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**Xcel Energy Letters Sent to Tribal, Agency and LGU Contacts**

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**Stakeholder List Xcel Energy LRTP**





Organization	Category	Name	Title	Term End Date	Email	Phone	Street Address	City	State	Zip	Website Information	Account Manager
Rochester	City	Norman Wahl	City Council Member 3rd Ward		nwahl@rochestermn.gov	507-322-2386	5841 Dogwood Ct NW	Rochester	MN	55904	Council Members   Rochester, MN (rochestermn.gov)	
Rochester	City	Kelly Ree Kirkpatrick	City Council Member 4th Ward		kirkpatrick@rochestermn.gov	507-271-1181	201 4th Street SE	Rochester	MN	55904	Council Members   Rochester, MN (rochestermn.gov)	
Rochester	City	Shawn C. Palmer	City Council Member 5th Ward		palmerward5@gmail.com	507-255-4984		Rochester	MN	55904	Council Members   Rochester, MN (rochestermn.gov)	
Rochester	City	Wally Dennis	City Council Member 6th Ward		wedennis@rochestermn.gov	507-285-2916	201 4th Street SE	Rochester	MN	55904	Council Members   Rochester, MN (rochestermn.gov)	
Rochester	City	Alicia Zeims	City Administrator			507-325-2000	201 4th Street SE	Rochester	MN	55904	Zeims, Alison   Contact Administration   Rochester, MN (rochestermn.gov)	
Rochester	City	Wendy Turd	Director of Public Works		wtur@rochestermn.gov	507-325-2400	201 4th Street SE	Rochester	MN	55904	Contact Us   Rochester, MN (rochestermn.gov)	
Wanamingo City	City	Michael Boulton	City Administrator		mboulton@wanamingo.com	507-482-2400	PO Box 224W, 401 Main Street	Wanamingo	MN	55983	Welcome to Wanamingo, MN (cityofwanamingo.com)	
Wanamingo City	City	Ryan Holmes	Honorable Mayor	2024		507-482-2969	PO Box 224W, 401 Main Street	Wanamingo	MN	55983	Welcome to Wanamingo, MN (cityofwanamingo.com)	
Wanamingo City	City	Stuart O'hr	Acting Mayor/Council Member	2024		507-482-2477	PO Box 224W, 401 Main Street	Wanamingo	MN	55983	Welcome to Wanamingo, MN (cityofwanamingo.com)	
Wanamingo City	City	Jeremiah Flotterud	Council Member	2024		507-482-2477	PO Box 224W, 401 Main Street	Wanamingo	MN	55983	Welcome to Wanamingo, MN (cityofwanamingo.com)	
Wanamingo City	City	Rebecca Hauven	Council Member	2028		507-421-2864	PO Box 224W, 401 Main Street	Wanamingo	MN	55983	Welcome to Wanamingo, MN (cityofwanamingo.com)	
Waterville City	City	Jennifer Grobe	City Council Member		jennifer.grobe@cityofwaterville.com	507-362-8300	200 3rd St S	Waterville	MN	56006	City of Waterville - City Council	
Waterville City	City	David Smith	City Council Member		dsmit@cityofwaterville.com	507-362-8300	200 3rd St S	Waterville	MN	56006	City of Waterville - City Council	
Waterville City	City	Christina Martin	City Council Member		christina.martin@cityofwaterville.com	507-362-8300	200 3rd St S	Waterville	MN	56006	City of Waterville - City Council	
Waterville City	City	Tim Smith	City Council Member		tim.smith@cityofwaterville.com	507-362-8300	200 3rd St S	Waterville	MN	56006	City of Waterville - City Council	
Waterville City	City	Teresa Hill	City Council Member		teresa.hill@cityofwaterville.com	507-362-8300	200 3rd St S	Waterville	MN	56006	City of Waterville - City Council	
Waterville City	City	Daryl Bauer	Administrator/Clerk		daryl.bauer@cityofwaterville.com	507-362-8300	200 3rd St S	Waterville	MN	56006	City of Waterville - City Council	
Zumbrota City	City	Todd Hammel	Mayor	4/5/57		507-732-7318	590 Sequoia Ln	Zumbrota	MN	55992	Mayor & Council - Zumbrota, MN	
Zumbrota City	City	Sara Durham	Council Member	4/5/57		507-732-7318	386 S Main St	Zumbrota	MN	55992	Mayor & Council - Zumbrota, MN	
Zumbrota City	City	Bob Prigge	Council Member	4/5/57		507-732-7318	175 W Avenue	Zumbrota	MN	55992	Mayor & Council - Zumbrota, MN	
Zumbrota City	City	Jean Bucher	Council Member	4/5/57		507-732-7318	175 W Avenue	Zumbrota	MN	55992	Mayor & Council - Zumbrota, MN	
Zumbrota City	City	Scott Amundson	Council Member	4/5/57		507-732-7318	175 W Avenue	Zumbrota	MN	55992	Mayor & Council - Zumbrota, MN	
Zumbrota City	City	Steve Jensen	Council Member	4/5/57		507-732-7318	175 W Avenue	Zumbrota	MN	55992	Mayor & Council - Zumbrota, MN	
Zumbrota City	City	Mike Olson	Public Works Director		olsonm@cityofzumbrota.mn.us	507-732-7318	175 W Avenue	Zumbrota	MN	55992	Contact Us - Zumbrota, MN	

