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**Preliminary Segment and Route Analysis Materials**

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**Agency Letter and Mailing List**



Appendix B  
Bailey to Curry – Agency Mailing List

Following the mailing list is an example of the letter sent along with the map that was enclosed.  
The same letter went out to everyone on the list

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December 7, 2012

Mr. Donnie Cabaniss, Chairman  
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 1330  
Anadarko, OK 73005

RE: Southwestern Public Service Company Curry to Bailey 115 kV Transmission Line Project  
Initial Consultation

Dear Chairman Cabaniss:

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), a subsidiary of Xcel Energy, Inc (Xcel Energy) proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain between 40 and 50 miles (depending on route selected) of new 115kV kilovolt (kV) transmission circuit from the existing SPS Curry County Interchange to the existing SPS Bailey County Interchange (Curry to Bailey Project or Project). The study area of the Project includes portions of Curry and Roosevelt counties, New Mexico and Bailey and Parmer counties, Texas. Please refer to the enclosed map depicting the Project study area.

SPS plans to prepare and file an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and a 440 Notice to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. SPS is contacting the Tribe regarding the project and potential issues or restrictions within the Project area. Your response will assist SPS in identifying constraints during the routing process and enable them to route the transmission line to avoid or minimize potential impacts on sensitive environmental resources as practicable.

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your cooperation and participation in the evaluation of the Curry to Bailey Project. Please contact me at [EDegutis@trcsolutions.com](mailto:EDegutis@trcsolutions.com) or (303) 395-4048 if you have questions or require additional information.

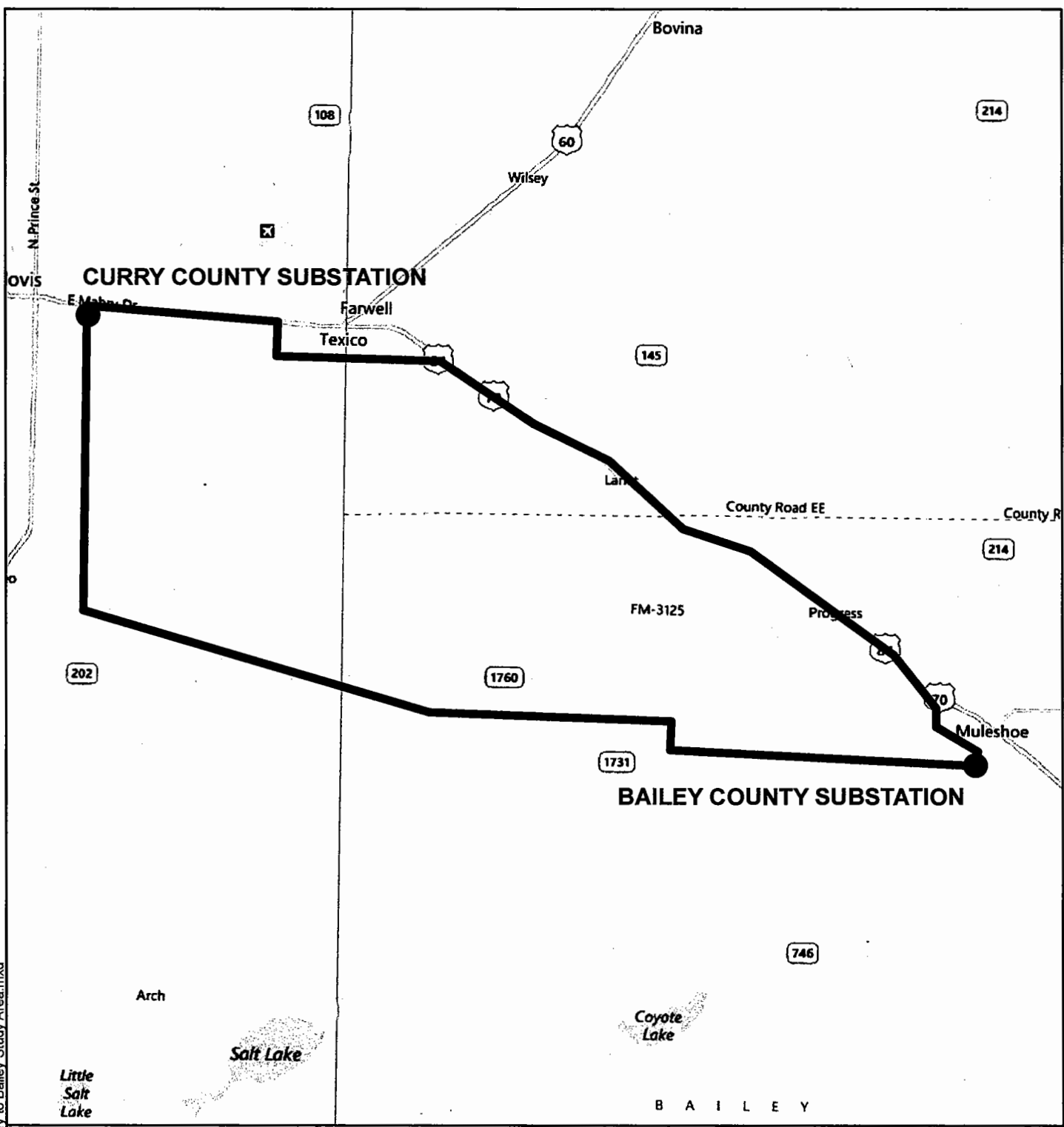
Sincerely,  
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Erin A. Degutis, RLA, AICP  
Project Manager



