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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Xcel Energy Pipeline Replacement Project
West 7th Street and Intersection of Duke and Colborne Streets
Sound Level Variance

Dear St. Paul Property Owner:

This is to inform you of a request for a variance from the sound level limitations as indicated in the St. Paul Noise Ordinance (Chapter 293 of the St. Paul Legislative Code). Property owned by you and located near the noise source, may be affected by this variance request. Rental property owners must provide a copy of this notice to all renters or post a copy in a common area of the building so it can be viewed by the occupants.

Description of Variance:
Locations: Under West 7th Street and the RR tracks at the intersection of Duke Street and Colborne Street South as part of a pipeline replacement project
Noise Source: : Xcel Energy, represented by Tony Wendland, Project Manager has requested a sound level variance for construction and work using various pieces of equipment, including a Horizontal Directional Drilling Guide (HDD) bore rig, and support equipment, such as an excavator and mud machine. The equipment will be used to bore a section of pipeline under West 7th Street and the Railroad Tracks (RR) at the intersection of Duke Street and Colborne Street South for pipe replacement. The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) will be recommending the following conditions: 1.The variance will be for construction work, and pipeline boring and replacement, with the sound source at the intersection of Duke Street and Colborne Street South from June 27, 2016 to July 23, 2016. 2. Work periods will be restricted to Monday through Saturday, beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. No work will occur on Sundays. 3. The Contractors working on the project will use best practicable methods for controlling noise. Xcel Energy will be installing a temporary sound wall in this area to help in minimizing noise. All electronically powered equipment used in conjunction with the event shall not exceed 95 dBA as measured at 50 feet from the sound source outside on the street

A public hearing before the City Council on this variance request will be held on:
Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: 3rd floor, City Hall Council Chambers

If you attend the public hearing, you will be given the opportunity to present verbal comments or objections before the City Council. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may within fifteen (15) days of the mailing date on this notice, submit written comments or objections with the City of St. Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806, attention Barb McMonigal-St. Dennis or by email to barb.mcmonigal-st.dennis@ci.stpaul.mn.us. Written comments or objections must be received on or before Tuesday, April 19, 2016.