Organization	Name	Title	Term End Date	Email	Phone	Street Address	City	State	Zip	Website Information	Account Manager
Cannon City Township	Clayton Mechura	Chairman/Supervisor			507-330-0256	17183 Ames Trl	Fairbault	MN	55021	2022 Twp Listra updated 11-30-22.xls (rescounty.mn.gov)	
Cascade Township	Gary Steck	Supervisor / Chairman	2025	beck.gary@mavocdi.com	507-261-1792	5577 Row Board (rescounty.mn.gov)	Rochester	MN	55908	Town Board (rescounty.mn.gov)	
Cherry Grove Township	Larry Pohlman	Chairperson	2025	larrypohlman@hotmail.com	507-951-4779	46297 90th Ave	Wanamingo	MN	55963	Cherry Grove Township (Goodhue County, MN - Official Website (cvplus.com))	
Elgin Township	James Pirk	Supervisor		jpirk26@gmail.com	507-259-8387	55976 County Road 2	Elgin	MN	55928	Wabasha County Directory (evize.com)	
Elmwood Township	John Hahn	Chairman	2024	hahnjohn@comcast.net	507-340-5969	1524 13th Ave	Elmwood	MN	56028	WABASH COUNTY DIRECTORY (evize.com)	
Emmons Township	Mark Schwanke	Chairman			507-476-2272	1534 Cedar Rd 128 NE	Elgin	MN	55932	Elgin and Wabasha in Olmsted County, Olmsted County, MN	
Greenfield Township	Dave LaVigne	Chairperson	2023	greenfieldtwp_sup1@gmail.com	507-273-6320	65985 142nd Ave	Wabasha	MN	55971	Wabasha County Directory (evize.com)	
Haverhill Township	Daryl Fell	Chairperson	2024	arofell@semaquip.com	507-261-6281	3237 65th St NE	Rochester	MN	55906	Haverhill Township, Olmsted County (haverhilltwp.org)	
Highland Township	Edward Roher	Chairperson	2024	edroher@semaquip.com	507-534-3522	5927 County Road 66	Highland	MN	55946	Wabasha County Directory (evize.com)	
Hofden Township	Matt Vowland	Chairman	2023	mavow96@yahoo.com	507-749-2963	5927 County 30 Blvd	Kenyon	MN	55946	Hofden Township (Goodhue County, MN - Official Website (cvplus.com))	
Ileso Township	Richard Avroli	Chairman	2024		507-340-3343	4792 Reeds Lk Rd	Janesville	MN	56048	WABASH COUNTY DIRECTORY (evize.com)	
Jacksonville Township	John Hartsch	Chairperson	2026		507-331-5666	3799 Orange Road	Jacksonville	MN	56038	Wabasha County Directory (evize.com)	
Kaibab Township	Greg Olan	Chair of Supervisors	2024	KGOlan@hotmail.com	507-725-6887	P.O. Box 837	Byron	MN	56020	Town Board - Kaibab Township	
Kasola Township	Joe Kellen	Supervisor			507-995-4008	301 Rice St N	Kasola	MN	56030	Township-Contacts:53122 (le-seur.mn.us)	
Kasola Township	Steven D Schulz	Supervisor			507-327-9885	301 Rice St N	Kasola	MN	56030	Township-Contacts:53122 (le-seur.mn.us)	
Kenyon Township	Benjamin Stramer	Supervisor			507-330-0946	301 Rice St N	Kenyon	MN	56030	Township-Contacts:53122 (le-seur.mn.us)	
Kenyon Township	Bernie Overby	Chairperson		bernieoverby@gmail.com	507-649-1318	50956 County 13 Blvd	Kenyon	MN	55948	Kenyon Township (Goodhue County, MN - Official Website (cvplus.com))	
LeRoy Township	Phyllis Dasciner	Township Chair 1		phylldasciner@gmail.com	507-382-3967	2958 631st Ave	Janesville	MN	56048	Blue Earth County Township Offices - March 2012 (blueearthcountymn.gov)	
LeRoy Township	Chad Carstensen	Township Chair 2		ccarstensen@gmail.com	507-443-6405	2698 631st Ave	Janesville	MN	56048	Blue Earth County Township Offices - March 2012 (blueearthcountymn.gov)	
Lone Township	Karl Friedrichs	Chairman of the Board	2024	kfrie@comcast.net	507-340-6567	65077 Lakeland Lane	Manly	MN	56001	Blue Earth County Township Offices - March 2012 (blueearthcountymn.gov)	
Manly Township	Daniel Rothbard	Chairman of the Board		danielrothbard@gmail.com	507-340-2220	PO Box 3368	Manly	MN	56002	Manly Township - Home	
Manly Township	Duke Harbaugh	Chairperson	2024		202-8698	59775 272nd Ave	Manly	MN	55945	Welcome to Dodge County, MN	
Mazoppe Township	Jay Sanborn	Chairperson	4/8/86	resanborn@cls.com	507-273-5844	4313 1 575th St	Mazoppe	MN	55946	Wabasha County Directory (evize.com)	
Minnesota Township	Lane Olick	Supervisor/Chairman	2024	lane_olick@yahoo.com	507-465-5566	P.O. Box 38	Pine Island	MN	55963	Milton Township (milton-township.com)	
Minnesota Township	Ruby Budzinski	Chairperson	2023		651-464-0981	1256 6 2nd St	Kellogg	MN	55945	Wabasha County Directory (evize.com)	
Minnesota Township	John Worts	Chairperson	2024		507-685-4588	42778 County 7 Blvd	Zumbrota	MN	55992	Minnesota Township (Goodhue County, MN - Official Website (cvplus.com))	
Nearwood Township	Estrene Brenti Moran	Chairperson	2023	estrenebrentimoran@gmail.com	507-332-9081	6924 County Road 3 NW	Oronoco	MN	55966	Wabasha County Directory (evize.com)	
Oronoco Township	Ken Menges	Chairperson	2023	mkencahan@aol.com	507-361-1722	68507 N County Road 8	Oronoco	MN	55964	Wabasha County Directory (evize.com)	
Pine Island Township	Michael Cray	Chairperson	2024	kenmenges007@gmail.com	507-421-1145	13147 NW 18th Ave	Pine Island	MN	55962	Board Members - Oronoco Township, Minnesota (ronocotownship.com)	
Pine Island Township	Scott Berg	Chairman/Supervisor	2023	cray4020@gmail.com	507-732-7208	20011 480th St	Zumbrota	MN	55992	Pine Island Township (Goodhue County, MN - Official Website (cvplus.com))	
Roscoe Township	Steve Johnson	Chairman/Supervisor	2024	scottbergconstruction@gmail.com	507-789-6921	22892 Larson Ave	Pine Island	MN	55946	2022 Twp Listra updated 11-30-22.xls (rescounty.mn.gov)	
Roscoe Township	Brian Hoven	Supervisor #1	2023	hoven@semaquip.com	507-732-7586	59749 170th Ave Way	Zumbrota	MN	55992	Roscoe Township (Goodhue County, MN - Official Website (cvplus.com))	
Waconia Township	Tom Dockers	Chairman/Supervisor	2025	mdockers@yahoo.com	507-334-7087	2431 O Galea Ave	Fairbault	MN	55021	2022 Twp Listra updated 11-30-22.xls (rescounty.mn.gov)	
Wanamingo Township	John Hegseth	Supervisor			507-484-2106	42830 County 8 Blvd	Wanamingo	MN	55963	wanamingotownship.net - Town Board	
Wanamingo Township	Kerry Olson	Supervisor			612-756-2433	42830 County 8 Blvd	Wanamingo	MN	55963	wanamingotownship.net - Town Board	
Wanamingo Township	Tom Shane	Supervisor			507-484-2181	42830 County 8 Blvd	Wanamingo	MN	55963	wanamingotownship.net - Town Board	
Washington Township	Larry Madsen	Chairperson		madsen.larry1988@gmail.com	507-649-1920	3040 County 9 Blvd	Danison	MN	55018	Township Staff - Warsaw Township	
Washington Township	Robert Kaveney	Supervisor			507-327-9408		Madison Lake	MN	56063	Township-Contacts:53122 (le-seur.mn.us)	
Washington Township	Steven Balin	Supervisor			507-317-4331		Madison Lake	MN	56063	Township-Contacts:53122 (le-seur.mn.us)	
Washington Township	Gregg Swanson	Supervisor			507-340-5861		Madison Lake	MN	56063	Township-Contacts:53122 (le-seur.mn.us)	
Waukeles Township	Alan Gerhke	Supervisor			507-461-0187	419 3rd St S	Waukeles	MN	56036	Township-Contacts:53122 (le-seur.mn.us)	
Waukeles Township	Darwyn Stuchla	Supervisor			507-461-0187	419 3rd St S	Waukeles	MN	56036	Township-Contacts:53122 (le-seur.mn.us)	
Waukeles Township	Paul Files	Chairperson	2025	p.files@aol.com	507-634-2981	18697 E County Road 14	Waukeles	MN	56036	Township-Contacts:53122 (le-seur.mn.us)	
Wells Township	Jeff LaCarne	Chairperson	2023	lacarnejef@hotmail.com	507-634-9223	18400 Roberts Lake Blvd	Fairbault	MN	55921	Board - Wells Township, Rice County, MN	
Whitewater Township	Thomas Neumann	Chairman/Supervisor			507-638-8406	10664 200th St E	Pineview	MN	55946	2022 Twp Listra updated 11-30-22.xls (rescounty.mn.gov)	
Whitewater Township	Thomas Neumann	Chairman			507-251-5821	10775 Beaver Ridge Dr	Pineview	MN	55904	Local Offices.xlsx (waukeles.mn.us)	
Zumbrota Township	Mark Pfister	Chairperson	2025	pfisterm@gmail.com	507-288-7728	36853 368th St	Zumbrota Falls	MN	55951	Welcome to Wabasha County, MN	



