BIANCHI	NEW ULM	MN	560734213
NEW ULM, CITY OF	NEW ULM	MN	560731785
HADC RIDGEWAY ET AL	DEEPHAVEN	MN	553913260
CHARLES L & ANNABELLE ALBAUGH	NEW ULM	MN	560731026
MICHAEL & JULIANN REINHART	NEW ULM	MN	560731917
DONALD R JORGENSEN JR	NEW ULM	MN	560731026
TROY T & KAREN TRAULICH	NEW ULM	MN	560731025
TIMOTHY L & MARIA C ANDERSON	NEW ULM	MN	560731025
ELDON & CAROLYN TRAULICH ETAL	NEW ULM	MN	560731096
CHRISTOPHER L DEVRIES ETAL	NEW ULM	MN	560731025
WILLIAM & CAROL HUELSKAMP	NEW ULM	MN	560731025
SCOTT & DIANE ROLLOFF	NEW ULM	MN	560731025
RICHARD E & SABINA TRAULICH	NEW ULM	MN	560731025
RICHARD S & KATHERINE HUBERT	NEW ULM	MN	560731005
DANNY L & EILEEN C HEMMING	NEW ULM	MN	560733127
JOSEPH & NICHOLE KOSER	FORT MADISON	IA	526272123
JEREMY J & KELLY M BRENNAN	NEW ULM	MN	560731064
RICHARD & GLADYS LEGARE	NEW ULM	MN	560731025
KRIS A & MARIA E SCHNEEBERG	NEW ULM	MN	560731025
WAL-MART STORES INC	BENTONVILLE	AR	727128050
WAL-MART REALTY CO STORE # 3760	BENTONVILLE	AR	727166299
1.918.001.05.050 ROGER SCHULTZ ETAL	NEW ULM	MN	560733306
ROTHMEIER DEVELOPMENT INC	NEW ULM	MN	560734901
JAMES & ALICE ROBERTS	NEW ULM	MN	560731027
ORLIN J & MARJORIE L MACK	NEW ULM	MN	560734167
MARGUERITE RUNCK CREDIT TRUST	NEW ULM	MN	560734183
ROBERT B RUNCK DISCLAIMER TRUST	NEW ULM	MN	560734171
HELEN RUNCK	NEW ULM	MN	560734171
JEROME & PAULINE HIE TALA	NEW ULM	MN	560734064
DANIEL & BARBARA STUEBER	NEW ULM	MN	560734156
TED & KATHLEEN A STUEBER	NEW ULM	MN	560734155
JAMES H & MARLYS A MCLEAN	ANDOVER	MN	553043111
BROWN COUNTY	NEW ULM	MN	560730248
INLAND AMERICAN N.U. ATLAS LLC	OAK BROOK	IL	605231190
RAYMOND & MARCELLA HAGER	NEW ULM	MN	560734171

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Owner Name	City	State	Zip
NANCY A QUAM	NEW ULM	MN	560734058
RAE RUNCK	NEW ULM	MN	560734171
HAROLD RUNCK	NEW ULM	MN	560734183
HENRY N SOMSEN JR TRUST	NEW ULM	MN	560730834
ALICE E HENLE FAMILY TRUST	NEW ULM	MN	560731809
JAMES H & MARTYS A MCLEAN	ANDOVER	MN	553043111
BROWN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC	SLEEPY EYE	MN	560850529
RICHARD LENTZ	NEW ULM	MN	560734061
LEON F & MARIAN T HAUBRICH	NEW ULM	MN	560734154
STATE OF MN PUBLIC HUNTING GRD	ST PAUL	MN	551554030
ROGER & MARGARET SCHULTZ	NEW ULM	MN	560733306
GREGORY P HAUBRICH	NEW ULM	MN	560734060
ROBERT B RUNCK DISCLAIMER TRUS	NEW ULM	MN	560734171
HILDA FRITSCHE	NEW ULM	MN	560733426
JENNIFER BERG	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	554192409
LEANN KRZMARZICK	NEW ULM	MN	560734153
SCOTT R & LAVONNE T HOGEN	NEW ULM	MN	560734065
ELIZABETH A MECKLENBURG	NEW ULM	MN	560731559
LIVERNE & IRENE PIOTER	NEW ULM	MN	560734062
ELIZABETH A MECKLENBURG	NEW ULM	MN	560731559
DNR - REAL EST MGMT TX SPECTST	ST PAUL	MN	551554030
ALICE E HENLE FAMILY TRUST	NEW ULM	MN	560731809
KEVIN D & LINDA L WIELAND	NEW ULM	MN	560734158
HENRY N SOMSEN JR TRUST	NEW ULM	MN	560730834
LEO & CAROL MARTI	NEW ULM	MN	560734006
THOMAS STUBER ETAL	NEW ULM	MN	560734021
LEON F & MARIAN T HAUBRICH	NEW ULM	MN	560734154
KATHERINE R GLUTH LIVING TRUST	NEW ULM	MN	560734297
LEON F & MARIAN T HAUBRICH	NEW ULM	MN	560734154
LEON F & MARIAN T HAUBRICH	NEW ULM	MN	560734154
RALPH & JUNETTE ROSENAU	NEW ULM	MN	560734157
NICOLET COUNTY LANDOWNERS	NEW ULM	MN	56073
RONALD J GRUBER &	NEW ULM	MN	56073
PAUL ROBLING &	JORDAN	MN	55352
ANDREW R KEHREN &	NEW ULM	MN	56073
MN DNR TAX SPECIALIST	ST PAUL	MN	551554030

