

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON COMPLETENESS OF THE HUNTLEY-WILMARTH
ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Issued: *January 23, 2018*

**In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy and ITC Midwest, LLC for a Route Permit for the
Huntley Wilmarth 345 kV Transmission Line Project in South Central Minnesota**

PUC Docket Number(s): E002, ET6675/17-185

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes February 12, 2018 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes February 22, 2018 at 4:30pm

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Does the route permit application contain the information required by Minnesota Rules part 7850.1900?
- Are there any contested issues of fact with respect to the representations made in the application?
- Should the Commission appoint an advisory task force?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On January 22, 2018, Xcel Energy (Xcel) and ITC Midwest, LLC (ITC and collectively, the Applicants) filed a route permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to construct the approximately 40-mile, Huntley-Wilmarth 345 kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL). Xcel and ITC intend to construct, own and maintain the Huntley-Wilmarth 345 kV Transmission Line Project (Project). The Project was approved as part of a larger regional plan by a federally registered planning authority, the Mid-Continent Independent System Operator, MISO on December 8, 2016. Proposed routes can be found in the [Route Permit Application](#).

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