

# Public Notice

(First Date of Pub.: Wed., July 26, 2023)  
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
*Before the*  
**Redwood and Lyon Joint Drainage Authority for Judicial Ditch 22**

**In the Matter of:**  
**Redetermination of Benefits on Judicial Ditch 22**  
**FINAL HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Redwood and Lyon County Commissioners, sitting as the drainage authority for Judicial Ditch 22 (JD 22) will hold a final hearing on the pending Redetermination of Benefits. The viewers' report of benefits and damages for JD 22 has been filed. The viewers' reports were filed with the drainage authority on March 15, 2023 and are available for inspection at the Redwood County Environmental Office, as well as available online at <https://redwoodcounty-mn.us/departments/environmental-office/current-drainage-proceedings/>. **The hearing shall be held at 1:00 p.m. on August 15, 2023, 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 Nick Brozek at 507-637-4023 if further information is required.

JD 22 Commences in the NE ¼ NW ¼ Section 31-T110N-R39W, thence north and easterly through the NE ¼ NW ¼ Section 31-T110N-R39W; SW ¼, S ½ SE ¼, N ½ SE ¼, NE ¼ Section 30-T110N-R39W; SE ¼ SE ¼, N ½ SE ¼, S ½ NE ¼, N ½ NE ¼ Section 19-T110N-R39W all in Redwood County, Minnesota. Seven branches of tile empty into JD 22. For the specific map of JD 22, please see Redwood County's Beacon Site, <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/>.

The following sections are identified in the viewers' report of benefits and damages: portions of sections 19, 20, 29, 30, and 31 of Gales Township in Redwood County, and sections 25 and 36 of Amiret Township in Lyon County.

The following owners of property are affected by the JD 22 Redetermination of Benefits:

Patti Hook-Virrig, Terry & Carol Flesner, Mary Larson, Susan Ehman Etal, Arden Virrig & Patti Hook, Thomas Hook, Thomas & Shannon Hook, Samuel & Melissa Sahlstrom, Carlene Edwards Rev. Trust B Etal c/o Darold Edwards, Will Nelson, Fultz Farms Inc. c/o Eric Fultz, Eric Fultz RLT Etal, Deborah Buysse Trust, Eugene Hook Trust c/o Thomas Hook, Melvin Bottin, William Brockway, Lawrence & Adeline Tholen Trust c/o Kevin & Randall Tholen.

The following governmental entities are affected by the JD 22 Redetermination of Benefits:

Amiret Township; Gales Township.  
Dated: July 20, 2023

/s/ Nick Brozek  
Redwood County Environmental Director

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**LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Tuesday, July 5, 2023

**A Summary of the Proceedings of the Lyon County Board**  
9:00 a.m. pursuant to notice the Lyon County Commissioners met with the following members present: Commissioners Graupmann, Anderson, Crowley, Draper and Andries. Also present: Administrator Stomberg and County Attorney Wikelius.

**MSP** to approve agenda as presented.  
**MSP** to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
**MSP** to approve the amended Fiscal Host Agreement with Des Moines Valley Health & Human Services.  
**MSP** to approve the Garvin Park well bill.  
**MSP** to award the bid from Town and Country Excavating for the Legacy Project at Garvin Park in the amount of \$696,146.00.  
**MSP** to declare the 2018 Bush Hog disc mower and the 2021 John Deere disc mower surplus equipment.  
**MSP** to approve the presented job description and advertise for the Crime Victim Service Coordinator position.  
**MSP** to approve the out of state travel for Courtney Snyder to attend the Menoken Farms training and certification program in Bismark, ND. Meeting adjourned at 10:40am  
A copy of these proceedings are available in the County Administrator Office of Lyon County and also available at [www.lyonco.org](http://www.lyonco.org).

(First Date of Pub.: Wed., Aug. 9, 2023)  
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**LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Tuesday, July 18, 2023

**A Summary of the Proceedings of the Lyon County Board**  
9:00 a.m. pursuant to notice the Lyon County Commissioners met with the following members present: Commissioners Graupmann, Anderson, Crowley, Draper and Andries. Also present: Administrator Stomberg and County Attorney Wikelius.

**MSP** to approve agenda as presented.  
**MSP** to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
**MSP** to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the engagement letter with Northland Securities as Underwriter for ditch bonds.  
**MSP** to approve the Legacy Grant Application, and the county will fund the match.  
**MSP** to approve up to 7 reservation campsites per campground at Garvin Park.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.  
A copy of these proceedings are available in the County Administrator Office of Lyon County and also available at [www.lyonco.org](http://www.lyonco.org).

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Tracy has developed its 2024 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

The PHA Plan is available for review at the Authority's Office located at Twin Circle Apartments, 760 West Morgan Street in Tracy, MN. The Authority's hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the Authority's office at 760 Morgan Street, Tracy for discussion and final approval of the plan. The public is invited.