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DIANNE FRANTA	NEW ULM	MN	56073
JEFFREY J BELLM &	NEW ULM	MN	56073
PAUL ROBLING &	JORDAN	MN	55352

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attend one of three cooperative grocery store- nity Center. 10 a.m. Thursday, July 24 and 7 p.m. Tues- can be dropped off at the Gibbon Commu- ic Development office at P.O. Box 207, Gay- brochures or pledge forms can pick them up Lumber and Organ's Insurance Agency, nton, call 877-766-5499.

0 a.m. Tuesday, July 15 at the Sheriff's Of-

Xcel Energy Open House

West New Ulm Substation and Transmission Line Rebuild

CONDUCTED BY

Northern States Power Company
doing business as
Xcel Energy

WHEN & WHERE?

Tuesday, July 15, 2008
New Ulm Civic Center
Room 203
1212 North Franklin Street
New Ulm, MN 56073
Time: 4:30 to 7:00 P.M.

WHY?

The Project consists of building a new 115 kV substation, building a new 115 kV transmission line, and rebuilding a segment of existing transmission line west of the City of New Ulm. Xcel Energy plans to double circuit the current 69 kV line with the proposed 115 kV line.

What Next?

After the Open House, we will analyze all the information gathered and will identify a proposed substation location. Following a route permit application will be submitted to the Public Utility Commission.

Representatives from Xcel Energy and the project team will be on hand to answer your questions, obtain your input, and discuss your concerns.

Written Statements or comments about this project can be mailed to Tim Rogers at Xcel Energy, Suite 800A, 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

Phone: (612) 330-1955 Fax: (612) 330-6590

Disabilities: People with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting and need special arrangements, should contact Tim Rogers at the telephone number listed.

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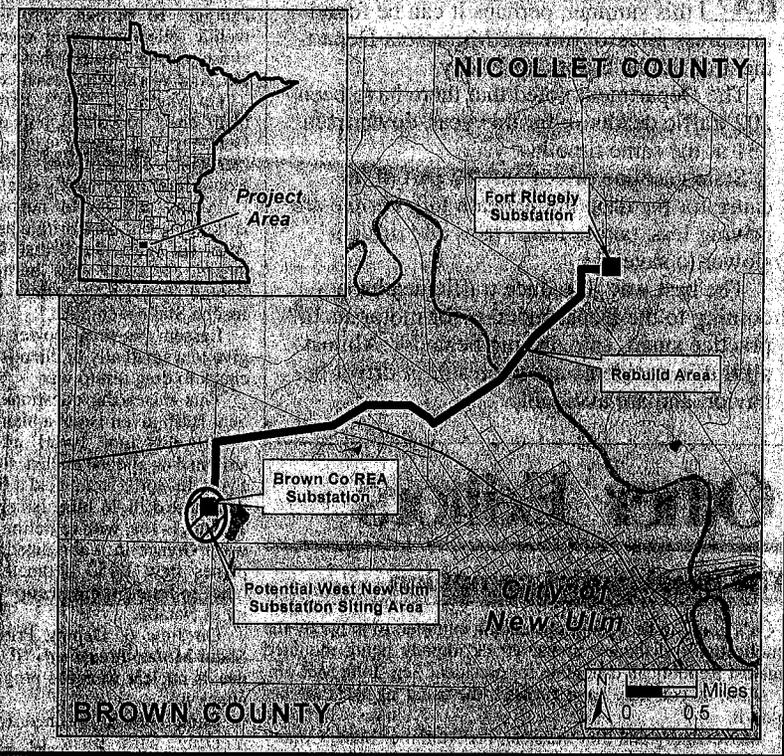
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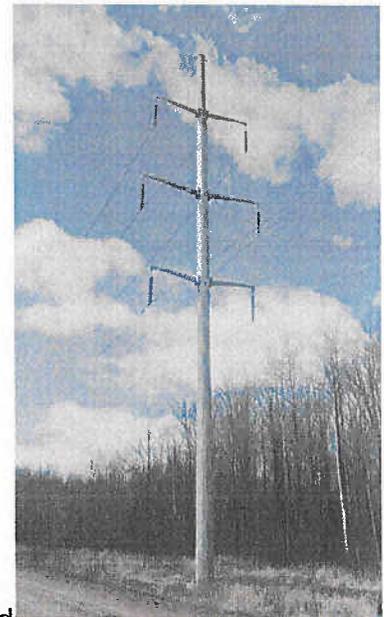
**PROPOSED WEST NEW ULM 115 kV-69kV SUBSTATION
AND TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT**