cc: Elizabeth Kirkpatrick – Xcel Energy

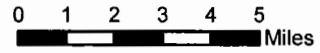
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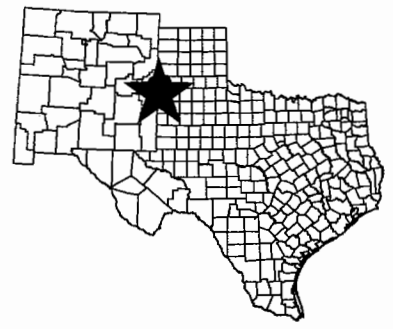


**Legend**

-  Substation
-  Study Area



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**PROJECT LOCATION**



**Curry to Bailey  
115 kV Transmission Line Project**

**Figure 1  
Study Area**

Prepared by M. Sandomire

30 November 2012

**Appendix C**  
**Landowner Letter, Information Packet, and Mailing List**

March 14, 2013

RE: Notice of Public Open House Meeting for the Curry to Bailey 115 kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Landowner,

Xcel Energy invites you to attend a public open house to review and comment on the proposed segments for the new Curry to Bailey 115 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (Project). The Project consists of approximately 40 to 50 miles (depending on the route selected by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT)) of new transmission line circuit, with proposed route segments located in Curry and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico and Bailey, and Pamer Counties, Texas. The proposed Project will connect the existing Xcel Energy Curry substation, located approximately 1.5 miles east of Clovis in Curry County, New Mexico, to the existing Bailey substation located 1 mile south of Muleshoe in Bailey County, Texas.

**Property you own has been identified as located within 300 feet of a proposed segment.** As part of the ongoing routing process, Xcel Energy will host a Public Open House Meeting to display detailed maps of the proposed segments for the Project. This meeting is an opportunity for potentially affected landowners and interested members of the public to provide comments and ask questions about the proposed Project. Meeting details are as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, March 27, 2013	<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, March 28, 2013
<b>Location:</b>	Clovis High School Lecture Hall, 1900 Thornton Street, Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico 88101	<b>Location:</b>	Community Room of Bailey County Electrical Cooperative, 610 East American Boulevard, Muleshoe, Bailey County, Texas 79347
<b>Time:</b>	Anytime between 5:00 - 7:30PM	<b>Time:</b>	Anytime between 5:00 - 7:30PM

Please note there are no formal presentations at the open house. Xcel Energy representatives will be available at the meeting to discuss the project with you and answer questions. Materials displayed at the meeting will also be available for reference and review at Xcel Energy's Siting and Land Rights offices, located on the 27<sup>th</sup> floor of the Chase Tower, 600 South Tyler Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101, the Clovis Public Library, located at 701 North Main Street, Clovis, New Mexico, and the Muleshoe Public Library, located at 322 West 2nd, Muleshoe, Texas. The input you provide is important and will help Xcel Energy identify and evaluate segments to be included in its application to the PUCT.

Please find enclosed a map of the proposed segments, a comment form, and a survey permission form. Please feel free to attend the Open House anytime between 5:00 and 7:30 PM. If you are unable to attend and would like additional information, please contact Xcel Energy at (303) 571-7088 or visit <http://www.powerfortheplains.com>.

Thank you,  
Xcel Energy



Please take a few minutes to provide your comments regarding the Curry to Bailey 115 kV Transmission Line Project and return your completed comment form at the Public Open House meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>, or mail by **April 14, 2013**.

