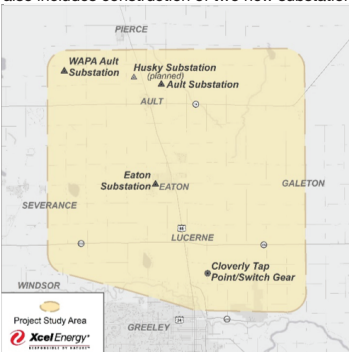


## PUBLIC NOTICE

# XCEL ENERGY HOSTING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE

Xcel Energy is hosting a public open house to provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about a proposed transmission line project in the area. The transmission line project is part of the larger Northern Colorado Area Plan to modernize the system with higher-voltage transmission facilities. Benefits include increased ability to serve existing and future customers to meet growing energy needs and improve electric service reliability.

The project includes building 230/115 kilovolt transmission lines between the Western Area Power Administration Ault Substation and the existing Xcel Energy Cloverly Substation. The project also includes construction of two new substations and improvements to two existing substations.



Xcel Energy received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Colorado Public Utilities Commission in March 2018, which enabled the company to implement the project. Xcel Energy conducted a siting study in this area and filed an application with Weld County in August 2018 to determine local approval and the final route of the proposed transmission line. However, based on comments received in June 2019 during the County Commission hearing, the company requested to withdraw its permit application. Subsequently, Xcel Energy evaluated the approach of the previous planning study and resolved to begin again with a fresh approach to planning the project that allows for additional public outreach and engagement. Xcel Energy is committed to working with the community to develop a viable solution to meet growing and changing energy needs in this area.

The upcoming public open house gives residents an opportunity to learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide input on the project that will contribute to developing routes for the transmission line and alternative sites for the new Eaton-area substation. The alternative routes and alternative sites for the new Eaton-area substation will be presented for review at a public open house planned for early 2020.

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November 8, 2019

**Public Open House**  
**November 13, 2019**  
**5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Eaton Area Community Center**  
**1675 3rd Street**  
**Eaton, Colorado**

Learn more information about the project and submit comments at [www.xcelenergynorthern-coloradoareaplan.com](http://www.xcelenergynorthern-coloradoareaplan.com).