Please join us

Xcel Energy and Invenergy open houses

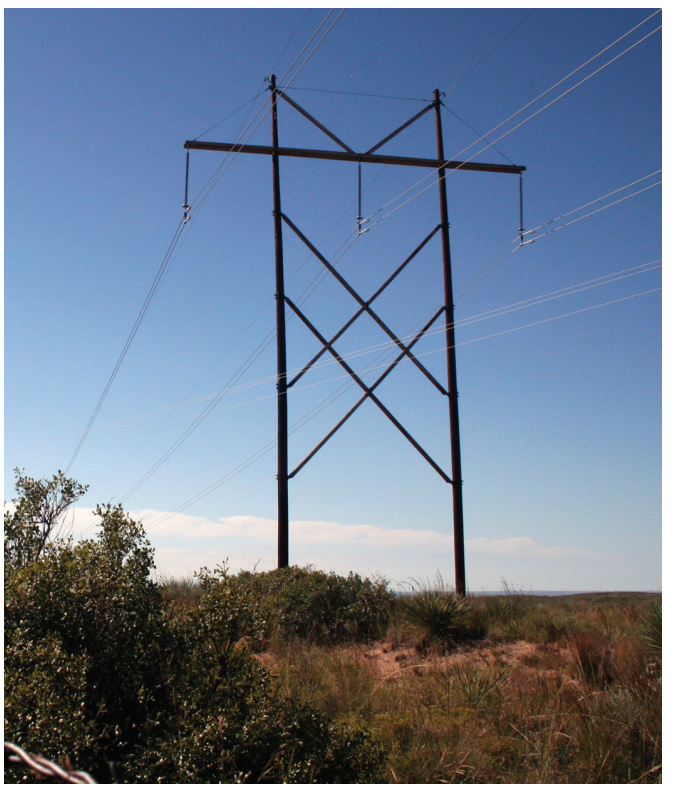
Elbert County
Date: Wednesday, May 25
Time: 5 to 7 p.m.
Location: Big Sandy School cafeteria
1809 CR 125
Simla, CO 80835

Lincoln County
Date: Thursday, May 26
Time: 5 to 7 p.m.
Location: Lincoln County Fairgrounds – Event Building
33747 County Road 2W
Hugo, CO 80821

Arapahoe County
Date: Thursday, June 2
Time: 5 to 7 p.m.
Location: Deer Trail School cafeteria
350 Second Avenue
Deer Trail, CO 80105

Find out more information and submit comments at **www.transmission.xcelenergy.com**, call **1-844-688-4282** or send an email to **rushcreekconnect@powereng.com**. You can also contact us to schedule an in-person meeting on the project. Learn more about Invenergy at **invenergyllc.com**.

1800 Larimer St. (floor 4)
Denver, CO 80202



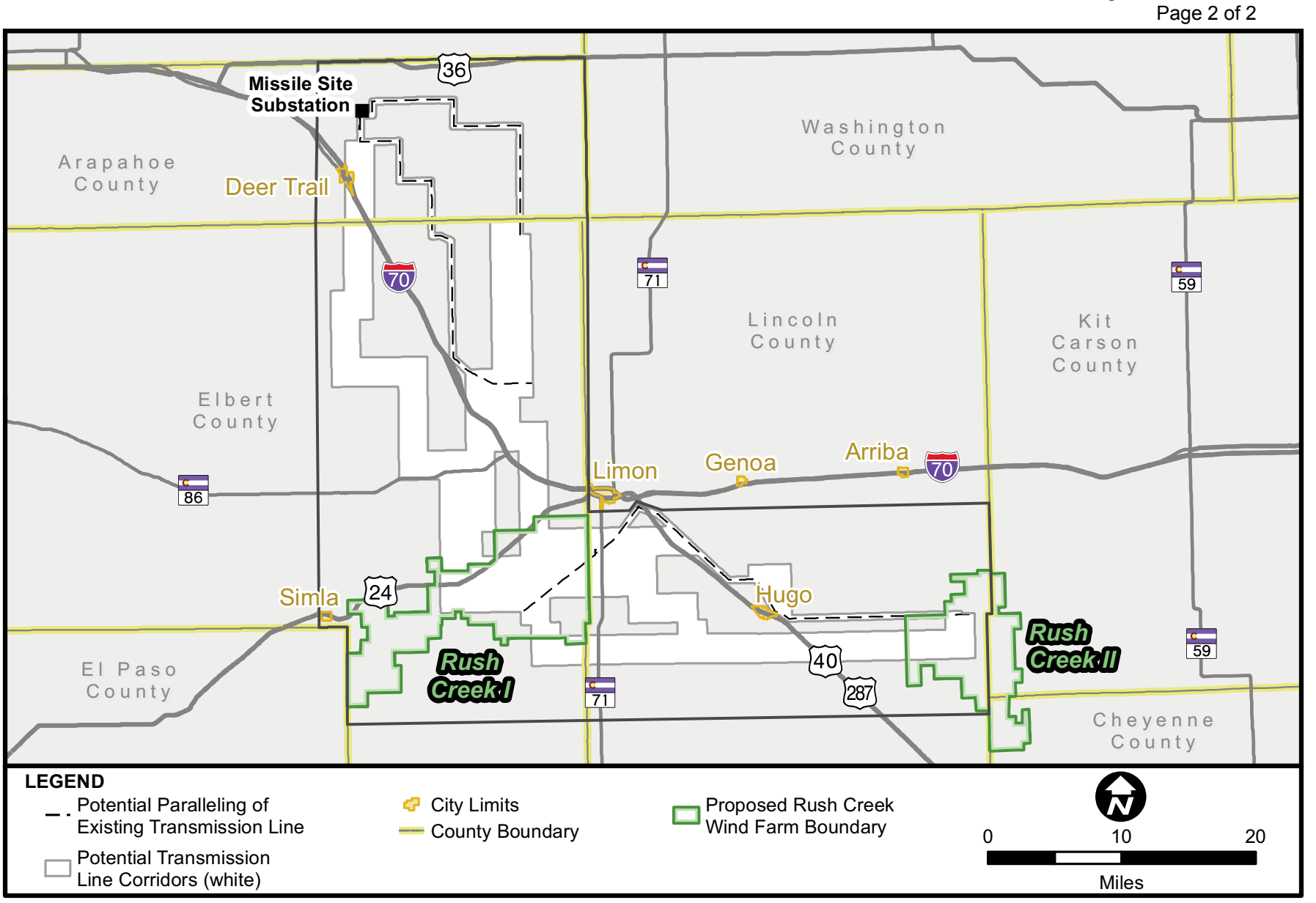
This is a representative 345 kV H-frame transmission line structure that will be used on the Rush Creek project. The structures are typically 100 to 130 feet tall with a 150 foot right-of-way.

