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**Subject: Xcel Energy's SW MN Wind Transmission Development
Substation Locations**
Nobles County substation
Fenton substation
Yankee substation
Brookings County substation

Xcel Energy has optioned properties for these substations. Subject to environmental review and other due diligence, Xcel Energy will exercise the options in 2006 and construction of each will begin fall 2006.

The following descriptions of these parcels are provided simply for the information of interested parties. Several wind developers have requested this information for planning purposes.

Nobles County Substation

NE1/4, Section 23, T103N, R41W, Nobles County. The substation will likely be located in the SW1/4 of this parcel.

Fenton Substation

N1/2 of the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 and the S1/2 of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 20, T105N, R42W, Murray County

Yankee Substation

Site 5 as designated by the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board permit.
The N1/2 of all that part of the NW1/4 lying South of the centerline of the township road in the NW1/4, Section 5, T109N, R46W, Lincoln County

Brookings County Substation

40 acres in the Northeast corner of the SE1/4, Section 25, T111N, R48W, Brookings County

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