

# Public Notice

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
Before the  
**Joint Redwood and Lyon County Board**  
Sitting as the Drainage Authority for  
Judicial Ditch 14

**In the Matter of: Redetermination of Benefits on Judicial Ditch 14**

**FINAL HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Board of Commissioners of Redwood and Lyon Counties, sitting as the drainage authority for Judicial Ditch 14 (JD 14) will hold a final hearing on the pending Redetermination of Benefits, the viewers' report of benefits and damages for JD 14 has been filed. The viewers' reports were filed with the drainage authority on June 17, 2022 and are available for inspection at the Redwood County Environmental Office and the Lyon County Planning and Zoning Office, as well as available online at <https://redwoodcounty-mn.us/departments/environmental-office/current-drainage-proceedings/>. **The hearing shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 9, 2022, in the Commissioners Room of the Redwood County Government Center, 403 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283.** At the final hearing, the drainage authority will accept public comment regarding the viewers' report. Any party having an interest in the proceedings may appear and provide comment. Written comments will be accepted at the hearing and by mail through the date of the hearing at the Redwood County Environmental Office, P.O. Box 130, Redwood Falls, MN 56283.

Contact Redwood County Environmental Director Scott Wold at 507-637-4023 if further information is required.

JD 14 starts in Section 21 of Westline Township and drains to the northeast before turning north and emptying into JD 15 in Section 14 of Westline Township. Several branches of tile empty into JD 14. For the specific route of JD 14, please see Redwood Counties Beacon Site, <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/>.

The following sections are identified in the viewers' report of benefits and damages: portions of sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33 of Westline Township in Redwood County.

The following owners of property are affected by the JD14 Redetermination of Benefits:

Beebout, Daniel C & Catherine E; Beebout, Lynn J & Debra L Rlts; Bladholm/ Beebout, Toni; Beebout, Shawn; Bierbrauer, Donald & Sandra; Cauwels, Doris & Joseph; Cauwels, Doris; Christensen, Daniel J & Darla J Trusts; Christensen, John L; Christensen, John L & Janice; Curtis, The Charles R & Maria C Curtis Living Trust; Debbaut, Delmar D & Rose Mary; Deruyck, Bradley; Deruyck, Dennis D & Mary E; KF LLC, Kirsh; Alan J Rit Etal; Her, Ai & Pahoua; Hicks, Brian D & Michelle M; Johnson, Chad; Johnson, Gerald R; Klein, Darcey L & Sharon A; Knopik, Edward & Lavonne; Knott, Cristine J; Knott, Jeffrey D; Knudsen, Norine M Rt; Knudsen Richard E; Louwagie, Colletta J; Netzke, Kenneth Trust; Novak, Cheryl Ann Rlt; Ohlenkamp, Melinda K&; Poppe, K& A Farms Llc; Roberts, Nicole Snyder Etal; Rolland Family Farm LLC; Schumacher/Julia A & Perry J Trusts; Snyder, Adam & Amber; Stolp, Lorraine M; Vandevaire, Brian & Jolene; Versaavel, Joseph H; Vosberg, Derek & Shelby; Vroman, Helen Testamentary; Vroman, Thomas J; Wixon, Ronald W & Barbara A; Zwach, Robert S & Debra L Etal; Zwach, Robert S & Debra L; Zwach, Scott M, Zwach; Timothy S Etal

The following governmental entities are affected by the JD14 Redetermination of Benefits:

Redwood County, State of Minnesota, Westline Township

  
Environmental Director

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**NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO CITY COUNCIL CITY OF TRACY, MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the dates for filing affidavits of candidacy for the offices of city council member and Mayor for the City of Tracy, Minnesota shall begin on **August 2, 2022** and shall close at 5:00 pm on **August 16, 2022**.

**The General Election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. At that election:**

Three (3) City Council Members will be elected to the City Council for a four (4) year term.

One (1) Mayor will be elected to the City Council for a four (4) year term.

One (1) Council Member will be elected to the City Council for a partial two (2) year term.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available at the City Offices. The filing fee for these offices is \$2.00. A candidate for this position must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years or older before assuming office and must have been a resident of the City of Tracy for more than 30 days before the general election.

Affidavits of Candidacy must be filed and filing fee paid at the City Clerk's office in the municipal building located at 336 Morgan Street, Tracy, MN 56175 prior to 5:00pm on August 16, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Erik Hansen  
City Administrator

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**Filing Notice Monroe Township**

Notice is hereby given that qualified residents of Monroe Township may file for township office by contacting the town clerk/treasurer. Filings will be accepted from August 2, 2022 to 5:00 P.M. August 16, 2022. To be elected:  
One Supervisor for a term of four years.

Steven Meyer  
Clerk/Treasurer, Town of Monroe

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**NOTICE**

The City Council of the City of Tracy has declared a vacancy on the City Council and is seeking to appoint one (1) councilmember to fill the vacancy pursuant to City Charter Section 2.06. The City Council will appoint one councilmember by majority vote after receiving and reviewing applications from interested candidates.

The term of the appointed councilmember will begin on the date of appointment and will expire on January 9, 2023.

