

Appendix A
Newsletter and Comment Form

Xcel Energy hosting public open house about proposed transmission lines

Xcel Energy is proposing to construct two 230 kilovolt (kV) single-circuit transmission lines and a substation, referred to as Pleasant Hill, in Curry County, New Mexico. The projects will reduce overloads and low voltage conditions in eastern New Mexico, thus improving overall electrical service.

Xcel Energy is hosting a public open house to share information about routing alternatives and to request input to use when determining the preferred route for each of the proposed projects. You are receiving this notice because one or more of the preliminary alternative routes may require an easement across your property or the centerline of one of the preliminary alternative routes may be located within 300 feet of your property.

At the open house you will have an opportunity to review key information and detailed project maps, interact with project staff, and complete a comment form regarding the proposed projects.

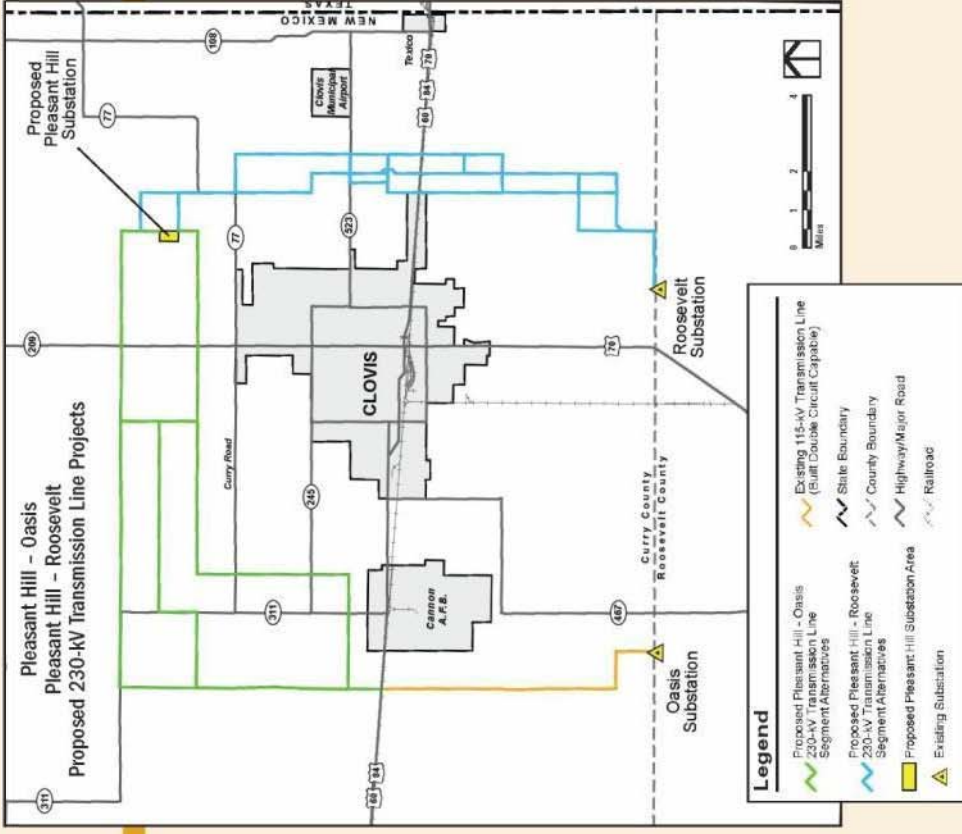
Xcel Energy is committed to routing the proposed transmission lines in a manner consistent with the values of the local communities and New Mexico Public Regulation Commission rules and policies. Xcel Energy has retained the consulting firm, EPG, Inc., to study and prepare environmental assessments for the projects.

Project description

The two transmission lines will connect the proposed Pleasant Hill Substation to (1) the Oasis Substation (Pleasant Hill-Oasis 230 kV Project) and (2) the existing Roosevelt Substation (Pleasant Hill-Roosevelt 230 kV Project).

The Pleasant Hill-Oasis Project is a 230 kV transmission line approximately 30 miles long, with 18 miles of new transmission line extending from the proposed Pleasant Hill Substation approximately five miles northeast of Clovis and connecting to an existing 115 kV line west of Cannon Air Force Base and north of the Oasis Substation.

The Pleasant Hill-Roosevelt Project is a new 230 kV line approximately 20 miles long, extending from the proposed Pleasant Hill Substation to the Roosevelt Substation south of Clovis. The map to the right shows the transmission line segment alternatives under consideration.





600 S Tyler Street
Suite 27B07
Amarillo, TX 79105

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

April 26, 2011
5-7 p.m.

Clovis-Carver Public Library, North Annex
701 North Main Street
Clovis, NM 88101

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**Pleasant Hill to Oasis 230 kV Transmission Line Project
 Pleasant Hill to Roosevelt 230 kV Transmission Line Project
 Comment Form**

April 26, 2011

We welcome your comments on the Pleasant Hill to Oasis and Pleasant Hill to Roosevelt 230 kV transmission line projects. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions. To ensure that your comments will be incorporated in the analysis of alternatives, please return this form at the open house or no later than May 10, 2011 to the following address: EPG, 4141 N. 32nd St., Suite 102, Phoenix, AZ 85018. You may also submit your comments by email to nwallenta@epgaz.com.

Commenter #: _____

1. Please provide your name and address:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State _____
 Zip Code _____

3. Are you a resident in the project study corridors?

- Yes
- No

2. Which project are you commenting on with this form?

- Pleasant Hill to Oasis
- Pleasant Hill to Roosevelt
- Both

4. If you answered 'no' to the question above, please indicate any affiliation that has led to your interest in this project.

- Agency
- City or Town
- Developer
- Landowner
- Other: _____

5. Xcel Energy has identified several key potential factors associated with the preliminary alternatives. Below is a table that lists these factors. Please mark your concern level for each of the factors below with an "X" or check mark:

Key Potential Factors	Highest Concerns —————>		Least Concerns
Proximity to residences			
Mechanized agriculture			
Flood irrigation			
Dry land/pasture			
Agricultural wells			
Livestock operations			
Agricultural out structures			
Aesthetics			
Adjacency to existing low voltage/distribution lines			
Other: _____			
Other: _____			
Other: _____			

6. What additional comments would you like to make related to the alternative link(s) displayed?

7. What additional comments do you have regarding the project overall?

Thank you for your comments. Attach additional pages, if necessary. You may also send additional comments or questions to the address listed on this form.

