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Dear Name,

Southwestern Public Service Company (a division of Xcel Energy) is proposing to construct a new 230 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line in Hartley, Moore, Oldham, and Potter Counties. The proposed transmission line will be approximately 47 miles long, depending upon the route approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The proposed transmission line will connect the existing Channing Substation (located near the City of Channing, Texas at the intersection of Second Street and Tascosa Avenue) to the existing Northwest Substation (located near the City of Cliffside, Texas northeast of the intersection of North Soncy Road and Tascosa Road). Please see the enclosed map.

You are receiving this notice regarding the aforementioned proposed project because one or more of the preliminary alternative routes for the proposed transmission line may require an easement or other property interest across your property, or the centerline of one of the preliminary alternative routes may come within 300 feet of your property.

Southwestern Public Service Company is committed to routing the proposed transmission line in a manner consistent with the values of the local communities, the Texas Utilities Code, the Public Utility Commission of Texas Rules and Policies, and the need to provide reliable electric service to this area of North Texas. In support of the routing process, Southwestern Public Service Company is holding a public participation meeting to solicit input for use in determining the preferred route for the proposed transmission line and share information about line routing alternatives. The public meeting will be held Thursday, July 10, 2008, at Boys Ranch in the Dobkins Fine Arts/Ned O Miller Auditorium located at 11 Julian Bivins in Boys Ranch, Texas from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

PBS&J, a consulting firm retained by Southwestern Public Service Company, has identified preliminary alternative transmission line routes for consideration which are shown as dashed lines on the map to the right and will be available at the meeting to

discuss these routes. Maps with greater detail will be exhibited at the meeting. Individuals attending this “come and go” open house meeting will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide information to representatives and technical experts from Southwestern Public Service Company and PBS&J regarding the routing of the proposed transmission line. These preliminary alternative routes are subject to modification based on further study and information received at the public meetings. If you have any questions concerning these meetings, please contact Brad Sparks at (806) 378-2132.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brad Sparks".

Brad Sparks
Xcel Energy



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**CHANNING SUBSTATION TO NORTHWEST SUBSTATION
230 KV ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT
ROUTING QUESTIONNAIRE**

This questionnaire is designed to help you identify issues related to routing of a proposed 230 kV overhead electric transmission line for the Channing Substation to Northwest Substation project. Your answers will assist the study team in understanding public interests and concerns, and will allow the team to incorporate this information in the route selection process. Please complete this questionnaire **after** you have reviewed the information presented in tonight's meeting. Thank you for your input.

LINE ROUTING CONSIDERATIONS

1. The routing of a transmission line involves many considerations. Please rank the following factors in the order of their importance to you. Indicate the most important factor with the number "1", second most important with the number "2", and so on.

- _____ a. Minimize total length of the line
- _____ b. Minimize length through cultivated fields
- _____ c. Minimize length through rangeland
- _____ d. Minimize the number of residences near the line
- _____ e. Minimize the number of businesses near the line
- _____ f. Minimize the number of public facilities (e.g. parks, schools, churches)
- _____ g. Minimize the clearing of trees
- _____ h. Minimize the impact on wildlife
- _____ i. Minimize the cost of the line
- _____ j. Maintain reliable electric service

2. If you would like to comment further on any of the above factors or identify any other factors that you feel should be considered, please use the space below.

3. If you have a concern with a particular transmission line segment(s) shown on the display of potential routes, please indicate the link letter and describe your concern.

<u>Segment No.</u>	<u>Concern</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. The route alternatives cross several land use types and follow different land use features. Please rate the acceptability of a transmission line in respect to each of the following locations from 1 (preferable) to 3 (unacceptable). Circle the appropriate number for each location.

	<u>Preferable</u>	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Unacceptable</u>
a. Along roads/railroads	1	2	3
b. Along fence lines away from roads	1	2	3
c. Along section lines	1	2	3
d. Along 1/2 section lines	1	2	3

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5. Which of the following applies to your situation?

- _____ a. Potential route is near my home
 _____ b. Potential route is across my land
 _____ c. Potential route is across land I farm
 _____ d. Other, please specify _____

6. Do you believe this meeting and the information provided was helpful for your understanding of the project?

Meeting _____ yes _____ no
 Information Provided _____ yes _____ no

7. Your name, address, and phone number are optional, but would be very useful should we need to contact you regarding an issue.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