**Please provide your comments in the space provided below:**

Tract Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Curry to Bailey 115 kV Transmission Line Project  
Attn: Ms. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick  
Xcel Energy  
1800 Larimer Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Denver, CO 80202

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**Please submit your comments by April 14, 2013.**

You may submit comments related to the Curry to the Bailey 115 kV Transmission Line Project by any of the following methods:

- Leave this form at the Open House meeting
- Fax to 303.294.2088
- E-mail: [Elizabeth.A.Kirkpatrick@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Elizabeth.A.Kirkpatrick@xcelenergy.com)
- Mail: Curry to Bailey 115 kV Transmission Line Project, Attn: Ms. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Xcel Energy, 1800 Larimer Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Denver, Colorado 80202



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*Please tell us how to reach you. Your personal identifying information will be kept confidential.*

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fold this form letter style with your contact information facing inward when mailing.





**PERMISSION TO SURVEY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
State of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby grant to Xcel Energy, Inc. and its representatives, my  
permission and consent to enter upon the following described land, which is either owned  
and/or leased by me, for the purpose of making a survey for boundary determination,  
archeological inspections, cultural analysis, and soil sampling for a possible route for an electric  
transmission power line.

Section \_\_\_\_\_, Block/Township \_\_\_\_\_, Survey/Range \_\_\_\_\_,  
County \_\_\_\_\_

Tract Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions:

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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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Landowner

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Tenant





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Attn: Ms. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick  
1800 Larimer Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Denver, CO 80202

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**Please submit your Permission to Survey Form by April 14, 2013.**

If you are granting permission to survey, please submit your completed form by any of the following methods:

- Leave this form at the Open House meeting
- Fax to 303.294.2088
- E-mail: [Elizabeth.A.Kirkpatrick@xcelenergy.com](mailto:Elizabeth.A.Kirkpatrick@xcelenergy.com)
- Mail: Curry to Bailey Transmission Line Project, attn.: Ms. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Xcel Energy, 1800 Larimer Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Denver, Colorado 80202



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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Curry to Bailey 115 kV Transmission Line Project Questionnaire

1. Did you attend the Open House held in Clovis, New Mexico on March 27, 2013?  Yes  No  
Did you attend the Open House held in Muleshoe, Texas on March 28, 2013?  Yes  No

2. How did you first become aware of the Open House Meeting:

- From a personal mailing  From internet website  
 From a newspaper notice  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 From a friend or neighbor

3. A proposed alternative route segment is:

- On my land  Near my home  
 Near my business  Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. If you own property near a proposed segment, please indicate all of the existing uses of your property below:

- Agriculture  Industrial  Commercial  Conservation Easement  Residential  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you feel the information provided at the Open House meeting adequately explains the need for the proposed transmission line?:  Yes  No

If no, what further information would be of use to you?

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6. Have you seen the aerial photos with the proposed segments? If not, please ask to be directed to them and study the features on these photos. Are the features on the maps accurately located?  Yes  No

Do the aerials properly represent present land use and structures?  Yes  No

If no, please let an Xcel Energy representative know so the additions/corrections can be added to the maps.

Are you aware of any additional features that are not shown or that are not correctly depicted?  Yes  No

If yes, let an Xcel Energy representative know so the additions/corrections can be added to the maps.

7. Do you have any comments regarding the routing of the segments?

**List of Proposed Segments (Proposed Segments are shown on the aerial photographs)**

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**Comments**

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8. If you would like to provide your name and address please do so below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have further comments or wish to submit this questionnaire at a later time (prior to April 14, 2013 please), mail, fax, or email Xcel Energy to the attention of:**

Ms. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick  
Xcel Energy  
1800 Larimer Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
Phone: 303.571.7088  
Fax: 303.294.2088  
Email: [Elizabeth.A.Kirkpatrick@XcelEnergy.com](mailto:Elizabeth.A.Kirkpatrick@XcelEnergy.com)





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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
LANDOWNER'S  
BILL OF RIGHTS

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PREPARED BY THE



OFFICE OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS



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This Landowner's Bill of Rights applies to any attempt by the government or a private entity to take your property. The contents of this Bill of Rights are prescribed by the Texas Legislature in Texas Government Code Sec. 402.031 and Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code.

1. You are entitled to receive adequate compensation if your property is taken for a public use.
2. Your property can only be taken for a public use.
3. Your property can only be taken by a governmental entity or private entity authorized by law to do so.
4. The entity that wants to take your property must notify you about its interest in taking your property.
5. The entity proposing to take your property must provide you with an assessment of the adequate compensation for your property.
6. The entity proposing to take your property must make a good faith offer to buy the property before it files a lawsuit to condemn the property.
7. You may hire an appraiser or other professional to determine the value of your property or to assist you in any condemnation proceeding.
8. You may hire an attorney to negotiate with the condemning entity and to represent you in any legal proceedings involving the condemnation.
9. Before your property is condemned, you are entitled to a hearing before a court appointed panel that includes three special commissioners. The special commissioners must determine the amount of compensation the condemning entity owes for the taking of your property. The commissioners must also determine what compensation, if any, you are entitled to receive for any reduction in value of your remaining property.
10. If you are unsatisfied with the compensation awarded by the special commissioners, or if you question whether the taking of your property was proper, you have the right to a trial by a judge or jury. If you are dissatisfied with the trial court's judgment, you may appeal that decision.

