



# Resolution

## No. 2019-03

### SUPPORTING THE EAST ROUTE OPTION OF XCEL ENERGY'S PROPOSED 2<sup>nd</sup> CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, in August of 2017, Xcel Energy announced their plan to install a new "Second Circuit" to improve quality and reliability of electrical service for their customers in Bayfield, Washburn and on Madeline Island;

**WHEREAS**, after receiving input from the Bayfield County community, Xcel Energy reconsidered the routing of the Second Circuit Project and developed an additional routing option for the project. Xcel calls this new route option the East Route, and their original proposal is now the West Route;

**WHEREAS**, Xcel Energy has stated that both route options meet their objectives for the Second Circuit Project and that they will not indicate to the Public Service Commission preference for one route over the other;

**WHEREAS**, interested local citizens developed a tool for comparing the impacts of different route options for the project, and the Town Boards of the five affected Townships all endorsed the use of this tool for deciding which route would be preferred;

**WHEREAS**, application of this route comparison tool shows the East Route to be the preferable option with regard to impacts to the community and local environment;

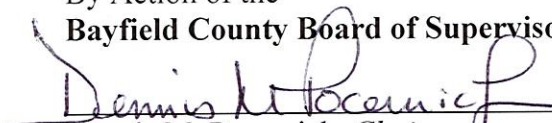
**WHEREAS**, Township Boards of Eileen, Barksdale, Washburn, Bayview, and Bayfield, and the City Councils of Washburn and Bayfield all considered this, and all went on record in favor of the East Route;

**WHEREAS**, the East Route will require less new acreage from the Bayfield County Forest inventory;

**WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2019, the Forestry and Parks Committee voted to endorse the East Route option for the Xcel Energy 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Project and recommended forwarding this resolution to the full Bayfield County Board for their consideration;

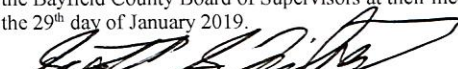
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019, supports and endorses the East Route option of Xcel Energy's proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Transmission Line project.

By Action of the  
**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors**

  
Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chairman*

STATE OF WISCONSIN     )  
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BAYFIELD COUNTY        )

I, Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Volume 26, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

  
Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*