

Pawnee-Daniels Park Transmission Line

Power line project will help renewable energy development, support economic growth, and enhance electric reliability

Local Permitting Update: Land use application filed

Xcel Energy has filed a local land use permit application with the Town of Parker for the utility's proposed Pawnee-Daniels Park 345 kV transmission line. The project is a critical component of Colorado's long range transmission plan. It will allow for the interconnection and delivery of new generation resources, including renewable energy, to Front Range customers to meet growing energy needs and improve system reliability.

As part of the permitting process for a transmission line, a utility is required to obtain a local land use permit from each local jurisdiction the line would cross. In addition to Parker, Xcel Energy must obtain permit approval from Douglas and Arapahoe counties and the City of Aurora.

Xcel Energy's preferred route for the metro-area portion of the 125-mile project includes 5.42 miles located within the Town of Parker (see map). The preferred route would be constructed within an existing 210 foot-wide utility corridor, adjacent to an existing transmission line. As part of Parker's local permitting review process, both the Planning Commission and Town Council will hold public hearings on the project.

The Xcel Energy permit applications can be viewed by going to the Town of Parker website located at www.parkeronline.org/etrakit. Click on "Search" under the Projects section and enter the following case numbers for each application; SP16-010 and Z16-008.



Nearly 500 people attended three open houses on the Pawnee-Daniels Park transmission line project last fall in Parker and Aurora. Xcel Energy also hosted four open houses on the project in March 2014.

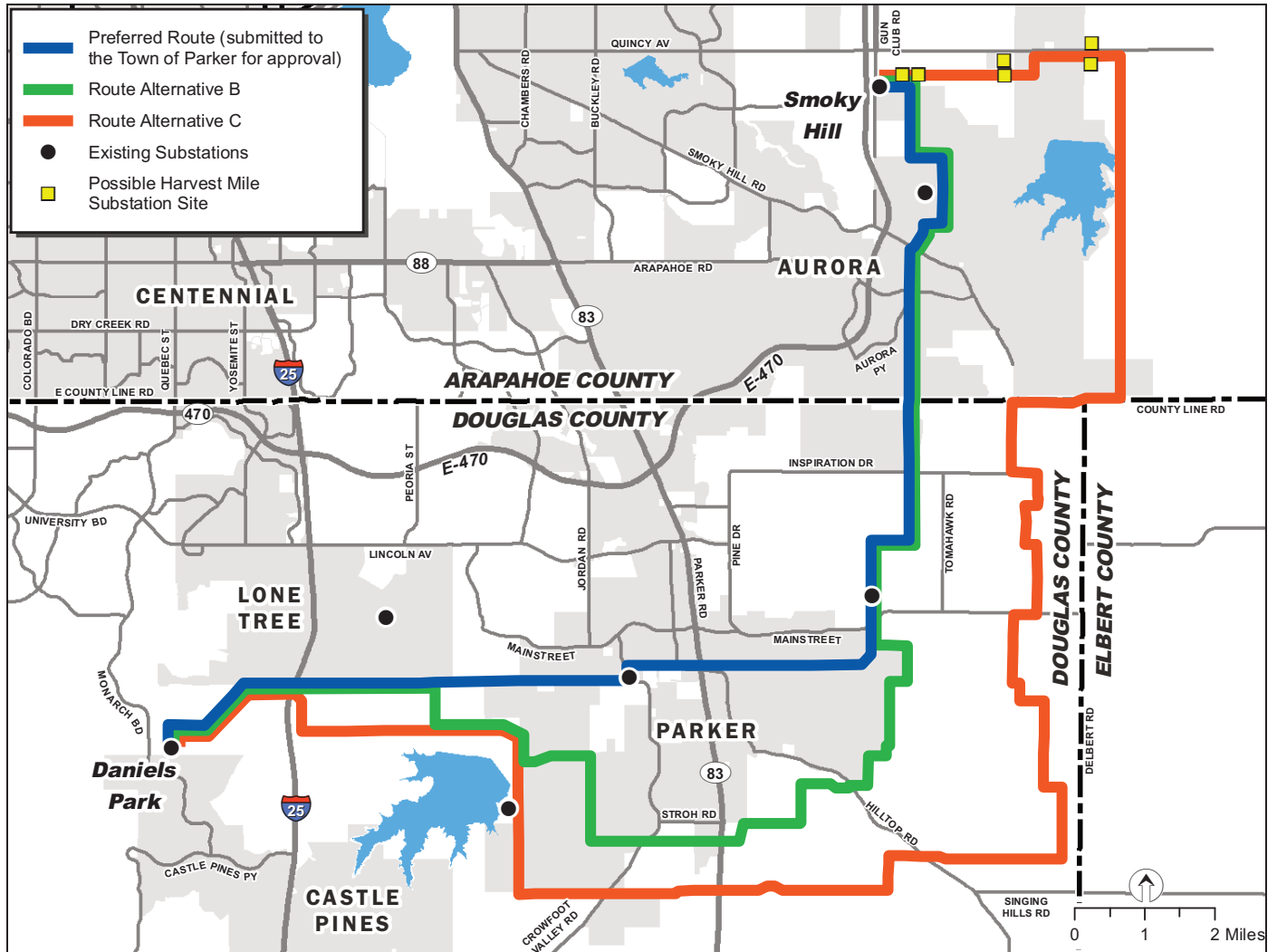
Project Start Date

The CPCN includes an in-service date for the project of May 2022 with construction beginning in 2020. However, Congress recently extended the Production Tax Credit for new wind generation projects, but with a declining recovery schedule for projects that start construction after 2016. As a result of this, Xcel Energy will be making a filing with the CPUC asking them to modify their previous decision in order to accelerate the in-service date (to Oct. 31, 2019) and the construction start date (to Jan. 31, 2019) for the Smoky Hills-Daniels Park portion of the project. Advancing the in-service date of the project will help ensure that customers reap the tax credit benefits which significantly reduce the cost of wind generation.

You can find more information on the project and submit comments at Transmission.XcelEnergy.com or by calling 303-318-6307.

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Pawnee-Daniels Park Project Preferred and Alternative Route Map



About the Project

The Pawnee-Daniels Park 345 kV transmission line project includes a new, double-circuit 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect Xcel Energy's existing Pawnee Substation near Brush, Colorado, to its Daniels Park Substation south of the Denver metro-area. The project also includes a new substation (Harvest Mile) in Arapahoe County. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) application for the project on April 9, 2015.

The existing transmission system between Pawnee and the Denver-metro area, built in the late 1960s, has become constrained and will need improvements to carry all of the available generation in the project area. This project represents a significant investment that will create a more robust power delivery system and continued availability of clean, affordable and reliable electricity.



345 kV single pole, double circuit transmission structure