## CONDEMNATION PROCEDURE

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Eminent Domain is the ability of certain entities to take private property for a public use. Private property can include land and certain improvements that are on that property.

Private property may only be taken by a governmental entity or private entity authorized by law to do so. Your property may be taken only for a public use. That means it can only be taken for a purpose or use that serves the general public. However, Texas law prohibits condemnation authorities from taking your property to enhance tax revenues or foster economic development.

Your property cannot be taken without adequate compensation. Adequate compensation includes the market value of the property being taken. It may also include certain damages, if any, to your remaining property caused by the acquisition itself or by the way the condemning entity will use the property.

## HOW THE TAKING PROCESS BEGINS

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The taking of private property by eminent domain must follow certain procedures. First, the entity that wants to condemn your property must provide you a copy of this Landowner's Bill of Rights before or at the same time the entity first represents in any manner to you that it possesses eminent domain authority.

Second, if it has not been previously provided, the condemning entity must send this Landowner's Bill of Rights to the last known address of the person in whose name the property is listed on the most recent tax roll at least seven days before the entity makes a final offer to acquire your property.

Third, the condemning entity must make a good faith offer to purchase the property. The condemning entity's offer must be based on an investigation and an assessment of adequate compensation for the property. At the time the offer is made, the governmental condemning entity must disclose any appraisal reports it used to determine the value of its offer to acquire the property. You have the right to either accept or reject the offer made by the condemning entity.

## CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS

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If you and the condemning entity do not agree on the value of the property being taken, the entity may begin condemnation proceedings. Condemnation is the legal process for the taking of private property. It begins with a condemning entity filing a claim for your property in court. If you live in a county where part of the property being condemned is located, the claim must be filed in that county. Otherwise, the claim can be filed in any county where at least part of the property being condemned is located. The claim must describe the property being condemned, the intended public use, the name of the landowner, a statement that the landowner and the condemning entity were unable to agree on the value of the property, and that the condemning entity provided the landowner with the Landowner's Bill of Rights statement.

## SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' HEARING

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After the condemning entity files a claim in court, the judge will appoint three landowners to serve as special commissioners. These special commissioners must live in the county where the condemnation proceeding is filed, and they must take an oath to assess the amount of adequate compensation fairly, impartially, and according to the law. The special commissioners are not authorized to decide whether the condemnation is necessary or if the public use is proper. After being appointed, the special commissioners must schedule a hearing at the earliest practical time and place and provide you written notice of that hearing.

You are required to disclose to the governmental condemning entity, at least ten days before the special commissioners' hearing, any appraisal reports used to determine your opinion about adequate compensation for the property. You may hire an appraiser or real estate professional to help you determine the value of your private property. You may also hire an attorney regarding these proceedings.

At the hearing, the special commissioners will consider evidence on the value of the property, the damages to remaining property, any value added to the remaining property as a result of the project, and the uses to be made of the property being taken.

## SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' AWARD

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After hearing evidence from all interested parties, the special commissioners will determine the amount of money to be awarded as adequate compensation. You may be responsible for the costs if the Award is less than or equal to the amount the condemning entity offered before the condemnation proceeding began. Otherwise, the condemning entity will be responsible for the costs. The special commissioners will give a written decision to the court that appointed them. That decision is called the "Award." The Award must be filed with the court and the court must send written notice of the Award to all parties.

After the Award is filed, the condemning entity may take possession of the property being condemned, even if either party appeals the Award of the special commissioners. To take possession of the property, the condemning entity must either pay you the amount of the Award or deposit the amount of the Award into the registry of the court. You have the right to withdraw the deposited funds from the registry of the court.

## OBJECTION TO THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' AWARD

If either you or the condemning entity is dissatisfied with the amount of the Award, either party can object to the Award by filing a written statement of objection with the court. If neither party timely objects to the Award, the court will adopt the Award as the final judgment of the court. If a party timely objects to the special commissioners' Award, the court will hear the case in the same manner as other civil cases.