# Tara's Takes

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across his shoulders and head. That still gives me the shivers. The kids all know I hate snakes, so just to be in the area with them was a lot for me.

We stayed in Bemidji that night and played several rounds of the telephone game in the pool. The laughter from all of us as we tried to determine what the previous person told us underwater echoed through the pool area.

We ended the night with multiple hands of "Dog Cat Goat Cheese Pizza." If you don't have that game, get it. It's simple, for all ages and will have everyone rolling. I don't know why I always smack myself in the head when the narwhal card comes up. We concluded our trip with a Twins win at Target field and arrived home in the early morning hours Sunday. It gave me plenty of time to do laundry and repack Natalie for camp this week.

We truly were on the go the entire time. But I've hit the best age for vacations. I have extra drivers. Everyone can take care of themselves. If we get off schedule, it's OK. Mom is the only one who really wants or needs a nap. They can entertain themselves for long car rides. The music is no longer kids songs that drive you crazy and yet are stuck in your head for days. They laugh and laugh and laugh with each other. We are creating amazing memories they will hold on to.

As we walked another college campus for Brady, I know that these summer vacations as a family will come to an end before I'm ready. They will grow up and have jobs. They will want to use their vacation days with friends or a family of their own in no time.

So until then, I will come back to the chaos of returning to work after the vacation and needing a vacation. I will do mounds of laundry and put away half-eaten boxes of snacks. And I will play "Dog Cat Goat Cheese Pizza" over and over just to hear their laughs.

## 2 arrested after pursuit in Slayton area

Murray County Dispatch was notified of a pursuit initiated by the Worthington Police Department at 10:09 a.m. on Aug. 8.

The pursuit was initiated after the vehicle was stolen in Rochester and went northbound on Hwy. 59 headed toward Slayton. Murray County deputies joined the pursuit south of Avoca. The Slayton Police Department was able to successfully deploy spike strips just north of Slayton near Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The pursuit continued north on Hwy. 59 to the intersection of Hwy. 30. The vehicle attempted to make a right-hand turn onto Hwy. 30 and struck another vehicle waiting at the stop sign. The suspects immediately fled into a nearby corn field. Responding officers and deputies were able to set up a perimeter around the corn field, and after about 1 hour and 20 minutes, two juvenile males were taken into custody; charges were pending late Tuesday afternoon.

Several homeowners in the area were notified of the incident and were advised to remain indoors for a short time, but there was no on-going danger to the public.

The Murray County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Slayton Police Department, Buffalo Ridge Drug and Violent Crime Task Force, Worthington Police Department, Nobles County Sheriff's Office, Pipestone County Sheriff's Office, Lyon County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota State Patrol, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, City of Marshall Emergency Management, Marshall Police Department and the Murray County Ambulance.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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. Describe how to participate in the regulatory process; and
3. Provide contact information to get additional information and to sign up for email and mailing lists.

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (Applicant), proposes to add a second circuit to the portion of an existing 345 kilovolt (kv) transmission line between Brookings County, South Dakota and Lyon County, Minnesota, and between the Helena Substation, west of New Prague, Minnesota, and the Hampton Substation, north of Hampton, Minnesota (Project). When originally built, the project was referred to as the "CapX2020 Brookings County-Hampton project."

A "second circuit" means the installation of an additional transmission circuit (three lines) on existing transmission towers that were designed to accommodate an additional circuit. The majority of the Project will not require changing the route of the existing transmission line or new infrastructure. The Brookings County – Lyon County portion of the Project, however, will require reconfiguring an existing line at the Steep Bank Lake Substation near Hendricks, Minnesota, to avoid the second circuit crossing the existing transmission line. The Helena – Hampton portion of the Project will also require routing the new circuit around the Chub Lake Substation, northeast of Elko New Market, which requires the construction of two new towers.

We are publishing this notice to inform those in the Notice Area, including:

- 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 in and around the Notice Area; and/or,
- Government agencies and offices.

**Why is the Project needed?**

The Project is needed to reduce energy costs by addressing one of the most electrically congested areas in Minnesota. Currently, low-cost energy (primarily generated by wind) generated in South Dakota and southern Minnesota faces congestion when flowing to customers in eastern Minnesota, including the Twin Cities. This congestion increases the cost of electricity either due to additional charges imposed on transmitting electricity during times of high congestion or because electricity must come from higher-cost generators in areas without transmission constraints. These higher costs create inefficiencies in the wholesale energy market and increase costs for consumers. The Project is needed to relieve the current transmission congestion in this area and allow access to lower-cost generation, provide economic benefits, strengthen the regional grid, and support future wind generation facilities in Minnesota and South Dakota. The Applicant estimates the Project would provide \$323 million in production-cost benefits on a present value basis over 20 years, as well as significant progress toward carbon-emission reduction policy objectives.

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

Before construction can begin on the Project, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) must determine whether the Project is needed in a Certificate of Need proceeding.

