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XCEL ENERGY OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED

The public is invited for two open houses on August 30 regarding Xcel Energy's proposed Bayfield Second Circuit Transmission Project

When: August 30, 1-3 & 4-7 p.m. Where: Bayfield County Annex Bayfield County EOC Room 117 E 6th Street Washburn, WI 54891

Xcel Energy is proposing to build an approximately 22 mile 34.5 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and two new substations in the Bayfield Peninsula area. The proposed transmission line would run from a new Fish Creek Substation about four miles west of the City of Ashland to a new Pikes Creek Substation about two miles west of the City of Bayfield, Wisconsin, with an additional 3 mile 34.5 kV line connecting to the City of Washburn. The Bayfield Second Circuit Transmission Project provides a second

source of power to the east side of the Bayfield Peninsula which will increase electric reliability and provide additional support to minimize power outages across the Bayfield Peninsula.

This project represents an evolution of the project initially presented to the public in 2013 as the *Bayfield Loop Project*. Xcel Energy's project team has made modifications to the project based on feedback received on that initial proposal.

Xcel Energy plans to submit an application for a Certificate of Authority to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission in 2017 seeking approval for the project. Construction is expected to begin in 2019, with an estimated in-service date in 2020. You can learn more about the project and view detailed maps at transmission.xcelenergy.com.

Proposed Bayfield Second Circuit Transmission Project