If you object to the Award and ask the court to hear the matter, you have the right to a trial by judge or jury. The allocation of costs is handled in the same manner as with the special commissioners' Award. After that trial, either party may appeal any judgment entered by the court.

## DISMISSAL OF THE CONDEMNATION ACTION

A condemning entity may file a motion to dismiss the condemnation proceeding if it decides it no longer needs your property. If the court grants the motion to dismiss, the case is over and you are entitled to recover reasonable and necessary fees for attorneys, appraisers, photographers, and for other expenses incurred to the date of the hearing on the motion to dismiss.

You may also file a motion to dismiss the condemnation proceeding on the ground that the condemning entity did not have the right to condemn the property, including a challenge as to whether the property is being taken for a public use. If the court grants your motion, the court may award you reasonable and necessary fees for attorneys, appraisers, photographers, and for other expenses incurred to the date of the hearing or judgment.

## RELOCATION COSTS

If you are displaced from a residence or place of business, you may be entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred while moving personal property from the residence or relocating the business to a new site. You are not entitled to these relocation costs if they are recoverable under another law. If you are entitled to these costs, they cannot exceed the market value of the property being moved and can only be reimbursed for moving distances within 50 miles.

## RECLAMATION OPTIONS

If private property was condemned by a governmental entity, and the purpose for which the property was acquired is canceled before the 10th anniversary of the date of the acquisition, you may have the right to seek to repurchase the property for the fair market value of the property at the time the public use was canceled. This provision does not apply to property acquired by a county, a municipality, or the Texas Department of Transportation.

## DISCLAIMER

The information in this statement is intended to be a summary of the applicable portions of Texas state law as required by HB 1495, enacted by the 80th Texas Legislature, Regular Session. This statement is not legal advice and is not a substitute for legal counsel.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Further information regarding the procedures, timelines and requirements outlined in this document can be found in Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code.



**Appendix D**  
**Public Meeting Notification to Agencies**

**Curry to Bailey 115kV Transmission Line Project**

Mailing List to Agencies, Municipalities, NGO's

March 14, 2013

<p>Mr. Eric Dephouse  <b>US Army Corps of Engineers</b>                  819 Taylor Street                  Fort Worth, Texas 76102</p>	<p>Mr. Tom Cloud  <b>US Fish and Wildlife Service</b>                  2005 Northeast Green Oaks Blvd, Suite 140                  Arlington, Texas 76006</p>
<p>Ms. Cyndie Abeyta  <b>US Fish and Wildlife Service</b>                  2105 Osuna Road NE                  Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001</p>	<p>Ms. Cary Hanlin  <b>USDA NRCS - Bailey County Farm Service Agency</b>                  105 E Avenue D                  Muleshoe, TX 79347</p>
<p>Ms. Rachel Armstrong  <b>NRCS - Clovis Service Center</b>                  918 Parkland Drive                  Clovis, NM 88101</p>	<p>Mr. Curt Miller  <b>USDA NRCS - Parmer County Farm Service Agency</b>                  109 3rd Street                  Farwell, TX 79325</p>
<p>Mr. Kenneth Walker  <b>USDA NRCS New Mexico</b>                  918 Parkland Drive                  Clovis, NM 88101</p>	<p>Mr. Russell Zapalac  <b>Texas Department of Transportation</b>                  125 East 11th Street                  Austin, Texas 78701</p>
<p>Ms. Tiffany Osburn  <b>Texas Historical Commission</b>                  P.O. Box 12276                  Austin, TX 78711-2276</p>	<p>Dr. Jeff Pappas, SHPO  <b>New Mexico Historic Preservation Division</b>                  407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236                  Santa Fe, NM 87501</p>
<p>Ms. Julie Wicker  <b>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</b>                  4200 Smith School Road                  Austin, TX 78744-3291                  Ref: TPWD# ERCS-3826</p>	<p>Mr. Bob Gottfried  <b>Texas Natural Diversity Database</b>                  4200 Smith School Road                  Austin, TX 78744-3291                  Ref: TPWD# ERCS-3826</p>
<p>Ms. Kathy Kretz Bender  <b>New Mexico Department of Transportation</b>                  1120 Cerrillos Road                  Santa Fe, NM 87504-1149</p>	<p>Mr. Ken Cunningham  <b>New Mexico Department of Game and Fish</b>                  1 Wildlife Way                  Santa Fe, NM 87507</p>
<p>Ms. Margaret Ambrosino  <b>New Mexico State Land Office</b>                  310 Old Santa Fe Trail                  Santa Fe NM 87501</p>	<p>Mr. Lance A. Pyle  <b>Curry County</b>                  700 North Main Street, Suite #10                  Clovis, NM 88101</p>
<p>The Honorable Sherri Harrison  <b>Bailey County</b>                  300 S 1st St # 200                  Muleshoe, TX</p>	<p>The Honorable Trey Ellis  <b>Parmer County</b>                  401 3rd St # 104                  Farwell, TX 79325</p>
<p>The Honorable Drew D Tatum  <b>Roosevelt County, District 2</b>                  109 W 1st Street, Suite 202                  Portales, NM 88130</p>	<p>Mr. Gene Sheets, Superintendent  <b>Muleshoe Independent School District</b>                  514 W. Ave G                  Muleshoe, TX 79347</p>
<p>Mr. Mike Read, Superintendent  <b>Farwell Independent School District</b>                  705 6th St                  Farwell, TX 79325</p>	<p>Mr. Jody Balch, Deputy Superintendent  <b>Clovis Municipal School District</b>                  1009 Main Street                  Clovis, NM 88101</p>

