



EATON TOWN NEWS

TOWN BOARD TO CONSIDER XCEL ENERGY LINE TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY

At the March 17 Trustee meeting, the Town of Eaton Board of Trustees will consider approval of an Xcel Energy proposal to install a new transmission line to improve power reliability and service. The line is part of a larger project that includes installing a new transmission line, construction of two new substations, and improvement to two existing substations.

The route of the transmission line will be the focus of the Board's discussion. Conversations have been underway for nearly three years and have included extensive public outreach and multiple route revisions. Ultimately, Xcel is proposing a path that is minimally intrusive to residential neighborhoods, but as a result, will travel through Eaton Commons Park. The Weld County Board of County Commissions and the Planning and Zoning Commission have already approved the route line in the 1041 permit process.

Mitigation

In anticipation of the Xcel proposal, the Board has already begun discussions about mitigating the negative impacts of this route. General park enhancements, aesthetic improvements, and other elements are all under consideration. Final mitigation plans will be determined based on community feedback, effectiveness, and cost.

Project Details

The proposed project is a part of Xcel Energy's larger Northern Colorado Area Plan, which includes investments to modernize the system to deliver reliable electricity service.

The Eaton project includes building a single-pole steel structure 115/230 - kilovolt transmission line between the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Ault Substation to the existing Xcel Energy Cloverly Substation. The overall project also includes the construction of two new substations, one in Ault and one in Eaton. Additionally, Xcel will make improvements to the existing Eaton substation and the Cloverly substation. The existing Eaton substation will eventually be decommissioned once the new one is constructed.

See below for a map and visit www.xcelenergynortherncoloradoareaplan.com for more information.

Meeting Details

The Eaton Town Board of Trustees Meeting and Public Hearing for the Xcel Energy Northern Colorado Area Plan will take place on Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. in the Gary Carston Board Room, 224 1st St.

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