FACT SHEET

PROJECT NEED: Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, is planning to construct a new substation west of the City of New Ulm, construct a new 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, and upgrade a segment of the existing 69 kV transmission line located between the new substation and the existing Fort Ridgely substation. This facility is needed to support increased electrical loads, support the network transmission at the City of New Ulm's 52 megawatt (MW) load, and to meet future regional load growth expected in the area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

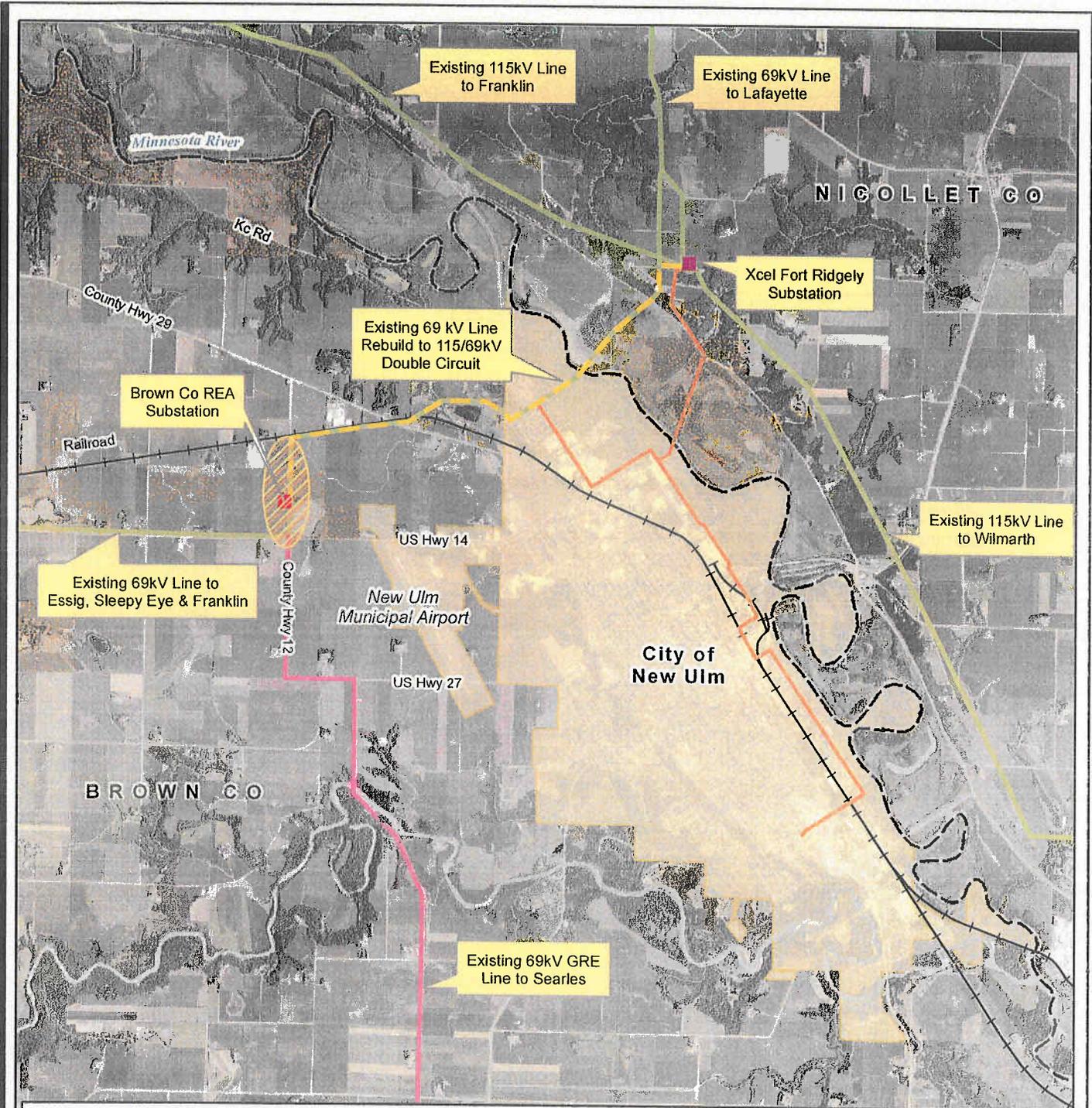
- The project consists of building a new 115-69 kV substation, building a new 115 kV transmission line, and rebuilding a segment of existing transmission line. Xcel Energy plans to double circuit the current 69 kV line with the proposed 115 kV line (see photo).
- For project location, please see the map on the back of this page.
- The transmission line structure type is anticipated to be primarily steel, single poles with davit arms (some wood poles may also be utilized.)
- Estimated project completion is scheduled for April 2010.
- Acquisition of the land for the planned substation is expected to take place in 2008 and early 2009.
- Xcel Energy plans to construct the proposed transmission line work within existing utility right-of-way. Removal of trees and vegetation may be necessary in areas where they have grown along or into the transmission line right-of-way area. If extensive tree work or special construction access is necessary on your property, a representative of Xcel Energy will be in contact with you.
- After construction is completed, construction damage will be restored or compensated for by Xcel Energy.