Curry to Bailey 115kV Transmission Line Project

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Note: following is an example of the letter and map sent to this mailing list. All of the letters and maps were the same, so only one is provided here.



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RE: Xcel Energy's Curry to Bailey 115 kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Stidham,

Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel Energy) proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain between 40 and 50 miles (depending on route selected) of new 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission circuit from the existing Xcel Energy Curry substation to the existing Xcel Energy Bailey substation (Curry to Bailey Project or Project). The study area of the Project includes portions of Curry and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico and Bailey and Parmer Counties, Texas. Please refer to the enclosed map depicting the Project study area.

Xcel Energy plans to prepare and file an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Xcel Energy will be hosting public open house meetings on March 27, 2013 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM at Clovis High School Lecture Hall 1900 Thornton Street, Clovis, New Mexico 88101 and March 28, 2013 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM at the Bailey County Electrical Cooperative, 610 East American Boulevard, Muleshoe, Texas 79347. Xcel Energy cordially invites you to the meeting and will have its staff and consultants available to answer questions and provide information regarding the Project.

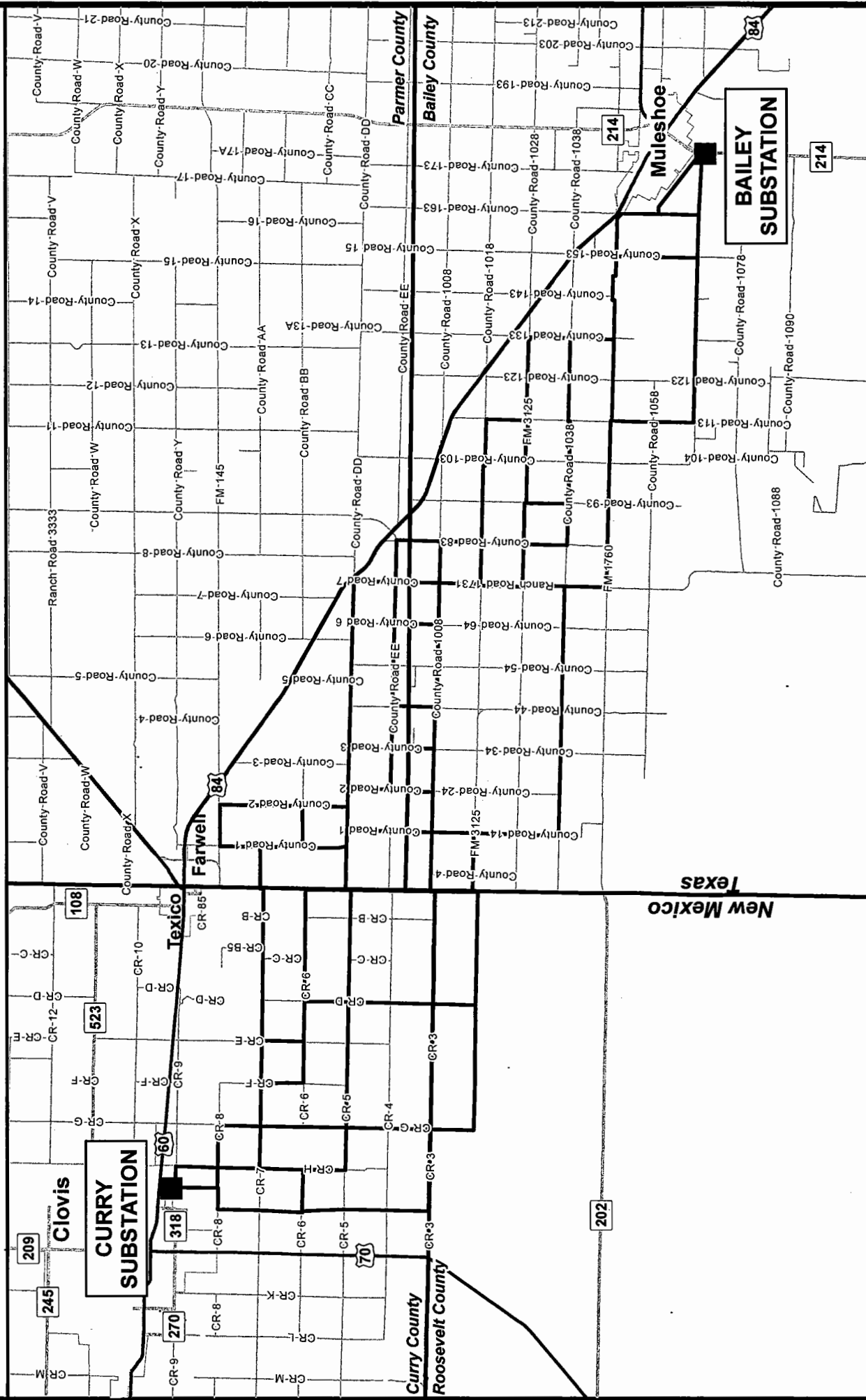
We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your cooperation and participation in the evaluation of the Project. Please let me know if I can provide additional information or assistance. I can be reached directly via telephone at 303.395.4048 (office), or via email at [edegutis@trcsolutions.com](mailto:edegutis@trcsolutions.com).

