

POWER LINE PUBLIC MEETINGS POSTPONED

To help ensure the health and safety of area residents and our staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are postponing the third round of public open houses for the Ashland-Ironwood Transmission Line Relocation project. Xcel Energy is taking a serious, methodical approach to the threats COVID-19 poses, coordinating with health authorities and state and federal agencies. We will work with local officials and residents to determine a date for the final open houses, likely no earlier than June, to safely present the final route segments to the public.

We received about 60 comments from the second round of open houses held in mid-February in Ashland, Hurley and Mellen. We are using that feedback as well as field review and detailed analysis to develop the final route segment options that will be presented at the final round of open houses and included in our application to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. Xcel Energy anticipates filing the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the PSC in 2020.

Once an application has been filed, an extensive regulatory review will take place by the PSC, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture, including public notification, scoping meetings, an Environmental Impact Statement, and public and technical hearings. The PSC determines whether the project is needed and the route to be built.

The 88 kilovolt (kV) line was built in the 1950s and the 115 kV line was built in the 1970s. The two transmission lines being relocated have reached the end of their useful life and are located on terrain that is difficult to access.



TIMELINE

2019-2020 Routing evaluation/public outreach

2020-2021 WI PSC Routing/permitting process

2023-2024 Design and easement procurement

2025-2026 Construction phase

2027-2028 Project in service/restoration



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