Applications for interested candidates are available at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 336 Morgan Street, Tracy, Minnesota 56175. Interested candidates may also call City Hall for additional information at (507) 629-5528. City Hall is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The filing period to submit an application for appointment shall begin on July 13, 2022 at 8 a.m. and shall end on July 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Any applications received after July 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. will not be considered for appointment.

Interested candidates for appointment must be a qualified city voter, be at least 21 years old on the date of taking office, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the city of Tracy for at least 30 days before the date of appointment.

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on August 11, 2022 in the Auditor/Treasurers Office of the Lyon County Government Center, 607 West Main St., Marshall, MN by Aurora Heard, Lyon County Auditor/Treasurer on behalf of the Board of Commissioners for the following projects.

**SP 042-070-014**

**Durable Pavement Markings**  
See the Lyon County website, [www.lyonco.org](http://www.lyonco.org), for complete Notice and bid information.

Electronic version of the plans and proposal are available to view/download at <https://mn-co-lyon.app.rtvision.com/>. Look under "Projects in Bidding".

Aaron VanMoer, P.E.  
Lyon County Engineer

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2904 (TRACY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS) STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a special election has been called and will be held in conjunction with the State Primary Election in and for Independent School District No. 2904 (Tracy Area Public Schools). State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

**School District Question 1  
Approving Bond Issue and Revoking Capital Project Levy Authorization**

The school board of Independent School District No. 2904 (Tracy Area Public Schools) has proposed a project for the betterment of school sites and facilities, including heating and ventilation upgrades, roof replacement, the construction and installation of fire suppression systems, and the completion of deferred maintenance projects at school sites and facilities. To provide funds for the project costs, the school board has proposed to issue federal obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,565,000. The school board has also proposed to revoke its existing capital project levy authorization of 0.9180% times the net tax capacity of the school district, commencing with taxes payable 2023.

Yes  
 No

Shall the issuance of the general obligation school building bonds and the revocation of the capital project levy authorization proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 2904 be approved?

**BY VOTING 'YES' ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The precincts and polling places and the voting hours at those polling places shall be the same as those for the State Primary Election.

Any eligible voter residing in the School District may vote at said election at the polling place designated above the precinct in which he or she resides.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the combined polling place on election day.

Dated: May 16, 2022  
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
/s/ Nicole J Swanson  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 2904  
(Tracy Area Public Schools)  
State of Minnesota

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**WEED SPRAY NOTICE**

The Lyon County Highway Department will be spot spraying roadside ditches for tree, brush and broad-leaf weed control this summer and fall. The County will allow adjacent landowners to come into the office to sign up for areas of roadside ditches they do not want sprayed.

Vegetation control in the right-of-way includes brush, trees, thistle, leafy spurge, and other noxious weeds.

Should the weed inspector notify us or if problem areas are found, the County will spray those areas and bill the property owners accordingly.

Stop in or call to be added to the exclusion map. All areas you wish not to be sprayed must be identified on maps prior to July 29, 2022. Spraying will begin on August 3, 2022.

Areas requested not to be sprayed will be put on a spray exclusion map. Owners shall then be held respon-

Lyon County Highway Department  
504 Fairgrounds Rd, Marshall  
(507) 532-8205

# PUBLIC NOTICE: ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

## RE: Notice of Certificate of Need Application for Two Generation Tie (Gen-Tie) Lines from Sherburne County to Lyon County, Minnesota

MPUC Docket No. E002/CN-22-131

This notice is intended to notify you of a proposed transmission line project and to provide the following information:

1. Project location and a description of the need for the Project;
2. A description of how you can participate in the regulatory process; and
3. Contact information to get additional information and to sign up for email and mailing lists.

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, is proposing to construct two 120- to 140-mile 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines between Xcel Energy's existing Sherburne County Substation at the Sherburne County Generating Station Substation (Sherco Substation) in Becker, Minnesota, and a new substation in Lyon County, Minnesota (the Project). Xcel Energy will be proposing the two lines be co-located on the same set of structures.

This notice is being provided to you because you fall into one of the categories listed below as they relate to the area shown in the attached "Notice Area" map.

- Landowners with property within the Notice Area;
- Residents living within the Notice Area;
- Local units of government in and around the Notice Area;
- State elected officials; and
- Government agencies and offices.

**Why is the Project needed?**

Xcel Energy is committed to delivering clean, reliable, and safe electricity service to customers. We are pursuing a plan that will reduce carbon emissions by over 85% from 2005 levels by 2030 and achieve our vision to deliver 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050. We will achieve these goals by retiring coal plants in the Upper Midwest, including Sherco Units 1, 2 and 3, totaling approximately 2,000 megawatts (MW) of coal-fired generation, and adding significant amounts of renewable energy.

In connection with the Company's 2016-2030 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), the Commission approved the Company's plan to retire Sherco Units 1 and 2 in 2026 and 2023, respectively; and, in the Company's most recent IRP proceeding, the Commission directed Xcel Energy to retire Sherco Unit 3 by 2030. The Commission further approved Xcel Energy's procurement of 600 MW of solar and 2,150 MW of wind, or an equivalent amount of energy and capacity from a combination of wind, solar and/or storage between 2027 and 2032. A significant portion of these acquisitions will maximize the use of the Project and the Sherco interconnection rights, and the Commission ordered the Company to begin a proceeding to obtain a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the Project.

