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ASHLAND-IRONWOOD TRANSMISSION LINE RELOCATION PROJECT

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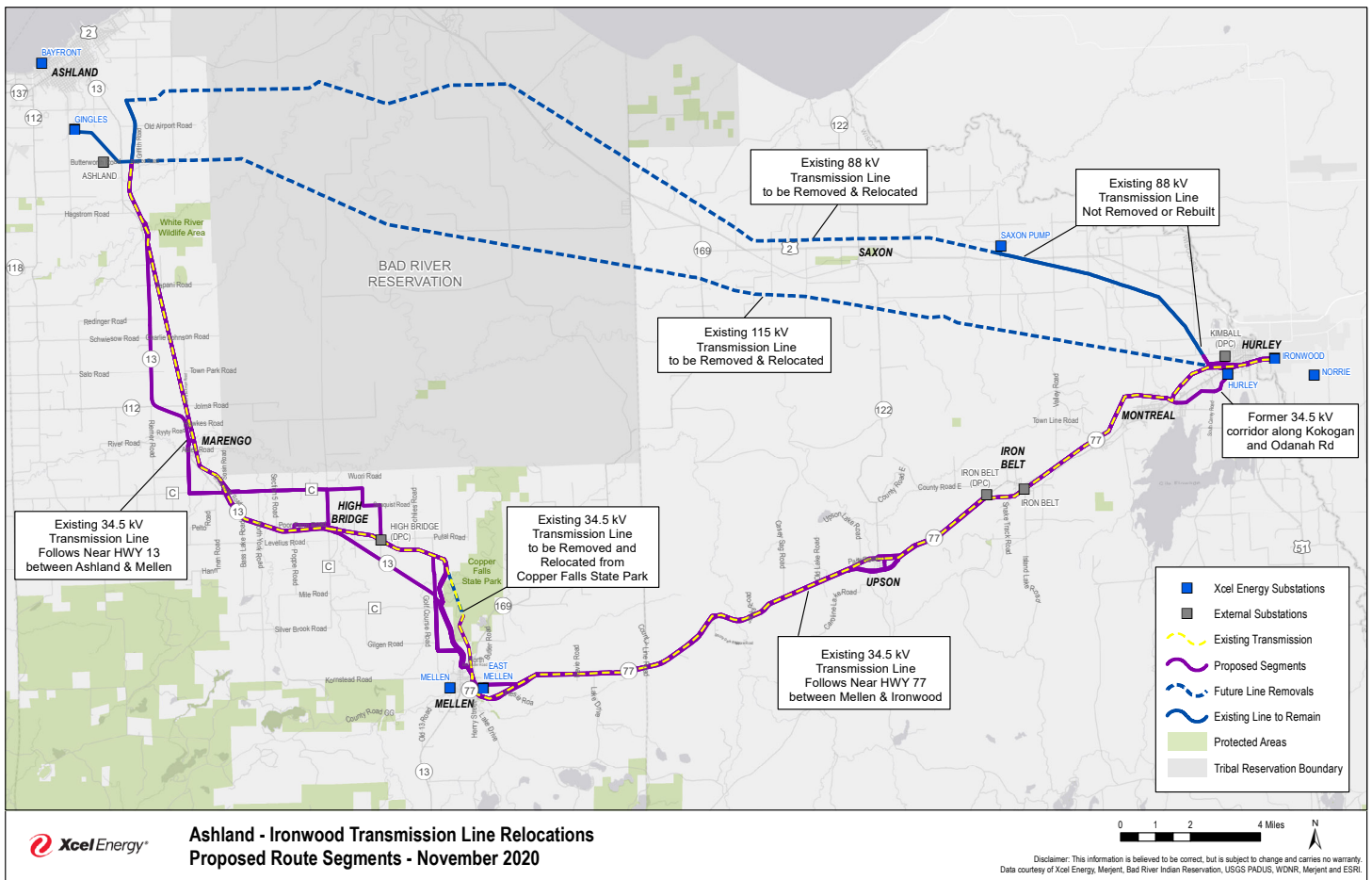
Xcel Energy is hosting a virtual public open house for the Ashland-Ironwood Transmission Line Relocation Project on December 10 from 6-7 p.m. The open house is being held virtually to help ensure the health and safety of area residents and our staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The open house will provide area landowners and local officials an opportunity to review and ask questions about the final route options we plan to submit for our Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) in early 2021.

We first proposed the project in 2019 to relocate two existing electric transmission lines that run between our Gingles Substation southeast of Ashland and our Ironwood Substation in Ironwood, Michigan. The 88 kilovolt (kV) and 115 kV lines are each about 35 miles long (see map). We hosted two rounds of public open houses in October 2019 and February 2020. We received valuable public comments that allowed us to refine our route options.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE





The project overview map displays the proposed route options at a high level. The colored lines on the map designate the four potential routes for the new transmission lines. Each of the four routes have a varying combination of shared route segments.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Please join us by phone, computer or other mobile device to learn more about the proposed project and ask questions. We will present and answer questions on the route options we intend to include in our application to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW).

The link to join the meeting is posted on the project website at www.xcelenergy.com/ashlandironwood. You may need to download the Zoom application before joining the meeting.

If joining by phone for audio only, dial +1 720.928.9299. When prompted for a webinar ID use 975 9969 8182 and passcode 740960.

If you are unable to join the meeting on December 10, a recording of the meeting will be posted on the project website at www.xcelenergy.com/ashlandironwood.

PROJECT NEED

The 88 kV line was built in the 1950s and the 115 kV line was built in the 1970s. Both lines are critical to providing reliable power to northern Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula Michigan customers including Xcel Energy and Bayfield Electric.

REGULATORY FILINGS

The proposed project requires approval from the PSCW for a CPCN. The Commission will determine whether the project is needed and the appropriate size, configuration, and timing for the project. If the Commission determines that the project is needed, they will then determine the final route for the project. There are multiple opportunities for stakeholder and public input during the application review process. Xcel Energy plans to submit the CPCN application in early 2021.

CONTACT US

You can submit questions or comments by sending an email to matthew.j.mcfarlane@xcelenergy.com or calling **715.737.2434**. Project information is also available at xcelenergy.com/ashlandironwood.