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From: Chomiak, Jacque <jchomiak@auroragov.org>
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 11:19 AM
To: Van Kirk, John
Subject: RE: Cottonwood Trees in Xcel's Pawnee to Daniels Park Project Right-of-Way

John,
Since the trees came up naturally and are within your easement, I have decided not to ask for mitigation. If the trees had been part of an approved site plan by Xcel, then I would require mitigation. I wouldn't have had any issues if the Veg Management team would have removed them to clear the area of the transmission line since they came up naturally in the easement. No mitigation is required for this project. If you have any questions, let me know. Thanks!
Jacque

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From: Van Kirk, John [<mailto:John.VanKirk@hdrinc.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 9:41 AM
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Cc: Holscher, Derek D <Derek.D.Holscher@xcelenergy.com>
Subject: RE: Cottonwood Trees in Xcel's Pawnee to Daniels Park Project Right-of-Way

Hi Jacque,

Thanks for the note. In response to your question, the new transmission line will be built within Xcel existing 210-foot easement that was established in the 1960's. There is an existing transmission line on one side of the easement, the new line would be built parallel to that on the other side of the easement. The trees have simply grown in the easement in some of the riparian corridors and have not been removed by Xcel's veg management group since they are not large enough to be a danger to the existing T-line, but they would interfere with the new line.

Also, we were looking at doing a site visit in the next couple of weeks, and were wondering if you would be interested in attending.
I'm in the office all day today if you want to chat.

Thanks!
John

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From: Chomiak, Jacque [<mailto:jchomiak@auroragov.org>]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2016 5:18 PM
To: Van Kirk, John
Subject: Re: Cottonwood Trees in Xcel's Pawnee to Daniels Park Project Right-of-Way

Hi John,

I'm out today, but will be in tomorrow. I'll try to give you a call then. But just as an FYI, cottonwoods would require tree mitigation per the Tree Preservation Policy. Were these trees approved by Xcel when plans were submitted or did they come up on there own considering it is a riparian area?

Jacque

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From: Van Kirk, John <John.VanKirk@hdrinc.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2016 10:55:11 AM
To: Chomiak, Jacque
Cc: Holscher, Derek D
Subject: Cottonwood Trees in Xcel's Pawnee to Daniels Park Project Right-of-Way

Hi Jacque,

I left you a voice mail, but thought I would send you a quick e-mail as well.

As I mentioned in my message, Xcel is preparing to submit a site plan to the city for the new Pawnee to Daniels Park transmission line; however, there are several riparian areas within the easement that contain cottonwood trees which would likely need to be removed when the new project is constructed.

We would like to initiate the discussion with Forestry on the subject of tree removal within Xcel's right-of-way as part of this project, and what the city's policy is regarding removal of cottonwood trees.

If you would like, we would be happy to arrange a site visit with you to view the areas where tree removal may be needed.

Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you.

John

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