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Proposed southern Minnesota transmission line options detailed at June 20-21 open houses

MINNEAPOLIS (June 12, 2017) – Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest are hosting four open houses next week to provide landowners and local communities an opportunity to learn more about the proposed Huntley-Wilmarth transmission line project in southern Minnesota and provide feedback about route options.

Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest are proposing to build a 40-50 mile 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that would connect Xcel Energy's Wilmarth Substation, north of Mankato, and ITC Midwest's Huntley Substation, south of Winnebago. The project is expected to be online in 2021, if approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, with construction scheduled to start in 2020.

The Huntley-Wilmarth project will increase access to low-cost electricity, such as electricity produced by new wind farms in the area, and help reduce congestion on the transmission grid.

Public Open House Schedule

Tuesday, June 20

1 – 3 p.m. & 5 – 8 p.m.

Maple River High School (cafeteria)
101 6th Ave SE, Mapleton, Minnesota

Wednesday, June 21

Noon – 2 p.m. & 5 – 8 p.m.

Courtyard by Marriot (event center)
901 Raintree Road, Mankato, Minnesota

The open houses provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the project, view potential route maps, ask questions and provide feedback. People can also submit questions or comments by calling 1-855-839-8865 or sending an email to huntleywilmarth@xcelenergy.com. The latest project information is also available at www.huntleywilmarth.com.

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