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Comment Period Closes Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.
Comments must be post-marked or received electronically by the comment deadline.

How to comment:

- Mail comments to the address on this form
- Use the online comment form: <https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/web/project/15507>
- Email comments to the Environmental Review Manager: richard.davis@state.mn.us

Comments do not need to be on this form. We encourage you to provide comments in whatever way is most convenient for you. Please include: "Docket Number 22-532/23-157" in all communications. If commenting by email please include "22-532/23-157 Scoping Comment" in the subject line.

THANK YOU for participating in the permitting process! By commenting you are helping inform the Public Utilities Commission's decision regarding this project.

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Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Comment Period
Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission Project
Docket Nos. CN-22-532/TL-23-157

Xcel Energy is proposing to construct and operate approximately 130 miles of new 345 kV transmission line from the existing Wilmarth Substation in Mankato to a point near the existing West Faribault Substation (Segment 1 – approximately 48 to 54 miles long), from a point near the existing West Faribault Substation to the existing North Rochester Substation near Pine Island (Segment 2 – approximately 34 to 42 miles long), and from the existing North Rochester Substation near Pine Island to the Mississippi River near Kellogg, Minnesota (Segment 3 – approximately 43 miles long). Segment 3 will be the construction of a 345 kV transmission line in place of an existing 161 kV transmission line, this will create a double circuited 345 kV line. Segment 3 consists of one proposed route, as this segment was permitted by the Commission as part of the CapX2020 Hampton – La Crosse Project. The Project also proposes an approximately 20 miles of new 161 kV transmission line from the existing North Rochester Substation southeast to a connection point with the existing 161 kV Chester transmission line (Segment 4).

For additional project information visit: <https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/web/project/15507> or contact the Environmental Review Manager at: richard.davis@state.mn.us; 651-539-1846; or toll free 1-800-657-3794.



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- Are there other ways to meet the stated need for the project, for example, a different size project or a different type of facility?
- What potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project should be considered in the EIS?
- Are there any methods to minimize, mitigate, or avoid potential impacts of the proposed project that should be considered in the EIS?
- Are there any alternative routes or route segments that should be considered in the EIS to address or mitigate potential impacts associated with the proposed project?
- Are there any unique characteristics of the proposed project area that should be considered in the EIS?