Organization	Name	Title	Email	Phone	Street Address 1	Street Address 2	City	State	Zip	Manager Account	Account Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Kim Lavani	Project Manager	Kimblair.lavani@usace.army.mil	(218) 788-4109		602 South Lake Avenue - Suite 211	Draft	MN	55022		
Federal Aviation Administration	Michael Reibel	Wildlife Biologist	Michael.Reibel@faa.gov	(817) 430-7132		5620 American Blvd W - Ste 900	Brooklyn	MN	55457		
Federal Aviation Administration	Andy Peak	Manager	andy.peak@faa.gov	(817) 253-4631		6020 28th Ave S - Ste 102	Minneapolis	MN	55450		
U.S. Department of Agriculture	Troy Dineill	State Conservationist	Troy.dineill@aphis.usda.gov	(651) 902-7000		377 Jackson Street - Suite 410	St Paul	MN	55101		
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	Adam Boutin	Energy Strategist	adam.boutin@bia.gov	(202) 450-5100		377 Main Street - Ste 300	Coonapgon	MN	68407		
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	John Wilmotte	Chief	john.wilmotte@ferc.gov	(517) 429-2510		377 Main Street - Ste 300	Coonapgon	MN	68407		
Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation	Leanne Brack	Executive Director	leanne.brack@maawc.org	(651) 990-9128		256 Kelleys Boulevard East, Ste 101	Chicago	IL	60604		
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Ed Lantz	Southern Region Manager	ed.lantz@state.mn.us	(507) 796-5424		1400 E Lyon St Ste 100	Rochester	MN	55904		
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Steve Rupp	Environmental Planner, Air, Wetlands & Development	steve.rupp@state.mn.us	(651) 201-6531		625 Robert Street	St Paul	MN	55115		
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Ornella Wurzelska	Energy Projects Reviewer	ornella.wurzelska@state.mn.us	(651) 259-9178		500 Lafayette Road	St Paul	MN	55164		
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Katie Farmer	Environmental Review Operations Lead	katie.farmer@state.mn.us	(651) 259-9062		500 Lafayette Road	St Paul	MN	55164		
Minnesota Department of Transportation	Ryan Claug	Insurn. Office Director	ryan.claug@state.mn.us	(612) 422-8601		385 John Island Blvd	New Ulm	MN	56073		
Minnesota Department of Transportation	Nick Grieskow	Route Coordinator	nick.grieskow@state.mn.us	(507) 387-5843		3 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 310	St Paul	MN	55108		
Department of Transportation, Development Commission	Steve Oleson	SSSIS Policy and Planning Compliance and Enforcement	steve.oleson@state.mn.us	(507) 236-9204		3 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 310	St Paul	MN	55108		
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Nick Grieskow	Executive Director	nick.grieskow@state.mn.us	(507) 387-5843		3 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 310	St Paul	MN	55108		
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Sarah Barnes	Environmental Review Program Manager	sarah.barnes@state.mn.us	(651) 201-5210		50 Sheburne Ave - #203	St Paul	MN	55101		





**Appendix M-1b**  
**LGU Stakeholder List**





County	City/Township	Name	Year	Position	Phone	Email	Address	County Website
Mnssopa	Township	Dave Bahr	4552	Supervisor	507 233-3499	dave.bahr@mc.com	5904 County Road 71, Mnssopa, MN 55966	www.mnssopa.com
Mnssopa	Township	Jim Guckson	4686	Treasurer	507 262-282	gucksonj@mc.com	4611 42nd Ave, Mnssopa, MN 55966	www.mnssopa.com
Mnssopa	Township	David Ekman	4852	Clerk	507 284-4224	ekman@mc.com	6093 S 42nd Ave, Mnssopa, MN 55966	www.mnssopa.com
Mnssopa	Township	David Ekman	4852	Trustee	507 284-4224	ekman@mc.com	6093 S 42nd Ave, Mnssopa, MN 55966	www.mnssopa.com
Mnssopa	Township	David Ekman	4852	Trustee	507 284-4224	ekman@mc.com	6093 S 42nd Ave, Mnssopa, MN 55966	www.mnssopa.com
Mnssopa	Township	David Ekman	4852	Trustee	507 284-4224	ekman@mc.com	6093 S 42nd Ave, Mnssopa, MN 55966	www.mnssopa.com
Mnssopa	Township	David Ekman	4852	Trustee	507 284-4224	ekman@mc.com	6093 S 42nd Ave, Mnssopa, MN 55966	www.mnssopa.com
Mnssopa	Township	David Ekman	4852	Trustee	507 284-4224	ekman@mc.com	6093 S 42nd Ave, Mnssopa, MN 55966	www.mnssopa.com
Mnssopa	Township	David Ekman	4852	Trustee	507 284-4224	ekman@mc.com	6093 S 42nd Ave, Mnssopa, MN 55966	www.mnssopa.com
Mnssopa	Township	David Ekman	4852	Trustee	507 284-4224	ekman@mc.com	6093 S 42nd Ave, Mnssopa, MN 55966	www.mnssopa.com





