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XCEL ENERGY OPEN HOUSES SCHEDULED

The public is invited for two open houses on May 25 regarding Xcel Energy's proposed Plymouth-area power grid upgrades

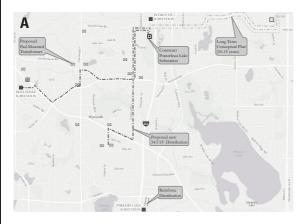
When: May 25

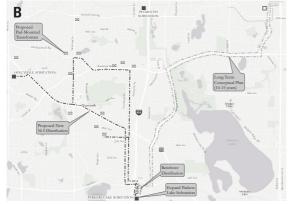
Time: 12 to 2 p.m. & 4 to 7 p.m.

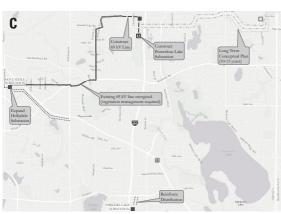
(no formal presentation scheduled)

Where: Medina Ballroom

500 Highway 55 Medina, MN 55340







Xcel Energy has been studying ways to address electric reliability issues in the Plymouth area, and has three new alternatives to address the power grid deficiencies. In 2011, Xcel Energy proposed the Hollydale project, an upgrade to an existing 69 kilovolt (kV) line to a larger 115kV line in the Plymouth area to address electric reliability problems. Xcel Energy withdrew that proposal in order to identify a smaller scale solution to correct the electric reliability issues in the area and to provide sufficient capacity to meet long-term needs.

The city of Plymouth population has quadrupled over the last 40 years. Since 1990, the population has grown from 50,000 to over 75,000 residents. The growth has driven electricity demand in the area. A strong local power grid is necessary to ensure that we are able to provide reliable electric service to your community.

Please contact us with comments and questions at 612-330-6644 and Plymouth@xcelenergy.com. Detailed project information and maps can be found on the project website at www.xcelenergy.com/Plymouth.





* The existing 69 kV transmission line west of the Hollydale Substation will remain unchanged on all three of these alternatives.