

Boulder plans meeting to update public on talks with Xcel Energy

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Boulder is holding a public meeting on Monday to update anyone interested in the city's ongoing, mandated negotiations with Xcel Energy.

The meeting will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Sustainability, Energy and Environment Complex auditorium, 4001 Discovery Drive, at the University of Colorado's East Campus.

The negotiations were required by the Public Utilities Commission in September [when it gave partial, conditional approval to the city's proposal](#) to separate from Xcel, the city's incumbent electric provider.

Boulder is prepared to move ahead in an attempt to condemn Xcel's local assets and strike up a city-owned utility, but it is not quite finished at the PUC. By March 13, Boulder and Xcel must present the commission with three separate agreements that were conditions of approval.

The three requirements are:

- The filing of an agreement between Boulder and Xcel that allows Xcel to permanently place and access facilities in Boulder that it needs to serve its remaining customers
- The filing of a revised asset list that corrects "errors and omissions" from what was originally submitted
- The filing of an agreement, or multiple agreements, between Boulder and Xcel addressing the city's payment to Xcel for costs the company incurs facilitating separation

These necessary agreements are the subject of a planned March 5 public hearing before the City Council.

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