Whitestar Township	Township	Thomas Neumann	Chairman	507-233-5421	30775 Beaver Ridge Dr	Planview	MN	55964	locat242cas-jts@winona.mn.us
Whitestar Township	Township	Chris M. Meyer	Fire District Commissioner	507-740-1228	321 Main Street S	Winona	MN	55987	winona@winona.mn.us
Winona County	County	Administration	Administration	507-432-6300	202 W Third St	Winona	MN	55987	Administration@winona.mn.us
Winona County	County	Deanne A. Vogel	Second District Commissioner	507-663-378	359 Pleasant Hill Dr	Winona	MN	55987	Deanne.Vogel@winona.mn.us
Winona County	County	Greg D. Olson	Fourth District Commissioner	507-432-4454	216 Grand St	Winona	MN	55987	Greg.Olson@winona.mn.us
Winona County	County	Betsy Baumgartner	County Clerk	507-239-6888	202 W Third St	Winona	MN	55987	Betsy@winona.mn.us
Winona County	County	John Elgie	Third District Commissioner	507-237-7652	138 W Grand Dr	St. Charles	MN	55972	John.Elgie@winona.mn.us
Zumbro Township	Township	Mary F. Jaskol	Chairperson	507-267-7278	3693 S 46th St	Zumbro Falls	MN	55991	mary@zumbro.com
Zumbro Township	Township	Jerry Slem	Supervisor	507-913-9041	5656 Highway 63	Zumbro Falls	MN	55991	Jerry.Slem@zumbro.com
Zumbro Township	Township	Tracy Martin	Treasurer	507-237-7188	4021 S 15th St	Zumbro Falls	MN	55991	tracy@zumbro.com
Zumbro City	City	Bob Prigge	Council Member	507-237-7188	375 W Avenue	Zumbro	MN	55992	Bob.Prigge@zumbro.mn.us
Zumbro City	City	Kevin Amundson	Council Member	507-237-7188	375 W Avenue	Zumbro	MN	55992	Kevin.Amundson@zumbro.mn.us
Zumbro City	City	Todd Hummel	Mayor	507-237-7188	500 Dakota Ln	Zumbro	MN	55992	Todd.Hummel@zumbro.mn.us
Zumbro City	City	Mike Olson	Public Works Director	507-237-7188	375 W Avenue	Zumbro	MN	55992	Mike@zumbro.mn.us

**Appendix M-1c**  
**Tribal Correspondence**

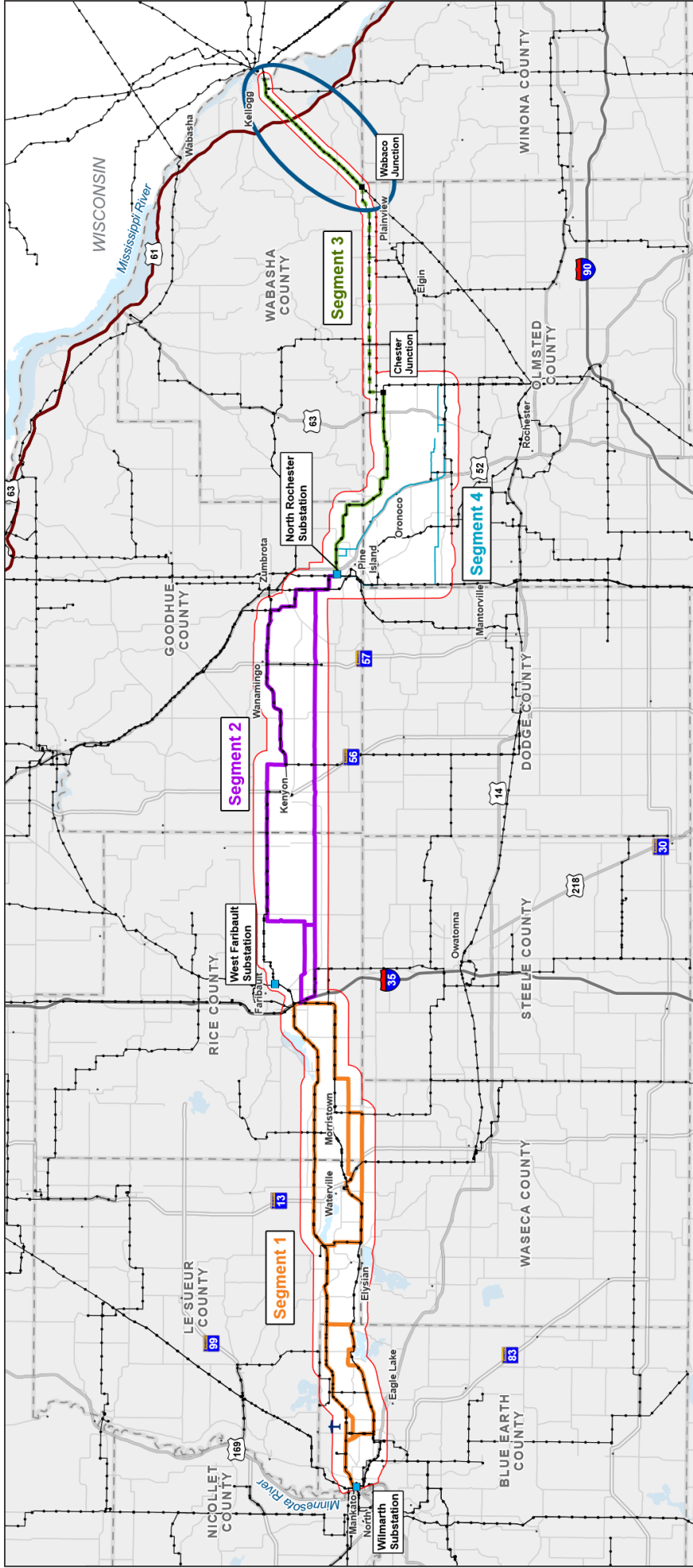
Organization	Category	Name	Title	Email	Phone	Street Address 2	City	State	Zip
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council	Tribal	Shannon Greshick	Executive Director	shannon.greshick@state.mn.us	(651) 538-2200	161 St. Anthony Ave. Ste. 919	St. Paul	MN	55102
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council	Tribal	Melissa Cerda	Cultural Resources Specialist, Senior	melissa.cerda@state.mn.us	(651) 538-2200	161 St. Anthony Ave. Ste. 919	St. Paul	MN	55103
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	Tribal	Jaylen Strong	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	jaylen.strong@boisforte-nsn.gov	(218) 752-6017	1900 Bois Forte Road	St. Paul	MN	55103
Fort Belknap Indian Community	Tribal	Chelene Chavers	Chairwoman	chavers@boisforte-nsn.gov	(218) 752-6017	5344 Lakeshore Drive	Tower	MN	55179
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Tribal	Sean Snieder	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	sean.snieder@tribe.org	(218) 875-4533	1720 Lake Rd	Chippewa Falls	MN	55722
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Tribal	Rob Hill	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	rob@grandportage.com	(218) 875-4533	83 Stevens Rd Grand Portage - P.O. #100	Chippewa Falls	MN	55722
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Tribal	Robert Deschamps	Chairman	robertdeschamps@leechlake.net	(218) 415-2277	PO Box 428	Grand Portage	MN	55605
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	Tribal	Amy Burnette	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	amy.burnette@leechlake.net	(218) 335-2940	15766 State 371 NW	Grand Portage	MN	55605
Lower Sioux Indian Community	Tribal	Faron Jackson	Chairman	Faron.Jackson@lslbc.com	(218) 335-8309	190 Salsidar Drive NE	Cass Lake	MN	56633
Lower Sioux Indian Community	Tribal	Cheyenne St. John	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	cheyenne.stjohn@lslbc.com	(507) 897-8672	32469 Redwood County Highway 2	Cass Lake	MN	56633
Lower Sioux Indian Community	Tribal	Robert Larsen	President	robert.larsen@lslbc.com	(507) 897-4185, ext. 8632	PO Box 308	Marion	MN	56270
Lower Sioux Indian Community	Tribal	Terry Kemper	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	terry.kemper@lslbc.com	(320) 362-1393	63942 Ojibwe Rd	Marion	MN	56270
Millie Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Tribal	Melanie Benjamin	Chief Executive	melanie.benjamin@millielacsband.com	(320) 532-4191, ext. 7484	43408 Odessa Drive	Stratton	MN	55072
Orange Band Indian Community	Tribal	Josh White	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	white@orangeband.com	(507) 835-2154	5299 Johnson Lake Road	Orange	MN	55959
Orange Band Indian Community	Tribal	John Peterson	President	john.peterson@orangeband.com	(507) 835-2154	5299 Johnson Lake Road	Orange	MN	55959
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	Tribal	Karla Ferris	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	karla.ferris@redlakeband.com	(218) 675-1691	15484 Maged Drive	Wadena	MN	56589
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians	Tribal	Darrell Saki	Chairman	dsaki@redlakeband.com	(218) 675-3341	15484 Maged Drive	Wadena	MN	56589
Shakopee Midekwanton Sioux Community	Tribal	Leonard Wabasha	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	leonard.wabasha@shakopeeakota.org	(952) 496-6120	2330 So. So. Trail NW	Red Lake	MN	56871
Shakopee Midekwanton Sioux Community	Tribal	Keith Anderson	Chairman	sara.oberst@shakopeeakota.org	(952) 445-8900	2330 So. So. Trail NW	Prior Lake	MN	56372
Upper Sioux Community	Tribal	Samantha Odegaard	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	samantha@upper.siouxcommunity-nsn.gov	(320) 654-8334	5722 Travers Lane - P.O. Box 147	Prior Lake	MN	56372
Upper Sioux Community	Tribal	Kevin Jensen	Chairman	kevin@upper.siouxcommunity-nsn.gov	(320) 654-8372	5722 Travers Lane, P.O. Box 147	Granite Falls	MN	56241
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# FIGURE 1

