

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON NOTICE PLAN PETITION AND
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN CERTIFICATE OF NEED
APPLICATION CONTENT REQUIREMENTS**

Issued: October 15, 2025

In the Matter of the Application for a Certificate of Need for the North Rochester – Columbia 765 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Project (LRTP 26).

PUC Docket Number: ET3, E002/CN-25-121

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is accepting comments on Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, and Dairyland Power Cooperative (collectively, Applicants) notice plan petition and request for exemption from certain certificate of need application content requirements for the North Rochester – Columbia 765 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (Project).

The proposed Project would include:

- A single-circuit 765 kV high voltage transmission line between the existing North Rochester Substation and a point near Marion, Minnesota;
- A 765 kV/161 kV double-circuit high voltage transmission line from near Marion, Minnesota, to the Wisconsin border; and
- A new three-circuit breaker 161 kV switching station in Houston County, Minnesota.
 - No specific location has been identified yet. The 161 kV switching station will connect to two existing 161 kV transmission lines from Harmony, Minnesota, and Lansing, Iowa, and an existing single-circuit 161 kV line between the new switching station and the existing Genoa Substation in Wisconsin.

As noted by the Applicants in their October 8, 2025, exemption requests filing, the existing North Rochester Substation will also be expanded to accommodate the 765 kV facilities but will be part of a separate PowerOn Midwest Projects certificate of need application in docket no. CN-25-117.

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes **October 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**

Reply comment period closes **November 17, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**

Supplemental comment period closes **November 24, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.**

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Topics for Comment

- Should the Commission approve the notice plan proposed by the Applicants in their October 8, 2025, Notice Plan Petition filing (Document ID: [202510-223688-02](#))?
- Should the Commission grant the exemptions requested by the Applicants in their October, 8, 2025 Exemptions Requests filing (Document ID: [202510-223688-03](#))?

Submit Comments

Online: mn.gov/puc/get-involved/public-comments

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

U.S. Mail: Consumer Affairs Office
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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Dated this 15th day of October, 2025

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