Typical Steel Single Pole

CONTACTS:

Brian Mielke, Xcel Energy Siting and Land Rights Agent 612-330-7946 or
brian.d.mielke@xcelenergy.com

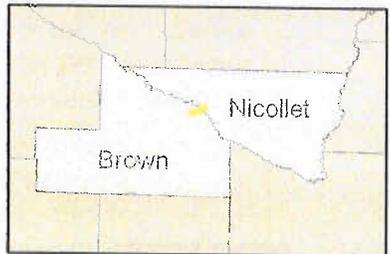


Proposed West New Ulm Substation and 115kV-69kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Brown and Nicollet Counties, MN

Legend

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|---|---|---|----------------------|
|  | Proposed Xcel Energy West New Ulm Substation |  | MN DNR Wildlife Area |
|  | Existing Substation - Fort Ridgely |  | Waterbody |
|  | Existing Substation - Brown Co REA |  | River/Stream |
|  | Proposed Xcel Energy 115kV-69kV Transmission Line Rebuild |  | Railroad |
|  | Great River Energy Transmission |  | County Boundary |
|  | Xcel Energy Transmission |  | City Boundary |
|  | City of New Ulm Transmission | | |



Data Source(s): NSP, MN DNR, USDA.

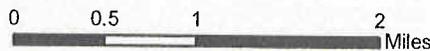


Figure A

**INVITATION
XCEL ENERGY OPEN HOUSE FOR THE
PROPOSED WEST NEW ULM 115-69 kV SUBSTATION AND TRANSMISSION LINE
REBUILD PROJECT, NEW ULM, MN**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2008
4:30 to 7 p.m.**

New Ulm Civic Center, Room 203, 1212 North Franklin Street, New Ulm, MN

You are receiving this open house invitation because you own property in an area where Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, is planning to construct a new substation, build a new 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, and rebuild a segment of existing transmission line. Xcel Energy plans to double circuit the current 69 kV line with the proposed 115 kV line. We are seeking feedback from the public on this project prior to filing with the Public Utilities Commission later this summer.