**PROJECT STUDY AREA**  
MANKATO-MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
TRANSMISSION PROJECT






DATE EXPORTED: 10/01/2023

### VICINITY MAP

MINNESOTA COUNTIES: GOODHUE, WABASHA, BLUE EARTH, WINONA, DODGE, OLMSTED, LE SUEUR, RICE, AND WASECA

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October 31, 2023

Johnny Johnson, President  
Noah White, THPO  
Prairie Island Indian Community  
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road  
Welch, MN 55089

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Line Project  
Blue Earth, Le Sueur, Waseca, Rice, Dodge, Olmsted, Goodhue, Winona, and Wabasha  
counties, Minnesota  
Docket No. E002/CN-22-532 and TL-23-157**

Dear Johnny Johnson and Noah White:

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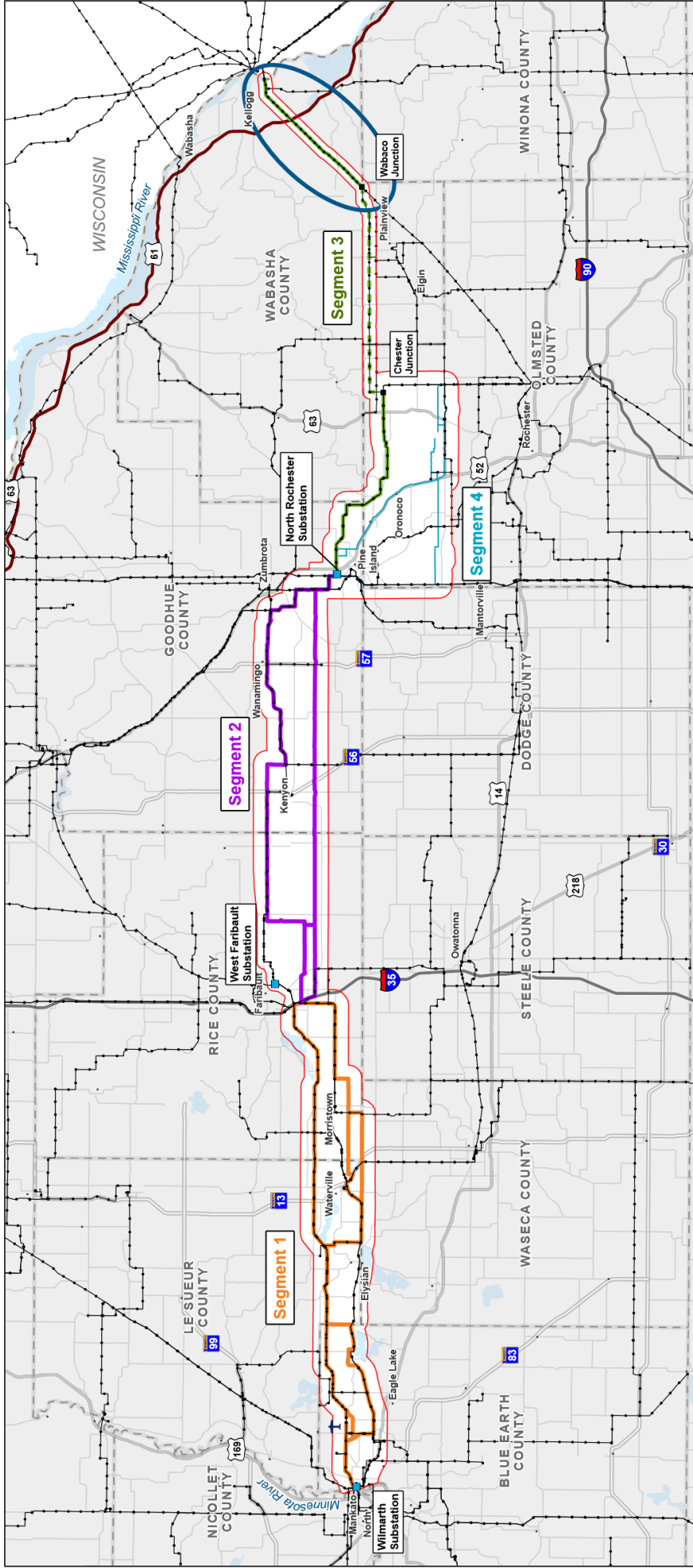
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Sincerely,