We plan to use the proposed transmission lines to connect renewable energy-rich areas in southern and southwestern Minnesota and deliver that carbon-free, renewable energy to our customers throughout the Upper Midwest. Re-using this transmission connection meets federal requirements to use or surrender our right to connect energy to the grid at the substation, and our plan will save customers money compared to building entirely new infrastructure or acquiring renewable projects elsewhere in the region, which would require significant expensive transmission upgrades. Simply put, re-using the substation interconnection rights will save our customers money by maximizing the benefits and reuse of our existing infrastructure to connect new generation as we continue to add renewable energy.

The Project will make it possible to build thousands of megawatts of new renewable energy in southern and southwestern Minnesota, and create new jobs in construction and operations in the communities in which the new renewable energy and transmission lines are located. New wind and solar farms will also bring new property tax revenue and lease payments to landowners.

Further information on the Project need is available on the Project website: [www.xcelenergy.com/MNEnergyConnection](http://www.xcelenergy.com/MNEnergyConnection)

**What is the regulatory process for the Project?**

Before we can construct the Project, the Commission must determine whether the Project is needed in a Certificate of Need proceeding. If the Commission determines that the Project is needed, it will determine where the Project should be constructed through a Route Permit proceeding. Xcel Energy will begin public outreach efforts this fall to inform the route development process and anticipates filing a route permit application in the 2023-2024 timeframe.

The Certificate of Need process is governed by Minnesota law, including Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.243, and Minnesota Rules Chapters 7829 and 7849, specifically Rules 7849.0010 to 7849.0400 and 7849.1000 to 7849.2100. A copy of the Certificate of Need application, once submitted, can be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us) in Docket No. E002/CN-22-131.

As part of the Certificate of Need process, Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) will prepare an environmental report as required by Minnesota Rule 7849.1200.

As noted, the Commission must also grant a Route Permit for the Project before it can be constructed. The routing of the Project is governed by Minnesota law, including Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850. A copy of the Route Permit application, once submitted, will be available at the Commission's website in Docket No. E002/TL-22-132.

The Commission will not make these determinations until it has completed a thorough process that encourages public involvement and analyzes the impacts of the Project and various route alternatives. This process includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by EERA staff.

**Major Certificate of Need Process Steps and Summary Schedule**

Step	Approximate Date
Certificate of Need Application submitted to Commission	Summer 2022
Informational and Scoping Meetings, generally to provide feedback on what should be evaluated in environmental review (public meeting and comment)	Fall 2022
Public Hearings (public meeting and comment period)	Summer 2023
Evidentiary Hearings	Summer 2023
Commission Decision	End of 2023

**How will Xcel Energy acquire right-of-way necessary for the Project?**

Before beginning construction, Xcel Energy will acquire property rights for the right-of-way, typically through an easement that will be negotiated with the landowner for each parcel. The typical right-of-way for a transmission line of 345 kV voltage is 150-foot wide.

**How can I obtain additional information about the Project?**

To subscribe to the Project's Certificate of Need docket and to receive email notifications when information is filed in that docket, please visit [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us), click on the "Subscribe to a Docket" button, enter your email address and select "Docket Number" from the Type of Subscriptions dropdown box, then select "22" from the first Docket number drop down box and enter "131" in the second box before clicking on the "Add to List" button. You must then click the "Save" button at the bottom of the page to confirm your subscription to the

Project's Certificate of Need docket. These same steps can be followed to subscribe to the Project Route Permit docket (TL-22-132).

To be placed on the Project Certificate of Need mailing list (MPUC Docket E002/CN-22-131), mail, fax, or email Robin Benson at Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E., Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147, Fax: 651-297-7073 or [robin.benson@state.mn.us](mailto:robin.benson@state.mn.us).

If you have questions about the state regulatory process, you may contact the Minnesota state regulatory staff listed below:

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**  
Bret Eknes  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101  
651-296-7124 • 800-657-3782  
[bret.eknes@state.mn.us](mailto:bret.eknes@state.mn.us)  
[www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us)

**Minnesota Department of Commerce EERA**  
Andrew Levi, Environmental Review Manager  
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis  
85 7th Place E, Suite 280  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101  
651-539-1840  
[andrew.levi@state.mn.us](mailto:andrew.levi@state.mn.us)

Project phone and e-mail addresses are:

**Project Phone Number:** 888-292-4714

**Project e-mail address:**  
[MNEnergyConnection@xcelenergy.com](mailto:MNEnergyConnection@xcelenergy.com)

**How do I learn more about other transmission projects and the transmission planning process in Minnesota?**

Minnesota statutes (Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.2425) require that each electric transmission owning utility in the state file a biennial transmission planning report with the Commission in the fall of odd years. These reports provide an excellent source of background information on the transmission planning process used by utilities in the state of Minnesota and information about other transmission line projects. The 2021 Biennial Transmission Planning Report is available at: [www.minnelectrans.com](http://www.minnelectrans.com).

