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## **Xcel Energy completes major Roswell upgrade**

*Almost 24 miles of new high-voltage line to boost capacity, reliability for decades*

**ROSWELL, N.M.** (Jan. 24, 2018) – Xcel Energy has completed a five-year, \$24 million upgrade to the electric transmission system serving Roswell that will position the city for years of growth and job creation.

Last week, crews closed in the final segment of a 23.7 mile, 115-kilovolt transmission loop that feeds the city's electric substations. The final link was a 4.7-mile line connecting Price Substation to the Chaves County substation in northeast Roswell. The new system replaces an older 69-kilovolt system that has served the city for decades.

Transmission lines transport electricity from power sources into towns, cities and industrial areas. Substations transform electricity to lower voltages and send them along distribution lines that are located up and down city streets and alleys. A kilovolt is equal to 1,000 volts.

“Business and industry, and the jobs they create, are dependent on modern infrastructure that not only meets today's needs, but also provides the capability of providing higher levels of power as the economy grows,” said Mike McLeod, Xcel Energy regional manager for Community and Economic Development in Roswell. “The looped service also gives us more options to reroute power if we experience outages on any one segment of the line.”

The loop project started in 2013 with an upgrade to the Capitan Substation to accommodate 115-kilovolt transmission service. In 2014, a new, nine-mile segment of 115-kilovolt line connecting Roswell Substation in south central Roswell to Capitan was completed and energized. In June 2017, a 10-mile segment between the Capitan Substation in west Roswell and the Price Substation in north Roswell was energized.

The Roswell upgrades are part of a larger effort known as “Power for the Plains” that is enhancing the power grid across all of Xcel Energy's New Mexico and Texas service area. Xcel Energy has invested in more than 800 miles of new transmission lines and close to a dozen new substations across its New Mexico and Texas service area since 2011, with more than 500 miles of additional line to be completed by 2021. This transmission expansion represents more than \$1.6 billion in investment. Learn more about current and upcoming projects at [www.powerfortheplains.com](http://www.powerfortheplains.com).

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