Ellen Heine  
Principal Siting and Permitting Agent

Enclosure: Project Study Area Map



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October 31, 2023

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**Appendix M-1d**  
**Agency and LGU Correspondence**

May 1, 2023

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Environmental Review Operations Lead  
Minnesota DNR  
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**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
Blue Earth, Le Sueur, Waseca, Faribault, Goodhue, Olmstead, and Wabasha Counties,  
Minnesota**

Dear Ms. Warzecha and Ms. Fairman:

I am writing to let you know about an upcoming transmission line project, and to provide you with an opportunity to request more information or meet to discuss the project. This project is part of a portfolio of long-range electric transmission projects identified by the regional grid operator, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), intended to improve reliability, relieve capacity on the grid as electricity use increases, create more system resiliency during extreme weather and support bringing on more renewable energy in Minnesota and throughout the Midwest.

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Xcel Energy has incorporated several Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) mapping layers in our project development map, including, but not limited to: NHIS data, MBS sites, native plant communities, state parks and other state lands, and calcareous fens. The project study area was also uploaded into the MnDNR Minnesota Conservation Explorer on April 6, 2023, to identify ecologically significant areas within the project study area. A copy of the Conservation Planning Report associated with the project study area is enclosed and is summarized below:

- One hundred and four MBS Sites within the study area are designated with Biodiversity Significance Ratings ranging from “Below” to “Outstanding”
- MnDNR Native Plant Community Classification types with 395 total mapped communities were identified within the study area
- Six Calcareous Fens, and eight DNR Old Growth Stands were identified within the study area
- No MN Prairie Conservation Plan areas were identified within the study area
- Three Important Bird Areas, identified by Audubon Minnesota in partnership with the MnDNR, are mapped within the study area and include the Upper Minnesota River Valley IBA, the Upper Mississippi NWR IBA, and the Whitewater Valleys IBA. These areas are non-regulatory, but the designation of these sites demonstrates the significant ecological value of the area
- Twelve Lakes of Biological Significance are mapped within the study area, with their biological significance ranking from “Moderate” to “Outstanding”

Additional information regarding the purpose of these designations is available within the attached Conservation Planning Report. As we continue to develop the Project, this information will be used to help refine route alternatives. A formal Natural Heritage Review Request for formal NHIS consultation and additional coordination with MnDNR staff will be completed as Project routes become more defined.

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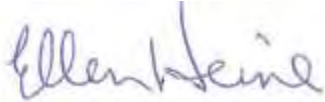
As part of this process, Xcel Energy is conducting stakeholder outreach and holding public meetings starting this spring and continuing throughout 2023, as well as coordinating with applicable Tribes, regulatory and government agencies. There will be several future opportunities for input regarding the Project and we will provide schedule updates in future communications.

At this stage of Project development, we want to make you aware of the Project and begin gathering information to help refine or develop additional potential route options or identify

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ellen Heine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Ellen Heine  
Principal Siting and Permitting Agent

Enclosures: Project Location Map  
MnDNR Conservation Planning Report (April 6, 2023)

May 1, 2023

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**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
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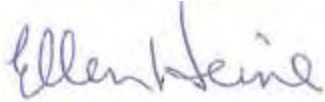
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ellen Heine". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ellen Heine  
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May 1, 2023

Kris Laman, Project Manager  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
600 South Lake Avenue - Suite 211  
Duluth, MN 55802

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
Blue Earth, Le Sueur, Waseca, Faribault, Goodhue, Olmstead, and Wabasha Counties,  
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Andy Peek, Manager  
Federal Aviation Administration  
6020 28th Ave S - Ste 102  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
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Troy Daniell, State Conservationist  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
375 Jackson Street - Suite 410  
St. Paul, MN 55101

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
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Alan Fogarty, Acting Superintendent  
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs  
5600 American Blvd W - Ste 500  
Bloomington, MN 55437

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
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May 1, 2023

Kenneth Westlake, Chief  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
77 West Jackson Blvd, Mailstop B-19J  
Chicago, IL 60604

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
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Leanne Buck, Executive Director  
Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation  
255 Kellogg Boulevard East, Ste 101  
St. Paul, MN 55103

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
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Ed Lenz, Southern Region Manager  
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources  
1400 E Lyon St Ste 100  
Rochester, MN 55904

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
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Steve Roos, Environmental Planner, Ag Marketing & Development  
Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
625 Robert Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
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Kristin Raab, Health Impact Assessment and Climate Change Program Director  
Minnesota Department of Health  
625 Robert Street N  
St. Paul, MN 55101

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Minnesota Department of Transportation  
395 John Ireland Blvd  
New Ulm, MN 56073

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Sincerely,



Ellen Heine  
Principal Siting and Permitting Agent

Enclosure: Project Location Map

May 1, 2023

Stacy Kotch, Utility Transmission Route Coordinator  
Minnesota Department of Transportation  
395 John Ireland Blvd  
Mankato, MN 0

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
Blue Earth, Le Sueur, Waseca, Faribault, Goodhue, Olmstead, and Wabasha Counties,  
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May 1, 2023

Nicole Griensewic, Executive Director  
Department of Transportation: Development Commission  
3 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 310  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
Blue Earth, Le Sueur, Waseca, Faribault, Goodhue, Olmstead, and Wabasha Counties,  
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May 1, 2023

