

High Plains Express Transmission Project Invitation to Stakeholder Meeting

March 14, 2007

You are invited to attend the first stakeholder meeting on the High Plains Express (HPX) Transmission Project Feasibility Study, which will be held on **Friday, March 23, 2007, in Denver, Colorado. The meeting will be held from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, near Denver International Airport.**

The hotel is located at 7001 Yampa St., Denver, CO, 80249. Phone 303-574-3000. The hotel offers shuttle service from the airport.

A Memorandum of Understanding for the HPX Feasibility Study has been executed by Colorado Springs Utilities, Platte River Power Authority, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Salt River Project, Trans-Elect, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Western Area Power Administration, and Xcel Energy (as agent for Public Service Company of Colorado). The parties have expressed a desire to work together to consider, study, and plan for the expansion and reinforcement of the regional transmission grid in the Western Interconnection to provide for a high-voltage backbone transmission system that would originate in Wyoming. At a minimum, the transmission would terminate in southern Colorado or northeast New Mexico, and at a maximum, terminate in the Phoenix area of Arizona. The transmission would enhance reliability and allow the transfer of economical resources to customers in each of the states.

The HPX is a proactive plan to look at integrating generation from potential resource zones, where large concentrations of renewable and other types of generation may be developed. It has the potential to provide increased access to diverse resources; better access to customers; increase the region's import and export capabilities; minimize environmental impacts by sharing utility corridors where feasible; and improve overall regional electric reliability.

We hope you will join us in Denver. The meeting has been scheduled to allow for participants to fly in and out that day, so hotel rooms have not been arranged. If you want to find out more about the meeting, please contact Stephanie Preston at 303-571-7255, or Stephanie.L.Preston@xcelenergy.com.