At the open house, we will have maps and information on the proposed substation site location, structure types, right-of-way, the permitting process and other issues of interest. Please join us so that we can talk about our proposed schedule, explain our proposed project and answer any questions you may have. You will also have the opportunity to meet with key project staff that will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Please join us so that we can share our plans with you and let you know how to participate in the state permitting process. You are welcome at anytime during the hours of the open house. If you cannot attend, please contact Tim Rogers, from Xcel Energy at the number shown below and he will send you information or have representatives from Xcel Energy arrange to speak with you at another time.

THE PROJECT

The particular facility for which the permit is requested (the "Project") includes one (1) new substation (West New Ulm), several miles of new 115 kV transmission and a rebuilt segment of existing 69 kV line, including associated electric equipment upgrades at the existing Fort Ridgely Substation located near the City of New Ulm in Brown and Nicollet Counties. The purpose of the Project is to support increased electrical loads, support the network transmission at the City of New Ulm's 52 megawatt (MW) load, and to meet future regional load growth expected in the area.

The Project includes the following components located west and north of the City of New Ulm:

1. One new substation; 115-69 kV West New Ulm Substation.
2. New 4.25 miles of 115 kV transmission line from the proposed West New Ulm Substation to the existing Fort Ridgely Substation along existing utility right-of-way.
3. Rebuild a segment of existing 69 kV transmission line located between the proposed West New Ulm Substation and the existing Fort Ridgely Substation.
4. Double-circuiting the current 69 kV transmission line with the proposed 115 kV transmission line.
5. Xcel Energy anticipates that the existing transmission line structures will be replaced with primarily steel, single poles with davit arms (some wood poles may also be utilized.)
6. Electric equipment at the existing Fort Ridgely Substation will be modified to accommodate the planned changes and improvements.

WHAT'S NEXT?

After our open house, we will analyze all the information we have gathered and will identify our preferred location of the West New Ulm Substation. An application for a route permit will then be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ROUTE PERMIT PROCESS

This project will be filed under the alternative permitting process. This process includes another public information meeting in the early phase of application review as well as a public hearing prior to a decision being made on the route permit. A flow chart of this process can be found at this web site:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/documents/Altpermitprocessfinal.pdf>

LAND ACQUISITION CONTACT:

Brian Mielke, Xcel Energy, Siting and Land
Rights Agent, 612-330-7946 or
brian.d.mielke@xcelenergy.com

PERMITTING CONTACT:

Tim Rogers, Xcel Energy, Siting and Land
Rights Permitting Analyst, 612-330-1955
timothy.g.rogers@xcelenergy.com



PROPOSED WEST NEW ULM 115-69 kV SUBSTATION AND TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is this project needed?

This project is necessary to support increased electrical loads, support the network transmission at the City of New Ulm's 52 megawatt (MW) load, and to meet future regional load growth expected in the area.

What permits are needed?

Xcel Energy will apply for a route permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). We anticipate filing the permit application late this summer, 2008. The project will be filed under the alternative permitting process identified in Minnesota Rules 7849.500 and 7849.5720.

When will the substation be built, the new 115 kV lines constructed and the existing 69 kV lines rebuilt?

The permit process is expected to take up to six months from the date of our filing. Acquisition of the land for the planned substation is expected to take place in 2008 and early 2009. After the substation location is approved, we will begin the survey and design. We expect construction of the substation and transmission lines to begin in mid-2009. The project is scheduled to be completed in April 2010. Xcel Energy will build and own the West New Ulm Substation and transmission lines.

Where will the new substation be located?

The proposed location for the West New Ulm Substation has not been selected. However, the substation site needs to be located near the existing Brown County REA Substation and existing Xcel Energy 69 kV transmission line on County Highway 12, north of U.S. Highway 14 and west of the City of New Ulm in Brown County. We will gather public information and input at our open house meeting on July 15, 2008. After our public open house, we will submit a permit application with the preferred substation location to the MPUC. The MPUC will follow their regulatory process (which also includes opportunities for public involvement) to determine the final substation location and associated line routes for based on information Xcel Energy provides in the application, as well as information supplied by you and other interested parties.

What can landowners expect in the form of compensation if the final substation route for the transmission line projects is on their land?