Steve Oscarson  
SSTS Policy and Planning Compliance and Enforcement  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Rd N  
St. Paul, MN 0

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
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May 16, 2023

Todd Smith, Principal Engineer  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Rd N  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project  
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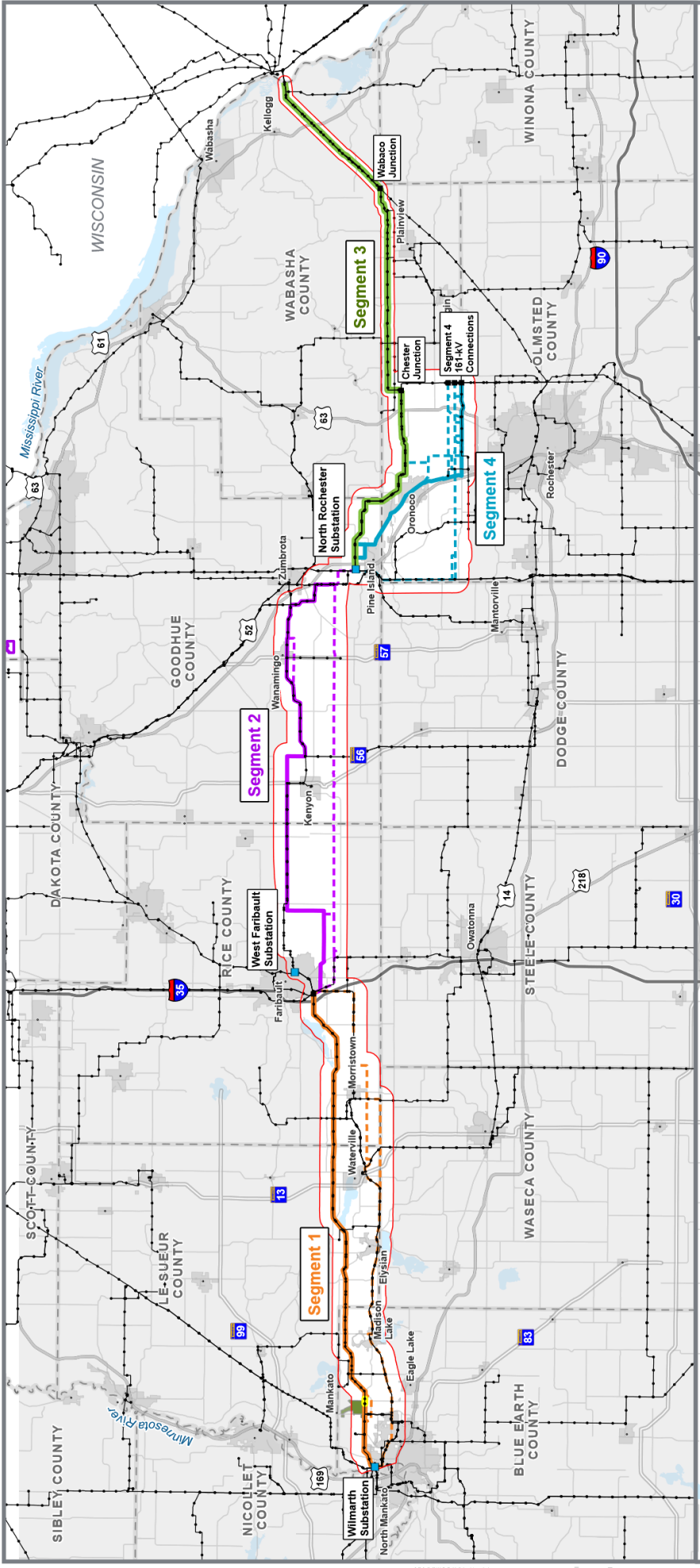
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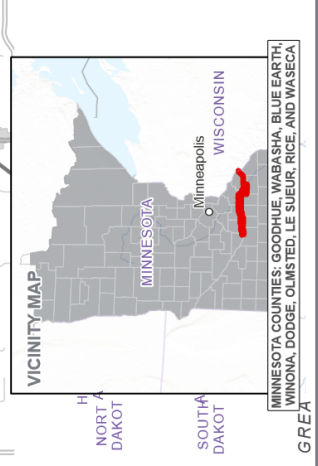


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**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**  
**MANKATO-MISSISSIPPI RIVER**  
**TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

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DATE EXPORTED: 4/24/2023



**LEGEND**

**PROPOSED ROUTE SEGMENTS**

- SEGMENT 1 - WILMARTH TO WEST FARIBAULT - ALTERNATIVE A
- SEGMENT 1 - WILMARTH TO WEST FARIBAULT - ALTERNATIVE B
- SEGMENT 1 - EXISTING 115KV UNDERGROUND LINE
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- SEGMENT 2 - WEST FARIBAULT TO NORTH ROCHESTER - ALTERNATIVE B
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**EXISTING SUBSTATIONS**

- JUNCTION
- EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES
- PROJECT STUDY AREA
- COUNTY BOUNDARY
- MANKATO REGIONAL AIRPORT

## Appendix M-2

### Correspondence with Tribes, Agencies and LGUs

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Mankato – Mississippi River Transmission Project

Certificate of Need and Route Permit Application

E002/CN-22-532 and E002/TL-23-157

## Sedarski, Joe

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**From:** Heine, Ellen L <Ellen.L.Heine@xcelenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 11:15 AM  
**To:** Meincke, Alexander C CIV USARMY CEMVP (USA)  
**Cc:** Sedarski, Joe; Griffin, Stephanie  
**Subject:** RE: 2023-00493-ACM Ellen Heine Acknowledgment Letter  
**Attachments:** Ellen\_Heine\_ACK\_Letter.rtf\_05\_08\_2023\_20\_25\_51.pdf

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Hey Alex,

Sorry for the extended delay on this one. We have been working on refining routes based on public and agency feedback. At this point we are preparing for a second round of open houses, and feel that we are close to what will be our "final" proposed routes, with an expected application to the Public Utilities Commission in late 2023/early 2024. Sometime in the next few weeks we'd like to schedule some time to go over the project with you. We can come up with a few potential times and send them over to you if that works best? Or there are specific times that do or do not work for you feel free to let us know and we can plan around that.

Thanks,

Ellen

**Ellen Heine**  
**Xcel Energy**

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**From:** Meincke, Alexander C CIV USARMY CEMVP (USA) <Alexander.C.Meincke@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 5:43 PM  
**To:** Heine, Ellen L <Ellen.L.Heine@xcelenergy.com>  
**Subject:** RE: 2023-00493-ACM Ellen Heine Acknowledgment Letter

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No need to apologize, just wanted to make sure you still wanted to meet. I'll keep this open and wait to hear from you about some meeting times.

Alex

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**From:** Heine, Ellen L <[Ellen.L.Heine@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Ellen.L.Heine@xcelenergy.com)>  
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**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] RE: 2023-00493-ACM Ellen Heine Acknowledgment Letter

Sorry! No, the project is definitely active. We were getting ready for open houses and I was a bit swamped for a couple of weeks. Please keep my application open. I'll look at calendars and propose some times for a meeting.

Thanks,

Ellen

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Hello Ellen,

On May 1, 2023, you requested a preapplication meeting to discuss an upcoming project. This file has been inactive because you have not responded to our email to set up a preapplication meeting. If the project has been abandoned or if problems have arisen, please let us know. We will expect your reply within 30 days of receipt of this email, after which time we will consider your application withdrawn.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. My contact information is listed below.

Alex Meincke

Lead Project Manager, North Branch, Regulatory Division

St. Paul District, US Army Corps of Engineers

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 6:53 AM

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Hi Ellen,

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**To:** Parker, Kaecey R CIV USARMY CEMVP (USA) <[Kaecey.R.Parker@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kaecey.R.Parker@usace.army.mil)>  
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Hello – Attached please find the subject document. If you have any questions please contact the Project Leader indicated in the letter.

Respectfully,

Kaecey Parker  
Environmental Protection Technician  
Regulatory Division, La Crescent Field Office  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Regulatory File No. MVP-2023-00493-ACM

**THIS IS NOT A PERMIT**

Ellen Heine  
[Ellen.L.Heine@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Ellen.L.Heine@xcelenergy.com)

To: Ellen Heine:

We have received your submittal described below. You may contact the Project Manager with questions regarding the evaluation process. The Project Manager may request additional information necessary to evaluate your submittal.

File Number: MVP-2023-00493-ACM

Applicant: Xcel Energy

Project Name: Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project / Pre-App

Project Location: Section 34 of Township 107 N, Range 27 W, Blue Earth County, Minnesota (Latitude: 44.0345344658268; Longitude: -94.0670472935046)

Received Date: 05/08/2023

Project Manager: Alexander Meincke  
(651) 290-5485  
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Additional information about the St. Paul District Regulatory Program can be found on our web site at <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory>.

Please note that initiating work in waters of the United States prior to receiving Department of the Army authorization could constitute a violation of Federal law. If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager.

Thank you.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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Regulatory Branch

## Sedarski, Joe

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**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2023 2:27 PM  
**To:** Heine, Ellen L <Ellen.L.Heine@xcelenergy.com>; Marquardt, Shauna R <Shauna\_Marquardt@fws.gov>  
**Cc:** Sedarski, Joe <Joe.Sedarski@hdrinc.com>; [contact@mankatomississippirivertransmission.com](mailto:contact@mankatomississippirivertransmission.com); Solis, Joshua <joshua.solis@hdrinc.com>; Utrup, Jill <Jill\_Utrup@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission Project follow up

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I think once we see the text of the new eagle regs we'll have a better idea of the best path forward, so I think early next year is the best time for us to brainstorm.

Have a good weekend,  
Mags

Mags Rheude (she/her)  
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Midwest Migratory Bird Program  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission Project follow up

Thanks Mags. I got some more guidance on bat requirements yesterday, so I think your advice to wait to meet on eagles (and bats) will work well. Let us know if there are any other specific species we should plan to discuss when we do meet.

Have a lovely weekend. 😊

Ellen

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission Project follow up

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Hi Ellen,

as you likely know, we are currently waiting for a final decision on the update on the eagle rule, which will likely influence how this project obtains coverage for eagle take. We are expecting to have the final rule by the end of the year - I would recommend waiting for the final rule and then seeing how it could apply to this project. You could also plan to do eagle nest surveys the year prior to construction begins (when the leaves are off the trees) - however, there might be some additional recommendations about surveys in the new regulations, so I would recommend reviewing the new regs prior to planning any eagle nest surveys. I'm happy to touch base with you at the beginning of next year and discuss options once the new rule is finalized. I don't think meeting before then would be productive.

Thanks,

Mags

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Mankato to Mississippi River Transmission Project follow up

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Hi Shauna and Mags,

I sent the attached letter and IPaC report this spring (right around the same time I sent one for the Sherco Solar 3 Project) and hadn't heard back on this one so am reaching out to see if you would be interesting in setting up a teams call to discuss the project. I'm also cc'ing Jill, who I realize didn't get the letter. With all the bat listings it would probably be a good idea for talk about what might be required for surveys etc..

Brief project summary/update: Since the agency letters went out this spring we held a round of public open houses in May. A second round of in-person open houses are scheduled September 19, 20, 21 with a virtual open house on the 26<sup>th</sup>. The attached map and kmzs show the updated routes. These latest ones include changes based on additional map and site visit reviews, landowner feedback and input from other agencies and LGUs. We are currently planning to file our application with the PUC in late December/Early January.

Let me know if you would like to set up some time to have a Teams call and review the routes and such.

Thanks,

Ellen

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**Subject:** RE: FAA-ADO Comments - Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project

Thank you Robert. We've got some flight surfaces for the Mankato Airport that we've been using to help evaluate and design preliminary structures. We will make sure to submit the structures in that area as well as at Faribault through the OE system. I'll let the engineers know that you are available to meet if there are any questions or things they would like to discuss.

Thanks!

Ellen

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Ms. Heine,

See my response below on the Mankato-Mississippi River Transmission Project.

You had originally sent in a mailing to our office DTD 5/1/2023. I have taken over Andy Peek's duties on airspacing.

No problem if you want to meet on this. Probably virtual would work best.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** FAA DAK-MIN-ADO Proposed Transmission Line Comments

To whom it may concern:

In reviewing the mailed brochure, I just wanted to remind about the FAA filing requirements per the public OE/AAA system:

[Obstruction Evaluation / Airport Airspace Analysis \(OE/AAA\) \(faa.gov\)](#)

Specifically,

- any construction or alteration that exceeds an imaginary surface extending outward and upward at any of the following slopes:
  - 100 to 1 for a horizontal distance of 20,000 ft. from the nearest point of the nearest runway of each airport described in 14 CFR 77.9(d) with its longest runway more than 3,200 ft. in actual length, excluding heliports

Looking at the MN Aero Chart, I see two airports in the vicinity of the proposed transmission line path:

Mankato (MKT)

Faribault (FBL)

When it comes time to submit points per the above, I would expect a significant number of line pole points around the two airports mentioned above and strategic points (i.e., that help to define the pole configuration) going from east/west.

Sincerely,

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