The Certificate of Need process includes opportunities for public involvement and analyzes the benefits and impacts the Project may have, including costs, electric needs, issues the Project will solve, and potential impacts on the environment and general area where the Project is located.

The Certificate of Need process is governed by Minnesota law, including Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.243, and Minnesota Rules Chapters 4410, 7829, and 7849.

**What will the Certificate of Need proceedings address?**

The Certificate of Need proceedings will address whether the Project is necessary to provide adequate, reliable, and efficient electric service to the Applicant's customers, and residents of Minnesota and neighboring states. The proceedings will also address whether any alternatives to the Project could meet these energy needs. Finally, the proceedings will assess the human and environmental impacts of the Project and how any negative impacts can be mitigated.

**How will the human and environmental impacts of the Project be evaluated?**

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 (Environmental Report). The Environmental Report will describe the human and environmental impacts of the Project and methods to mitigate any anticipated adverse impacts.

**What is the process for determining the scope of the Environmental Report?**

EERA will hold a public meeting on the scope of the Environmental Report. Before the meeting, EERA will give interested persons notice of the meeting. At the meeting, EERA will explain the process for preparing the Environmental Report. The meeting will also give the public the opportunity to ask questions, present comments, and suggest alternatives and possible impacts of the Project to be evaluated in the Environmental Report. EERA will accept written comments after the public meeting. After the close of the public comment period, EERA will issue a decision determining the alternatives and potential impacts to be addressed in the Environmental Report, the schedule for completion, and other matters to be included in the Environmental Report.

**What additional opportunities are there for public participation?**

The Commission is still developing the process for soliciting public input. Nevertheless, the Applicant anticipates that, after EERA issues the Environmental Report, the Commission will invite written public comments on the Certificate of Need and Environmental Report. The Applicant also expects that the Commission will hold a public hearing to receive oral comments and give the public an opportunity to ask questions regarding the Environmental Report and Certificate of Need application. The Commission will then decide whether the Environmental Report is adequate and whether to grant a Certificate of Need.

There may be other opportunities to participate in the proceedings. Members of the public wishing to be informed of opportunities to provide input should subscribe to the Certificate of Need docket, as described below.

**How will the Project's route be selected?**

The Project involves installing a second circuit on existing transmission towers. Consequently, the route will largely follow the existing Brookings Line. The Applicant anticipates obtaining route approval through a minor alteration to the existing route permit for the Brookings Line. The minor-alteration process will overlap with the Certificate of Need process.

**What is the anticipated schedule for the Certificate of Need process?**

The table below provides a high level summary of the major steps in the Certificate of Need process and estimated timing.

Step	Approximate Date
Pre-Application stakeholder outreach	Late Second Quarter 2023/ Early Third Quarter 2023
Certificate of Need Application submitted to Commission	Late Second Quarter 2023/ Early Third Quarter 2023
Informational Meetings (public meeting and comment)	Third Quarter 2023
Environmental Report Issued	Fourth Quarter 2023
Public Hearings (public meeting and comment period)	First Quarter 2024
Commission Meeting (to determine the adequacy of the Environmental Report and whether to issue a Certificate of Need)	First Quarter 2024
Written Commission Decision	Second Quarter 2024

**Will the Applicant need to acquire new land rights for the Project?**

Because the Project primarily involves installing a second circuit on existing transmission towers, the Applicant does not anticipate requiring significant new land rights for the Project. Before beginning construction, the Applicant will attempt to acquire any new land rights through negotiations with the landowner for each parcel.

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

You may subscribe to the Project's Certificate of Need docket to receive email notifications when information is filed in that docket, please visit [www.edockets.state.mn.us](http://www.edockets.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 "23" from the first Docket number drop down box and enter "200" 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.

To be placed on the Project Certificate of Need mailing list (MPUC Docket No. E002/CN-23-200), 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:

<p><b>Minnesota Public Utilities Commission</b> Michael Kaluzniak 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101</p> <p>651-201-2257 800-657-3782</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us">mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us</a> Website: <a href="http://www.mn.gov/puc/">www.mn.gov/puc/</a></p>	<p><b>Minnesota Department of Commerce EERA</b> Suzanne Steinhauer 85 7th Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101</p> <p>651-539-1843 800-657-3602</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us">suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us</a> Website: <a href="https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/eera/web/page/home">https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/eera/web/page/home</a></p>
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Please visit the Project websites at: [www.Brookings2ndCircuit.com](http://www.Brookings2ndCircuit.com) for more information.

Project phone numbers and e-mail addresses are:  
Project Phone Numbers: 800-367-7414  
Project e-mail addresses: [Brookings2ndcircuit@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Brookings2ndcircuit@xcelenergy.com)

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

You may access reports that provide information about the transmission planning process used by utilities in the state of Minnesota and information about other transmission line projects at [www.minnelectrans.com](http://www.minnelectrans.com). These reports are prepared pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.2425, which requires each electric transmission owning utility in the state to file a biennial transmission planning report with the Commission in the fall of odd-numbered years.