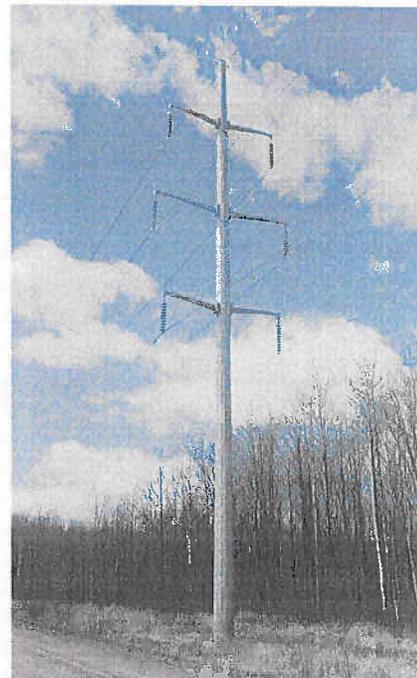
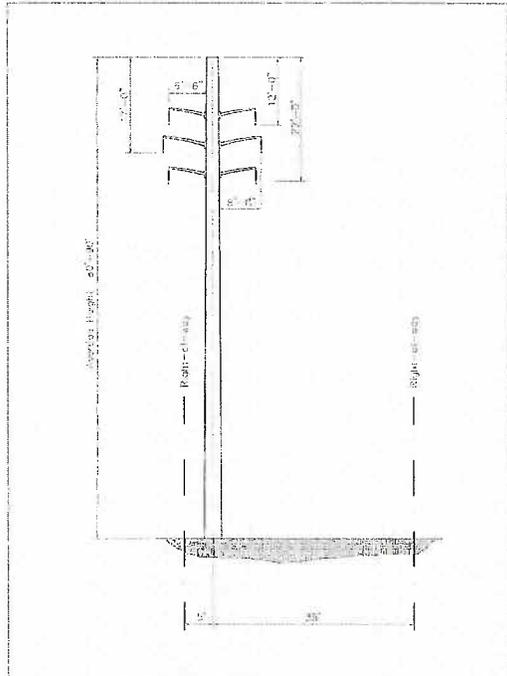
Xcel Energy will provide fair compensation in the form of easement payments to property owners who host power lines. We will work directly with property owners to address their concerns. Property owners may continue to use the land around transmission structures as long as it doesn't interfere with the safe operation of the facility. We have additional handouts providing more detailed right-of-way information and a description of how the landowner contact process works.

What about EMF?

Electric and magnetic fields, called EMF for short, are created by anything that conducts electricity, including transmission lines, household appliances and business equipment. These fields are strongest closest to their source, so the farther you are away from the source, the lower the strength of the field. Decades of scientific and medical research, reviewed by national and international expert panels and government agencies, have found no convincing evidence of adverse impacts to human health from EMF. We would be happy to provide more detailed background information concerning the question of health effects associated with magnetic fields if you wish. We will also provide information on this issue in our permit applications.

What will the line look like?

The transmission line we propose using is a single pole structure that is made of steel. The picture below is very similar to what the transmission line structure will look like and is called a "davit arm" structure. The conductor, which is the wire that conveys the electricity, will be a double circuit.



**115 kV Line Typical Span 400'
40' Typical Right of Way Width**



NORTHERN STATES POWER

Proposed West New Ulm 115-69 kV Substation and
Transmission Line Rebuild Project

July 15, 2008
New Ulm, MN

NAME	ADDRESS/EMAIL	PHONE #
Hilda Futsche John W Futsche	New Ulm MN 56073	507 3544387
Jessette Rosenau Ralph Rosenau	New Ulm MN 56073	507 354-3706
Mike Heidemann Brown County REA	m.heidemann@browncountyrea.coop	507-794 3331
Steve Koehler New Ulm City Engineer	New Ulm 56073	507-359-8345
Dick & Seaboth Opp. City Comm	Nil	354-7112
Sharon Seletz	"	"
Gary Blisner	New Ulm 56073	359-8204
Jeff + Mary Bellm	New Ulm 56073	359-3615
Leo Marti	NU MN 56073	354 8062 276-0610
Orlin Mack	New Ulm, Mn 56073	354-2248



Proposed West New Ulm 115-69 kV Substation and
Transmission Line Rebuild Project

July 15, 2008
New Ulm, MN

NAME	ADDRESS/EMAIL	PHONE #
Dale Mack	New Ulm, MN 56073	354-8937
Ron Grabet	New Ulm, MN	354-2304
Arlon Jutsche	New Ulm, MN 56073	354-2369
Katherine Bluth	New Ulm, MN 56073	
Ray Sally Hager	New Ulm 56073	
Troy Trautlich		354-5347
Tim Anderson		354-4185
Spaie Fowler		359-9666
TOPP OLSON		276-2622
Jeff Zaja	Redwood Falls, MN 56283	507-637-4076



Proposed West New Ulm 115-69 kV Substation and
Transmission Line Rebuild Project

July 15, 2008
New Ulm, MN

NAME	ADDRESS/EMAIL	PHONE #
Pauline Hietala Jerome Hietala		
Scott & LaVonne Hogun	N.U.	

