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Comments and Questions

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You can also view detailed project maps at huntleywilmarth.com. You can reach Xcel Energy and ITC project representatives by calling toll-free 1.855.839.8865 or by sending an email to huntleywilmarth@xcelenergy.com.

Public Meetings and Hearings Scheduled for Huntley-Wilmarth Transmission Project

January provides several opportunities for citizens interested in commenting on the proposed Huntley-Wilmarth high voltage power line project.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) public meetings

The public meetings will provide opportunities for comment on the draft EIS.

Mankato Wednesday, January 9, 2019 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Courtyard by Marriott

Delavan Thursday, January 10, 2019 1:00 p.m. Delavan High School Gym

Mapleton Thursday, January 10, 2019 Maple River High School (Cafeteria) 901 Raintree Rd. | Mankato, MN 56001 | 300 2nd St. | Delavan, MN 56023 | 101 6th Ave. NE | Mapleton, MN 56065

Written Comments

If you are unable to attend the draft EIS meetings, you can submit written comments through January 28, 2019. For how to comment, see the public meeting notice at: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities.

Public hearings

The hearings serve as an opportunity for public input on project need and/or project route preferences.

Mankato Wednesday, January 30 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Courtyard by Marriott 901 Raintree Rd. Mankato, MN 56001

Delavan Thursday, January 31 1:00 p.m. Delavan High School Gym 300 2nd St. Delavan, MN 56023

Mapleton Thursday, January 31 6:00 p.m. Maple River High School (Cafeteria) 101 6th Ave. NE Mapleton, MN 56065

Written Comments

If you are unable to attend public hearings, comments and questions can be submitted to Charley Bruce, Public Utilities Commission Public Advisor at publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us, 651-201-2251. Official notice of the public hearings is forthcoming and will be available at: mn.gov/puc (click on eDockets and enter "17" and "184" or "185") and at mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities.

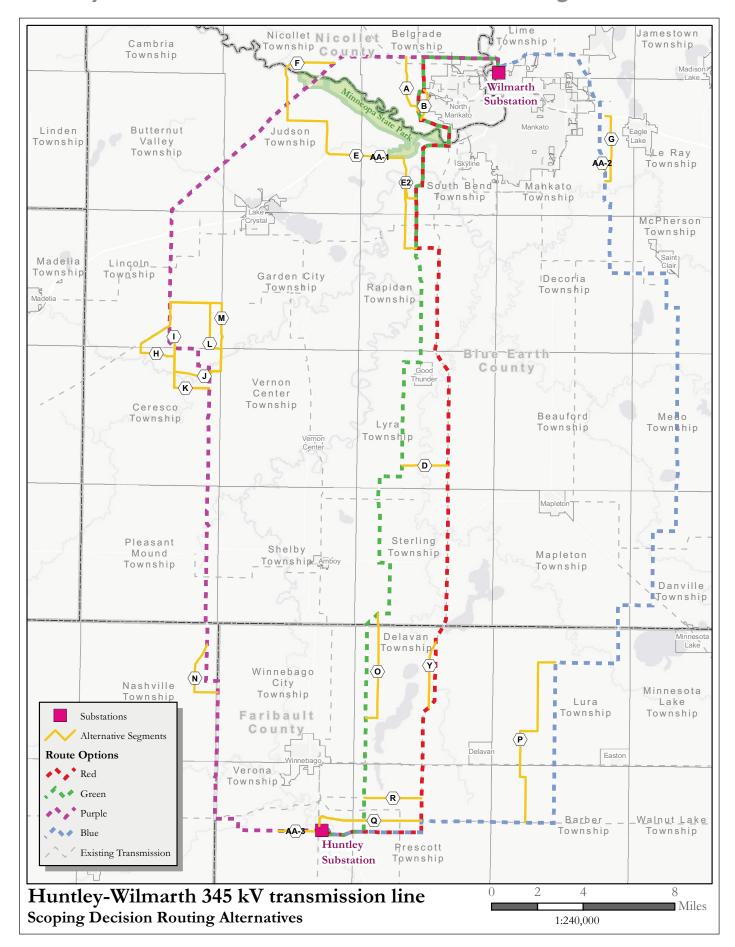
Bad weather alternate dates

If there is bad weather on January 9 and 10, the public meetings will be held at the same locations and times above on January 15 in Mankato and January 16 in Delavan and Mapleton.

If there is bad weather on January 30 and 31, the public hearings will be held on alternate dates at the same locations and times above on February 6 in Mankato and February 7 in Delavan and Mapleton.

Bad weather? To find out if a meeting has been cancelled due to bad weather call 1-855-731-6208 or visit mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities or huntleywilmarth.com.

Huntley-Wilmarth 345 kV transmission line routing alternatives



Huntley-Wilmarth Project Overview

Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest LLC are proposing to build a 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in southern Minnesota. The transmission line would connect Xcel Energy's Wilmarth Substation, north of Mankato, and ITC Midwest's Huntley Substation, south of Winnebago. Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest LLC suggest that the project will reduce congestion on the transmission grid in southern Minnesota and northern lowa and deliver low-cost electricity from generation facilities, including wind farms in the area, to consumers. If approved, the projected in-service date for the project is the end of 2021.

The Huntley-Wilmarth project requires two approvals from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission), a certificate of need and a route permit. The Commission will determine whether the project is needed and, if it is needed, the route for the project. Commission decisions on the project are anticipated in summer 2019. View all project filings and learn more at mn.gov/puc (click on eDockets and enter "17" and "184" or "185") or mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities.