

# ATTACHMENT 16 CITY NOTIFICATION LETTERS



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June 29, 2016

Mayor «First\_Name» «Last\_Name»  
«Job\_Title»  
«Address\_1»  
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«City», «State» «Zip»

Dear Mayor «Last\_Name»:

Southwestern Public Service Company (“SPS”), a subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., is providing notice of its application to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) in order to construct and operate a new 345-kilovolt (“kV”) single-circuit transmission line within Hale, Hockley, Lubbock, Terry, and Yoakum Counties, Texas and certain upgrades described below (“Proposed Project”). SPS has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission” or “PUC”) (**Docket No. 46042 - Application of Southwestern Public Service Company to Amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a Proposed 345-kV Transmission Line Within Hale, Hockley, Lubbock, Terry, and Yoakum Counties, Texas**) and is requesting the approval of the Commission for the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project is needed for reliability purposes associated with increased SPS network loads.

The Proposed Project will involve the construction of a new 345-kV transmission line that will begin at the existing TUCO Substation located in Hale County, approximately two miles north of the City of Abernathy, and will extend generally southwest until it reaches the Yoakum Substation approximately one mile west-northwest of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 435 and County Road 260, located in Yoakum County. The Yoakum County Substation will be expanded and will require an addition of a 345-kV terminal to accommodate the connection of the 345-kV transmission line. The TUCO Substation will also require an upgrade which includes a 345-kV line terminal to accommodate the 345-kV transmission line to Yoakum Substation. The Proposed Project represents a portion of the TUCO to Yoakum to Hobbs Project. The Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”) identified the Proposed Project as needed for reliability to alleviate loading violations on the underlying network and voltage violations due to insufficient power supply to network load additions. The SPP has issued a Notification to Construct for the Proposed Project.

The proposed 345-kV single-circuit transmission line will be constructed using primarily two-pole H-frame steel structures for tangents and light angles. High angle structures and dead-end structures will be three-pole steel structures. The proposed 345-kV single-circuit transmission line will be constructed entirely on new right-of-way with a proposed permanent easement width of 150 feet. In some circumstances, a wider easement may be necessary, but these locations and easement widths cannot be determined until the selected route is surveyed. In addition to the permanent easement, for construction purposes, SPS proposes a temporary easement of 50-feet as well as a 300 ft. x 300 ft. temporary easement for angles greater than 45 degrees.

The proposed 345-kV single-circuit transmission line is presented with 22 alternative routes consisting of a combined 184 links and is estimated to be approximately 99 to 111 miles depending on which route is selected.

Depending on the route chosen, the total cost of the Proposed Project, including the transmission line and substation costs, is estimated to be between approximately \$133.6 million and \$155.4 million.

Enclosed are a copy of a written description of the links to be used for the alternative routes and a map of the proposed project. **All routes and route links included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.** A copy of the complete application, which includes larger, more detailed maps, is available for review at SPS's offices at Chase Tower, 600 S. Tyler Street, Suite 1800, Amarillo, Texas, 79101. The complete application is also available for review on the PUC's website at [www.puc.texas.gov](http://www.puc.texas.gov) by using the PUC's filing retrieval system and the Docket No. assigned to the application. Information about the proposed project is also accessible on Xcel Energy's website *Power for the Plains* at <http://www.powerfortheplains.com>.

Persons who wish to intervene in the docket or comment on the application should mail the original and 10 copies of their requests to intervene or comments to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas  
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Attn: Filing Clerk  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
P. O. Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is August 15, 2016, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date. Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also mail a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and all persons that have pending motions to intervene, at or before the time the request for intervention is mailed to the PUC.

The PUC has a brochure titled "Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC." Copies of the brochure are available from Lance Kenedy at 806-378-2435 or James Bagley at 806-378-2868 or may be downloaded from the PUC's website at [www.puc.texas.gov](http://www.puc.texas.gov). To obtain additional information about this docket, you may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline at 512-936-7120 or 888-782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline at 512-936-7136 or toll free at 800-735-2989. In addition to the intervention deadline, other important deadlines may already exist that affect your participation in this docket. You should review the orders and other filings already made in the docket.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Lance Kenedy or James Bagley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sean L. Frederiksen".

Sean L. Frederiksen, Supervisor  
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3	Tom	Hesse	City of Brownfield		201 Broadway	Brownfield	TX	79316
4	Barbra	Pinner	City of Levelland	P O Box 1010	1101 Avenue H	Levelland	TX	79336
5	Glen	Robertson	City of Lubbock	P O Box 2000		Lubbock	TX	79457
6	Natalie	Howard	City of Meadow		906 First-Sonny Curtis Street	Meadow	TX	79345
7	Leta	Owens Maxfield	City of New Deal	P O Box 126		New Deal	TX	79350
8	Wayne	Riggins	City of Opdyke West		301 Drew Drive	Levelland	TX	79336-1179
9	Pamela K.	Redman	City of Plains		1015 Avenue F	Plains	TX	79355
10	Kenny	Greenlee	City of Ropesville		107 Hockley Main Street	Ropesville	TX	79358
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12	Mary Beth	Sims	City of Smyer	P O Box 203	202 Lincoln	Smyer	TX	79367
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2	Larry	Sprowls	Hockley County Judge		802 Houston Street, Suite 101	Levelland	TX	79336
3	Tom	Head	Lubbock County Judge		904 Broadway, Suite 101	Lubbock	TX	79401
4	J.D.	Wagner	Terry County Judge		500 W. Main, Room 102	Brownfield	TX	79316
5	Jim	Barron	Yoakum County Judge	P O Box 456	603 Cowboy Way	Plains	TX	79355