Objection to Placement of Proposed Excel Sub-station

We, the undersigned, object to the placement of the Excel sub-station as proposed by Excel on the following grounds:

- The proposed sub-station takes away productive agricultural land. Given the volatile commodity markets and crop inventory issues, agricultural land should not be disrupted and taken away for the placement of the Excel sub-station.
- The City has annexed sufficient land within close proximity of the proposed site that would not disrupt or take agricultural land out of production.
- The proposed location of the Excel sub-station would have significant disruption to existing drainage and tile patterns located on agricultural land surrounding the proposed site.
- There are better, more suitable locations for the Excel sub-station, other than the

proposed site.

Richard G. Leutz
 Kimberly K. Haulrich
 Paul Fritzsche
 Arlon Fritzsche
 Leon Haulrich
 Lorraine Fritzsche
 Melanee Fritzsche
 Jerome J. Hietala
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 Andrew Fritzsche
 Kevin Wickel
 Linda Wuland
 Fred J. Stueber
 Kathy Stueber

Henry Larson Mgr Trust By Scott Mel
 Katherine Gluth
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 Lott R. Uged
 Ralph Rosenau
 Junette Rosenau
 Paul Rappas
 Jennifer A. Berg
 Wallace Neblen
 Daniel Stueber
 Barb Stueber
 Jason Stueber
 Norman Stueber

[Signature]
 Marcella Hager

July 29, 2008

Tim Rogers
Excel Energy Center
414 Nicollet Mall MP-8A
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thanks for taking the time to meet with us at the open house on July 15, 2008 regarding the proposed line rebuild project. We currently live at _____, New Ulm, MN 56073. From my understanding, the breaker pole would be located on the corner of our property. I do have some concerns regarding the current proposed route of the rebuild.

- * What will the size of the breaker pole be? It currently is located within 60 feet of our residence, and having a larger pole with extended arms would bring the high voltage wires even closer.
- * With the number of electrical lines increasing, what type of health hazard will this have on current residents?
- * If this pole is going to be replaced in its current location, what is the possibility of working with the City of New Ulm to address the sidewalk issue on our property. The current pole is in the center of the sidewalk location surrounded by metal grates making this a safety hazard for the many children using the sidewalks with their bikes, along with the elderly (anyone for that matter) using it for their walks. It is also in inconvenience for us as residents trying to keep a nice lawn because they have to go on one side or the other of the pole which shows wear and tear on our grass. Could the replacement pole be placed on the northeast side of Broadway Street instead of the southwest side (which is our property)?
- * How sturdy of a structure will this pole be? What is the possibility of the pole coming down during a storm? If this would happen, what kind of damage can this cause?
- * Is there a possibility to rebuild these lines underground? If this is not an option, what about rerouting them to the north and west, away from a highly populated area, giving more opportunities for continued growth without affecting residential units and allowing for upgrades with minimal interruptions.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. I would appreciate it if I would continue to be informed of any decisions made in reference to this line rebuild which will directly affect my family and I. If you would like to discuss any issues, please feel free to call me at (507)354-5347 or on my cell at (507)276-4833. Thank you.

Troy Traulich

New Ulm, MN 56073

To Xcel Energy

ATTN: Tim Rogers

RE: Proposed New Ulm transmission Line Rebuild and New Subdivision (West New Ulm)

Our Property Address: :

New Ulm MN

Thank you for the dialog at the New Ulm Open House July 15, 2008. I do have a few concerns and opinions on the power lines going in the front our house at in New Ulm, Minnesota.

Currently, the pole is located in the center of our picture windows. At this open house we were told Xcel Energy will move poles to a more suitable part of lot if possible, on a lot line, etc. The major concern is that the current pole is 45 feet from the front of our house and that the replacement poles will have arms that extend out another 8 feet towards our house putting them just 37 feet away from the front our house. They will also have three more lines for a total of seven lines and more voltage.