Kindest regards,

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**Legend**

- Area of Interest
- Substation
- City
- Potential 115 kV Segment

North arrow and scale bar.

0 5 Miles



**Appendix E**  
**Public Meeting Summary**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING SUMMARY REPORT**

**CURRY TO BAILEY 115Kv TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

**Prepared for:**



**Xcel Energy, Inc.  
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**May 2013**

# Curry to Bailey 115kV Transmission Line Project

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## Public Information Meeting Summary

The public information meeting for the Curry to Bailey 115kV Transmission Line project was held on March 27, 2013 at the Clovis High School in Clovis, New Mexico and March 28, 2013 at the Bailey County Electrical Cooperative in Muleshoe, Texas. The meeting was noticed in several local newspapers including the Amarillo Globe-News, the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, The Clovis News Journal, and The Muleshoe Journal (Attachment 1).

There were 118 attendees at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and 42 attendees at the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Attendees included landowners, area residents, and local agency officials. A copy of the sign in sheets is attached to this summary (Attachment 2). Representatives from the following agencies attended the meeting:

- City of Clovis
- Curry County, New Mexico
- Texas Department of Transportation

Project questionnaires were sent to each landowner as a part of the project notification packet and were also available at the meeting. A total of 24 questionnaires were completed. Eleven were submitted at the public information meeting. Thirteen were returned by mail, email, or fax. None of the attendees were in general favor of the project and segments and seven were generally opposed to the project or location of the segments. One attendee had no objection to the project and thirteen did not comment in favor nor object to the project.

Permission to Survey forms were sent to each landowner as a part of the project notification packet and were distributed at the public meetings. Thirty six completed forms were received as of May 14, 2013.

As of May 1, 2013, eleven project questionnaires were submitted at the public information meeting, thirteen were emailed or faxed after the meeting, and two comment letters were received after the meeting (Attachment 3). Twenty one of the total respondents were aware of the meeting through the mailing to landowners. One respondent learned about the meeting through a neighbor or friend, one learned about the meeting through the public notice in a newspaper, and one learned about the meeting through an Xcel Energy representative. The project questionnaires indicated:

- 58% (n= 14) of Preliminary Segments were near an attendee's land;
- 43% (n= 10) indicated that segments were near their home;
- 9% (n= 2) indicated that segments were near their business; and
- 9% (n=2) indicated that segments were near employee housing.

A total of 57% of the respondents indicated that they thought the features on the maps were accurately located. Many (68%) of the respondents felt that the aerials properly represented land use and structures. Only two respondents were made aware of additional features that are not shown on the map or were not correctly depicted. Thirty nine percent (n=9) respondents indicated that information provided at the public information meeting adequately explained the need for the proposed transmission line.



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Respondents indicated existing land uses near a proposed segment included:

- Agriculture: 15
- Residential: 11
- Industrial: 1
- Commercial: 1
- Investment Real Estate: 1
- Conservation Easement: 0

Two respondents indicated that the proposed segments were in vicinity of their dairy operation. One response provided on the comment form indicated that their land is a part of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Comment forms were included in the information packet mailed to landowners and provided to meeting attendees (Attachment 4). Fourteen comment forms were collected at the public information meeting or transmitted via fax or mail, and additional comments from the project questionnaire are compiled in Table 1. Comments or notes from the maps at the Public Open House Meeting are referenced as “map comment.”

