



INVITATION
XCEL ENERGY PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR THE PROPOSED HOLLYDALE PROJECT

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Best Western Kelly Inn (Plymouth Room)

2705 Annapolis Lane North

Plymouth, MN 55441-3605

You are invited to attend a public open house concerning Xcel Energy Inc.'s (Xcel Energy) proposal to rebuild an existing transmission line, construct a new substation and construct a new transmission line to connect the new substation to an existing transmission line located in Medina and Plymouth, Minnesota (see attached **Figure 1**). The project is known as the Hollydale Project. Xcel Energy seeks feedback from the public on this Project prior to submitting a Route Permit Application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) later this year. At the open house, Xcel Energy will have maps and information on the proposed Project, structure types, right-of-way, the permitting process and other issues of interest. You will also have the opportunity to meet with key Project staff to discuss the proposed schedule, the Project itself and to have staff answer questions which you may have. Please be aware that the information available is preliminary at this time.

Project Information

The transmission line extends from the existing Medina Substation to the existing Hollydale Substation to a proposed new substation in Plymouth (to be called Pomerleau Lake Substation). The Project would also include a line tap to an existing GRE 115kV line, and modifications to both the Medina and Hollydale Substations to accommodate the 115kV line. The purpose of the proposed Hollydale Project is to address electric distribution concerns, provide increased distribution capacity, and avoid feeder circuit overloads in the Plymouth area distribution delivery system.

The existing 8-mile long 69kV transmission line to be rebuilt is strung on approximately 100 poles ranging from 60-75 feet tall on typical spans of 300-500 feet apart. The new 115kV transmission line will replace the existing 69kV transmission line located within the same right-of-way. The new 115kV transmission line will be strung along single steel poles (galvanized or weathering steel), ranging from 60-80 feet tall and spanning approximately 300 feet, depending on site conditions and topography. New right-of-way will be needed for the new Pomerleau Lake Substation and the new 115kV transmission line connecting Pomerleau Lake Substation to the existing GRE line, depending upon the location of the new Pomerleau Lake Substation. New right-of-way may also be necessary for the rebuild segment of the Hollydale Project.

What's Next?

Before the proposed Hollydale Project can be constructed, Xcel Energy will apply for a Route Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Xcel Energy plans to submit a Route Permit Application in the next several months for the proposed Hollydale Project. The public information meeting is designed to provide attendees with estimated Project information, schedule, and the state permit process, and to obtain public input and feedback. Project members will be available to answer your questions and discuss the Project. The permitting process emphasizes public participation and we encourage you to attend and provide your questions or comments regarding the Hollydale Project.

You are welcome at anytime during the hours of the open house. If you cannot attend, please contact Joe Sedarski from Xcel Energy at the number shown below, and he will send you information or have representatives from Xcel Energy arrange to speak with you at another time.

For more information about the Hollydale Project, please contact Chris Rogers, Siting and Land Rights Agent at 612.330.6078 or christopher.c.rogers@xcelenergy.com, or Joe Sedarski, Permitting Analyst at 612.330.6435 or joseph.g.sedarski@xcelenergy.com.

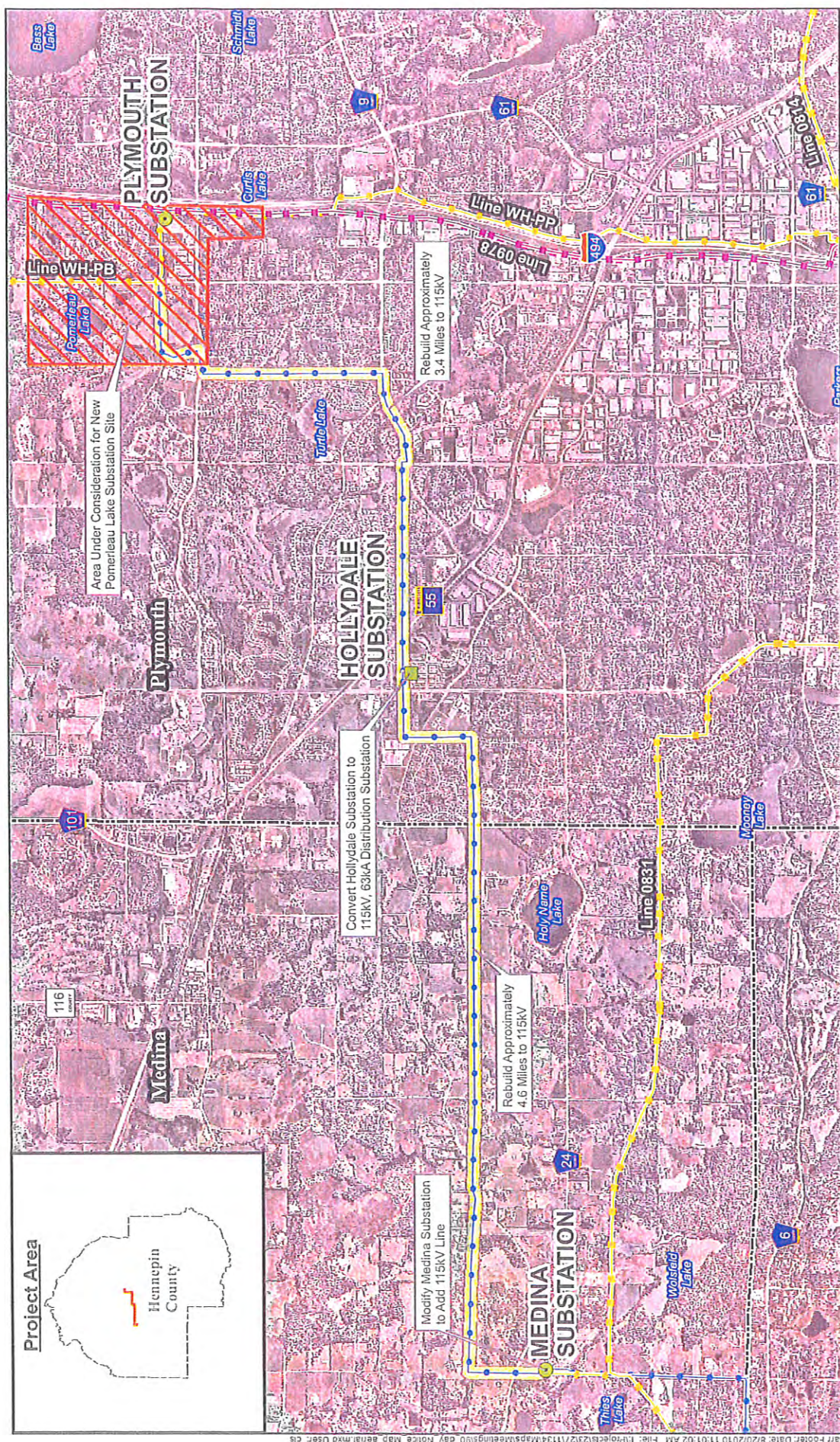


Figure 1
Hollydale Project
Hennepin County, Minnesota

