

NOTICE OF SITE PERMIT APPLICATION  
COMPLETENESS DETERMINATION AND  
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Issued: December 19, 2025

**In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for a Site Permit for the up to 600 MW Sherco South & West Battery Energy Storage Project in Sherburne County, Minnesota.**

**Docket Number:** E002/ESS-25-319

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has determined the application of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy) to be sufficiently complete to begin the permitting review process and will hold public information and scoping meetings for a site permit for the up to 600 megawatt (MW) Sherco South & West Battery Energy Storage Project (Project) in Becker, Minnesota.

Xcel Energy proposes to construct and operate a battery energy storage system (ESS) with a nominal power rating of up to 600 MW alternating current with approximately 2,400 megawatt-hours (MWh) of energy capacity on a site consisting of approximately 62 acres adjacent to the Sherburne County Generating Station in the City of Becker, Sherburne County, Minnesota.

The proposed Project will be located on land owned by Xcel Energy, with approximately 35 acres of the site permanently occupied by Project infrastructure. The preliminary design of the ESS units is largely based on Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) battery technology. Project infrastructure would include 704 battery ESS units, 88 medium voltage transformers, and four main power transformers. Additionally, the Project will consist of inverters and electrical feeder lines, a 345 kV generation interconnect (gen-tie) transmission line of up to 600 feet, Project substation, storage, access roads, fencing, and stormwater basins. The proposed Project will interconnect via a gen-tie line from the Project substation to the adjacent existing Sherburne County Station. A map of the proposed Project has been included as part of this notice.

The Commission determined Xcel Energy’s application was complete on Friday, December 19, 2025, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216I.

**Online Meeting via WebEx**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026

**Time:** Begins at 6:00 pm and ends when all attendees have commented or at 8:00 pm, whichever comes first. Please arrive at the start time to ensure participation.

**Join by WebEx (Webinar) Link:**

<https://minnesota.webex.com/minnesota/j.php?MTID=m9b-da2a101e9fde88ee00a6a6213137ea>

**Webinar Number:** 2486 753 3371

**Webinar Password:** MnPUC! (667820 when dialing from a phone or video system)

**Join by Phone:** 1-855-282-6330 Access Code: 2486 753 3371

If you are joining the meeting via WebEx and would like to ask a question or make a comment during the designated portion of the meeting, use the chat or raised-hand functions to send a message to the meeting moderator. If you are joining the meeting by phone, press \*3 on your phone. When it is your turn to speak, your line will be unmuted, and you will be able to ask questions and provide comments. Additional information and instructions are available at:

<https://mn.gov/puc/activities/meetings/webex/>

**In-Person Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

The meeting ends when all attendees have commented or at 8:00 p.m., whichever comes first. Please arrive at the start time to ensure participation.

**Location:** Becker Community Center

11500 Sherburne Ave, Becker, MN 55308

**Public Meeting Information**

Commission staff will facilitate the meeting. The purpose of the meeting, as outlined in Chapter 216I, includes the following:

1. Provide information about the proposed project and the state’s permitting process, and present major issues. Commission staff will begin the meeting by presenting information on the permitting and environmental review process. Applicants will provide an overview of the proposed project and the potential human and environmental impacts and mitigation measures to minimize impacts that are presented in the environmental assessment (EA) included in the application.
2. Accept public comments on the need for and scope of an addendum to the EA included in the application. To help the Commission decide whether it needs to prepare an addendum to the EA, please consider providing information to help answer the following questions:
  - a. Are there potential human and environmental impacts or unique characteristics of the proposed project that are not addressed in the EA prepared by the applicant (pages 43-130 of the site permit application) ?
  - b. Are there any methods to mitigate potential impacts of the proposed project that require further evaluation?

3. Respond to questions raised by the public. At this time, any verbal comments you make will become a part of the record. You may also submit written comments for the record.

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings, please contact the Commission at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the meeting. To find out if a meeting is canceled due to bad weather or other call 1-855-731-6208 or visit [mn.gov/puc](https://mn.gov/puc).

**Comment Period**

Written comments will be accepted through **Monday, January 26, 2026, by 4:30 p.m.** Please include docket number ESS-25-319 in all communications. Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

**Submit Comments**

**Online:** [mn.gov/puc/get-involved/public-comments](https://mn.gov/puc/get-involved/public-comments)

**Email:** [Emily.Johnson1@state.mn.us](mailto:Emily.Johnson1@state.mn.us)

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Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission’s website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

**Additional Information**

**Minnesota Statutes and Rules.** This project is being reviewed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216I. The rules and statutes are available for review at: [revisor.mn.gov](https://revisor.mn.gov).

**Review Process.** Information on the review processes for large energy infrastructure facilities is available on the Commission’s website at: [puc.eip.mn.gov](https://puc.eip.mn.gov).

**Filing Requirements.** Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are required to file documents using the Commission’s electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants, and interested persons are also encouraged to use eFiling:

[edockets.state.mn.us](https://edockets.state.mn.us), select Sign In/Register and follow the prompts.

**Full Case Record.** See all documents filed in this matter via the Commission’s website at: [edockets.state.mn.us](https://edockets.state.mn.us), select Search Documents, enter the docket number (25-319), and select Search.

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**Project Website.** <https://puc.eip.mn.gov/web/project/25319>

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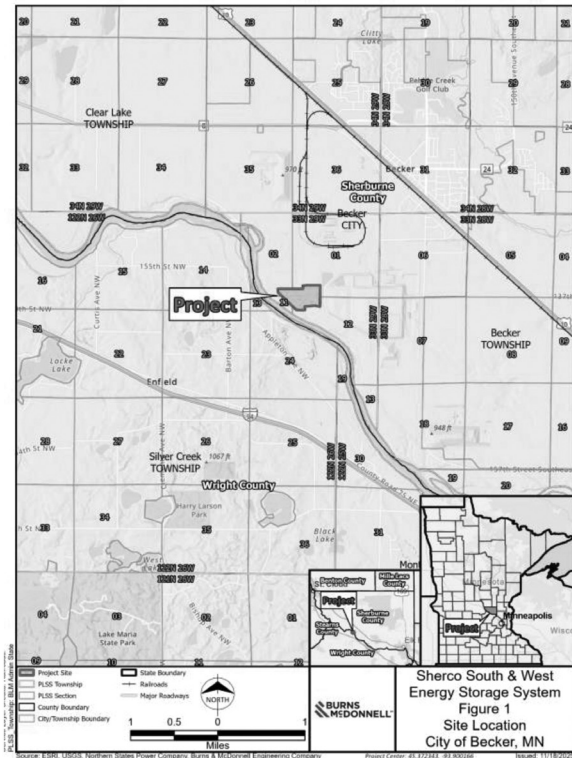
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**Project Overview Map<sup>1</sup>**



**Figure 1: Site Location**

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