Xcel Energy and Invenergy hosting public open houses for a proposed wind and transmission line project

Wind farm to provide millions in annual property taxes and lease payments to landowners; power line to deliver electricity from largest wind project in Colorado

Xcel Energy and Invenergy are hosting three public open houses (dates and times above) on the proposed Rush Creek Wind and Transmission project. Learn more about the proposal to build a 600-megawatt wind project, which will be connected by an approximately 90-mile 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and two substations. Experts will be available to answer questions and discuss project need and benefits, local permitting processes, construction, engineering, environmental aspects, and other wind project and transmission-related issues. Please stop by anytime to learn about the project and provide your comments. No formal presentation is scheduled.

The Rush Creek project is expected to include 300 wind turbines. Each of the wind turbines will have an estimated capacity of 2 megawatts for a 600 megawatt total capacity. The turbine hub height is typically about 260 feet with the tip of the blade being approximately 440 feet tall.

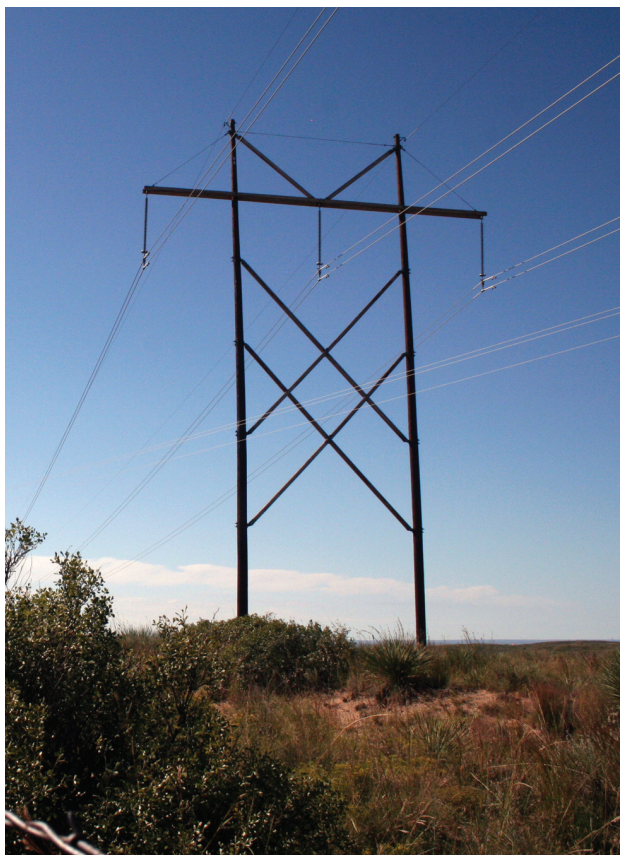


Powering the local economy

Xcel Energy is proposing to build, own and operate the Rush Creek Wind project and will manage permitting for the transmission line. Invenergy has acquired land and will be conducting local permitting activities in Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, and Elbert Counties associated with the wind farm facilities. The wind project is expected to save Xcel Energy customers hundreds of millions of dollars in energy costs over the next 25 years. With the wind farm and transmission facilities, Xcel Energy will invest an estimated $1 billion dollars into the state's economy including the purchase of 300 Vestas wind turbines which will be manufactured in Brighton, Pueblo and Windsor, Colo. The wind farm will provide millions of dollars in sales and property taxes to local and state government and $3 to $7.5 million in annual landowner wind payments. At the peak of construction, the wind farm and transmission project will employ about 350 construction workers.

Regulatory process

When proposing a transmission line project, all utilities must file a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) application with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. Xcel Energy plans to file a CPCN application for the project in May. The CPCN process does not decide the final route of the transmission line. The final location is determined through a separate local government siting and permitting process in Arapahoe, Elbert and Lincoln Counties. The proposed in-service date for the Rush Creek project is 2018.



Quick facts

- 600 megawatts of wind power
  - 300 two-megawatt wind turbines
- 90-mile 345 kV transmission line
- Targeted in-service date: 2018

Project benefits

- 350 jobs created
- $3 to $7.5 million in annual landowner wind payments
- Estimated Xcel Energy customer savings: $800 million over 25 years

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