**Table 1: Comments on Each Segment**

Segment	Comment
B	Expansion of the City of Clovis solid waste facility.
C	Expansion of the City of Clovis solid waste facility.
D	Expansion of the City of Clovis solid waste facility.
H	We do not want the CR 7 route on the south side of the road.
I / EE	Map comment: pet cemetery east of segment
K	We do not want the CR 7 route on the south side of the road.
L	We do not want the CR 7 route on the south side of the road.
M	Map comment: segment is too close to dairy (Heritage Dairy)
P	Map comment: west of segment – new residence under construction (O’Hare residence)
Q	Cooper Dairy: “Segment going south on CR G at the corner of CR 3 is where my home is and I refuse to let you build right next to or near my house for health reasons. That segment also goes right next to our dairy and power lines and dairies don’t go good together. There are plenty of examples where the two do not mix well. The line passes over our employees housing and I don’t want any problems with them because of the lines. My other land is on the segments of CR 5 and CR G between CR H and CR I. We have plans to develop this land one day and your lines will diminish or even destroy our investment opportunities. I am stating that putting your investment opportunities ahead of mine. If you want to buy us out, then do it but don’t just ram a line down our throat for your benefit and none of ours. If you need more power then let’s put together a deal to put up some wind mills with short transmission lines other than going to Texas and only benefitting them.”
Q	Cooper Dairy: “All segments affect my land in one way or another; some more than others. The segment that goes into Roosevelt County down CR G south and east on North RR 2 will cause considerable harm to my dairy. Electricity and cows do not mix. Stray voltage from power lines cause high somatic cell counts, lower milk production, more sickness and will eventually put me out of business. The value of my dairy will drop to nothing. My employee housing will be affected also. I will do everything in my power to stop this from happening. The other segments proposed will lower the

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Segment	Comment
	value of my land. I will fight these also, but my main concern is the dairy on North RR 3."
R	We do not want the CR 7 route on the south side of the road.
R, W?	I prefer not to have these lines close to my property.
W	Map comment: Landowner prefers the transmission line on the west side of the road.
X	Map comment: Landowner prefers the transmission line on the south side of the road.
AO	I do not want the new powerline to run on County Road 1038 across or in front of our house. I am certain my property value would be negatively impacted. (CR 1038 & RR 1731)
AO	Proposed segment goes right over house and prefers it across the road; line goes over livestock. (581 CR 1038, Muleshoe, Texas)
BK / BJ	Map comment: REA – The REA would prefer if the transmission line is within one mile of the Lariat Substation because they could off load the 69kV line contingent on using the Progress Substation 100%. Can only put 8 mW on the Progress Station now (full capacity is 14mW).
BQ / BR	Map comment: Parcel located southwest of the intersection is in the Conservation Reserve Program.
BR	Open to having BR placed on his property. Land is in the Conservation Reserve Program.
BW	I prefer that you do not use segment because of TriGlobal wind lease.
BW	Map comment: crop circle east of segment is under the CRP program (Max Bush)
CA	Against the segment going along FM 1760 due to existing homes along the segment. Many of the homes have elderly residents and there is concern that electrical contamination from the high voltage lines will cause illness. It makes more sense to use the ample wide open spaces in Bailey County rather than segment CA.
IA	Concerned about pacemaker.
IA	Does not want transmission line to affect farming operations and pivot irrigation.
<b>Other Comments / No Segment Indicated</b>	
	Construction of a new private runway for a crop dusting business. Landowner: 349 CR G in Clovis, NM
	What other sources have been identified as alternative ways to get the needed power? Landowner: Cooper Legacy Dairy
	I am interested in selling the property so I am interested in where the power line route is and how that will affect the property value. Landowner: Dale Johnson, 93882 Runestone Lane, Sturgeon Lake, MN
	We do not want transmission lines through our front yard or in a field interfering with pivots or something to plough around. If you had to do it, I think single metal poles will be better than double wooden poles. 84 SR 348, Texico, NM

### General Comments taken from TRC staff at the public meeting:

- According to meeting attendees, there will be wind turbine interests in the project area (TriGlobal).

### Attachments

- Attachment A: Meeting notice from local newspapers.
- Attachment B: Sign-in Sheets
- Attachment C: Completed Project Questionnaires
- Attachment D: Completed Comment Forms
- Attachment E: Telephone Records