I believe this is no longer a reasonable distance from a house or to have this type of utility running through a residential neighborhood. The power lines will extend over the top of our sidewalk onto our front yard. I hate to think what will happen if a line is blown off during a storm.

The land rights date back to the 1920's when the area was not residential. I believe now would be the time to realign your power lines to the North and West away from the populated area, as New Ulm continues to grow. This would give you the ability to expand over the next 80 years. Thank you.

Timothy L. Anderson

Maria C. Anderson

New Ulm MN 56073

507-354-4185 (home)

507-276-0173 (cell)



TELEPHONE RECORD

Project: Xcel Energy – New West New Ulm Substation & Transmission -
Line Rebuild Project/Route Permit Application

Date: August 1, 2008

Call To / Phone No.: Joe Sedarski (JGS), Westwood (952) 906-7405

Call From / Phone No.: Tim Anderson, Resident of New Ulm, MN (507) 354-4185

Summary of Telephone Conference:

Tim Anderson, resident of New Ulm, call to JGS regarding his concern over placement of new structures and transmission line in front of his house. Mr. Anderson suggested that Xcel Energy take the opportunity now to reroute the existing line to go along the bike path, which would take it away from residences, and then route to the existing line location. He understands Xcel Energy would need to acquire ROW for this, but thinks that the new structure and line will encroach further upon his property and, although he is not overly concerned about health issues, mentioned that there is some concern over health as well.

I informed Mr. Anderson that his call is recorded and forwarded to Xcel Energy, and I suggested he also contact Xcel Energy directly.

APPENDIX E.4

To Xcel Energy

ATTN: Tim Rogers

RE: Proposed New Ulm transmission Line Rebuild and New Subdivision (West New Ulm)
Our Property Address: New Ulm MN

Thank you for the dialog at the New Ulm Open House July 15, 2008. I do have a few concerns and opinions on the power lines going in the front our house at [redacted] in New Ulm, Minnesota.

Currently, the pole is located in the center of our picture windows. At this open house we were told Xcel Energy will move poles to a more suitable part of lot if possible, on a lot line, etc. The major concern is that the current pole is 45 feet from the front of our house and that the replacement poles will have arms that extend out another 8 feet towards our house putting them just 37 feet away from the front our house. They will also have three more lines for a total of seven lines and more voltage.

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507-276-0173 (cell)



TELEPHONE RECORD

Project: Xcel Energy – New West New Ulm Substation & Transmission -
Line Rebuild Project/Route Permit Application

Date: August 7, 2008

Call To / Phone No.: Joe Sedarski (JGS), Westwood (952) 906-7405

Call From / Phone No.: Chris DeVries, Resident of New Ulm, MN (507) 354-7512

Summary of Telephone Conference:

Chris DeVries, resident of New Ulm, call to JGS regarding his concern over placement of new structures and transmission line in front of his house. Mr. DeVries stated that the current Xcel Energy line is located about 47 feet from his house, and that he understands that the new line will be closer, about 39 feet from his house.

He called to express his concern of locating the proposed line closer to his residence and requested that Xcel Energy consider moving the line to another route. Mr. DeVries acknowledged that he is aware that Xcel Energy has land rights for the right-of-way for the transmission line dating back to the 1920s.

I informed Mr. DeVries that his call is recorded and forwarded to Xcel Energy.

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To Xcel Energy
Att. Tim Rogers

8-5-08

The following letter is in regards to the power line upgrade that is proposed to be in front of our house at New Ulm, MN. The current power lines that run in front of our house are approximately 47 Ft away from the house to the center of the pole. My concern is that the line upgrade is to have 8ft arms that extend out putting 3 more lines on each side of the pole carrying more voltage. This addition would put the new power lines only 39 ft from the front of our house. To have this type of power line running though a residential neighbor hood or that close to a house I believe is not a safe distance. The lines will extend over the sidewalk and onto our yard. With children and others that use the sidewalks on a daily basis it scares me to think of what would happen if a line was to be blown down and the possible health concerns of being close to a live power line that is carrying high voltage power at all times. Since the current lines are to be rebuilt I feel that now would be an appropriate time to realign the power lines to the North and West of New Ulm away from populated areas. With the possibility of expanded growth in the city of New Ulm the realignment of the proposed power lines would allow you the ability to expand in the future should it be necessary.

Thank you for your time.



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