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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING ON MARCH 30

Xcel Energy is hosting a virtual public meeting for the Ashland-Ironwood Transmission Line Relocation Project on March 30 from 6-7 p.m. The meeting is being held virtually to help ensure the health and safety of area residents and our staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Area landowners and local officials will have 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 Spring 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 and a virtual open house on December 10 and received valuable public comments that allowed us to refine route options.



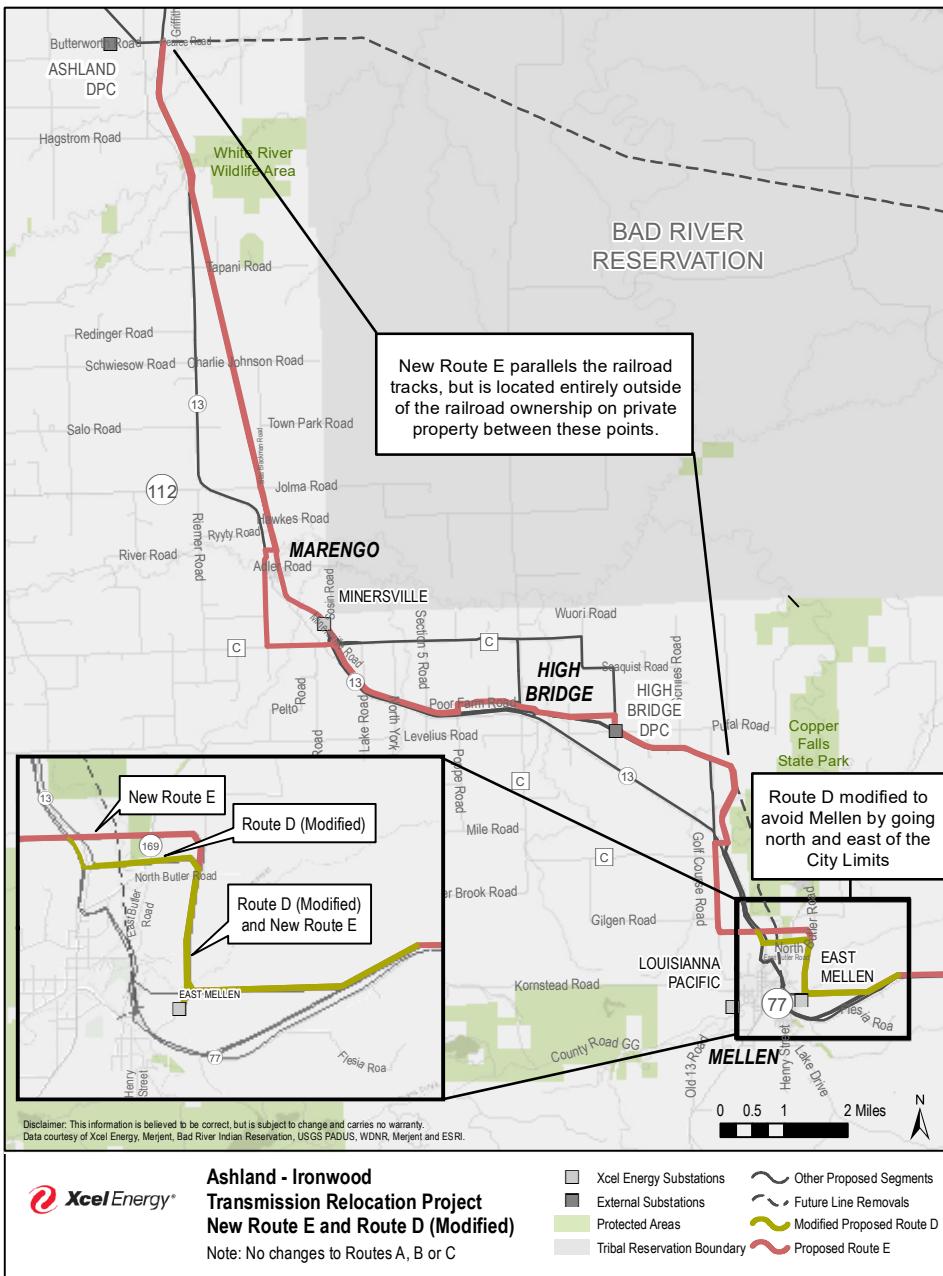
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Please join us by phone, computer or other mobile device on March 30. We will present and answer questions on the route options we intend to include in our application to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW).

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, please dial +1 651-372-8299. When prompted for a webinar ID, use 942 7831 0983 and passcode 039419.

If you are unable to join the meeting on March 30, a recording of the meeting will be posted on the project website at www.xcelenergy.com/ashlandironwood.



Some new landowners could be impacted because their property is located either on a newly created Route E Option or impacted by a recent modification to Route D Option. These route option changes have occurred since Xcel Energy's last virtual meeting on December 10, 2020. These route option changes are based on Xcel Energy's recent conversations with Canadian National Railroad and requests from the City of Mellen. Below is a summary and a map showing the route option changes:

- 1. NEW ROUTE E OPTION:** Parallels the existing railroad corridor but is located entirely on private property for approximately 17-miles between Pearce Road southeast of Ashland and Golf Course Road north of Mellen. Additionally, the new Route E Option will run north and east outside the Mellen city limits for approximately 1.8-miles, by crossing the southern end of the Copper Falls State Park (east-west) and paralleling the existing Northern Natural Gas pipeline (north-south). East of Mellen along Hwy 77, Route E is the same as Route C.
- 2. MODIFIED ROUTE D OPTION:** Instead of going through the City of Mellen, the modified Route D Option will now run north and east of the city limits for approximately 1.5-miles, by paralleling both the proposed Enbridge pipeline (east-west) and the existing Northern Natural Gas pipeline (north-south).
- 3. ROUTE A, B, AND C OPTIONS:** There are no changes to these routes since the December 2020 virtual meeting.

CONTACT US

You can submit questions for the virtual open house before March 30 by sending an email to matthew.j.mcfarlane@xcelenergy.com or calling **715.737.2434**. For your comments to be included in our CPCN application filing in May 2021, they **must be received by April 15, 2021**. Project information is also available at xcelenergy.com/ashlandironwood.