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**May 16, 2018**

5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Eaton City Council Chambers  
224 1st St.  
Eaton, Colorado 80615



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**Xcel Energy is hosting a public open house for the proposed Northern Colorado Area Plan on May 16**

You are invited to attend a public open house on May 16 hosted by Xcel Energy to learn more about a proposed transmission line project, and two new substations in your area. The project, known as the Northern Colorado Area Plan, would increase electric transmission capacity, enhance electric reliability and expand the load-serving capability of the Xcel Energy electric transmission system north of Greeley.

The project includes building approximately 20 miles of new 115/230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Western Area Power Authority (WAPA) Ault Substation and a location northeast of Greeley, where the new 115/230-kV transmission line connects to Xcel Energy's existing 115-kV line near the Cloverly Substation. The project also includes construction of two new substations and the improvements of two existing substation facilities. The project is the first step in a comprehensive plan to upgrade the region's infrastructure and modernize the transmission system.

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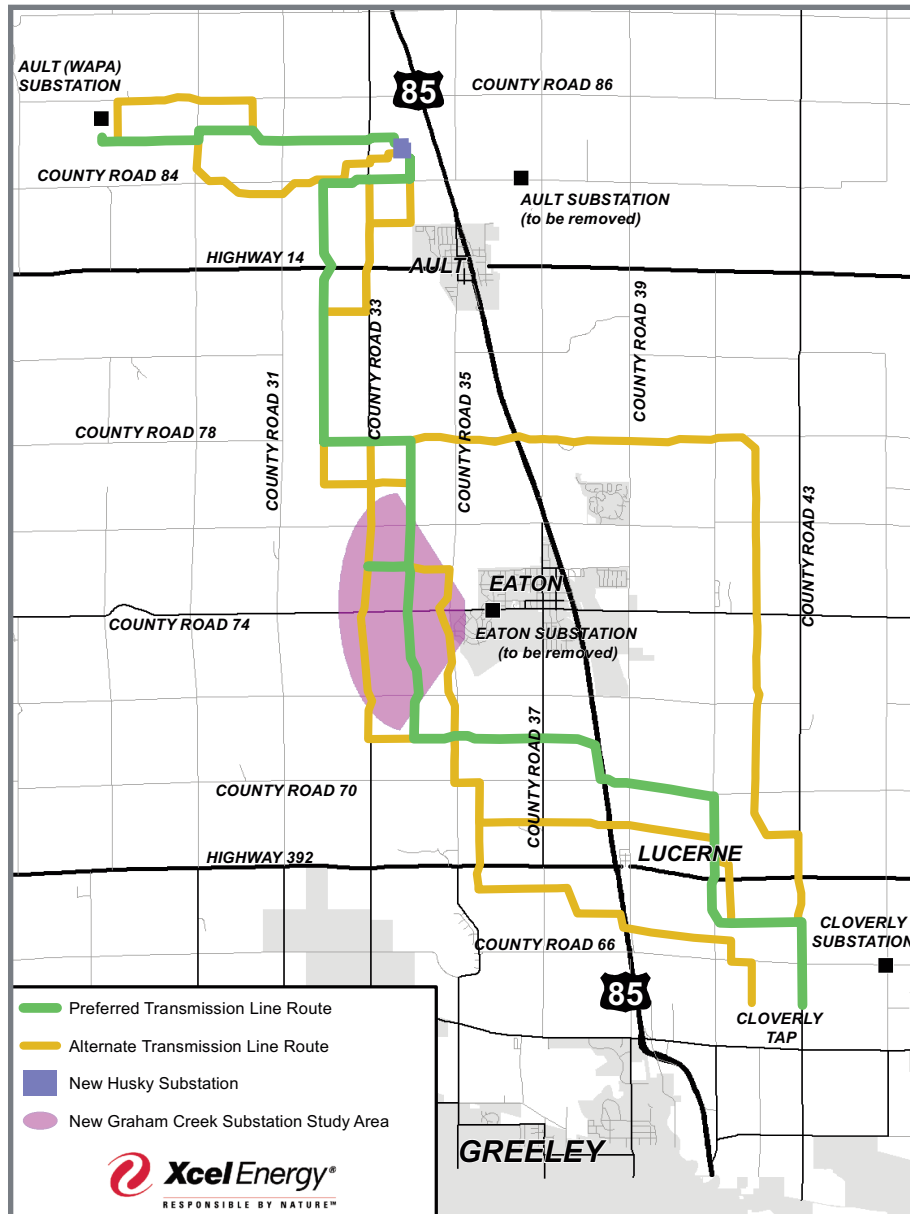
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This open house will give residents an opportunity to learn more about the project and the planning process, view transmission line route maps, ask questions, and provide feedback on the project. Please stop by anytime between 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. No formal presentation is scheduled.

# Project Area

The preferred and alternate transmission line routes are shown on the map. The two new substations will be located near Ault and Eaton and will replace two existing 44k kV substations. The alternative transmission route corridors shown on the map are 1,200 feet wide, but the transmission line will only require a 100 to 150-foot right-of-way. Pending approvals, the project is expected to be completed in 2021.

## Northern Colorado Area Plan: WAPA Ault to Husky Transmission Line Project Area



Construction on the Northern Colorado Area Plan includes single-pole steel structures ranging between 80 and 130 feet in height.

## Regulatory Filings

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) application on March 1, 2018 to allow Xcel Energy to construct the Northern Colorado Area Plan. When proposing a high-voltage transmission line project, investor-owned utilities must file a CPCN application with the CPUC. You can review all regulatory filings on the CPUC web site at [https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI\\_Search\\_UI.search](https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI_Search_UI.search) by entering 17A-0146E in the "Proceeding Number" field. The CPCN process allows Xcel Energy to proceed with implementation, but does not decide the specific locations of the transmission lines and substations. Those issues are determined through a separate local government siting process. Xcel Energy will file for development permit approvals with Weld County and the Town of Ault.

## Anticipated Schedule

- **2018** – File local, state, federal permits
- **2019** – Begin construction of substations
- **2020** – Begin construction of transmission line
- **2021** – Project completed

## Contact Us

Learn more about the project, view detailed maps, submit questions and leave comments at [xcelenergy.com/NorthernColorado](https://xcelenergy.com/NorthernColorado). You can also reach us at 888.678.7640 or by emailing [northerncolorado@xcelenergy.com](mailto:northerncolorado@xcelenergy.com).