MINNESOTA

SHERCO SITE TRANSITION

INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE

The transformation of the Sherco coal plant site into a clean energy hub is a key part of Xcel Energy's clean energy leadership in the Upper Midwest. For decades, Sherco has been Minnesota's largest power plant with three coal-fired units constructed in the 1970s.

As we exit the use of coal by 2030, investments in solar, battery storage and newtransmission lines at the site will help deliver a clean energy future for our customersand communities.

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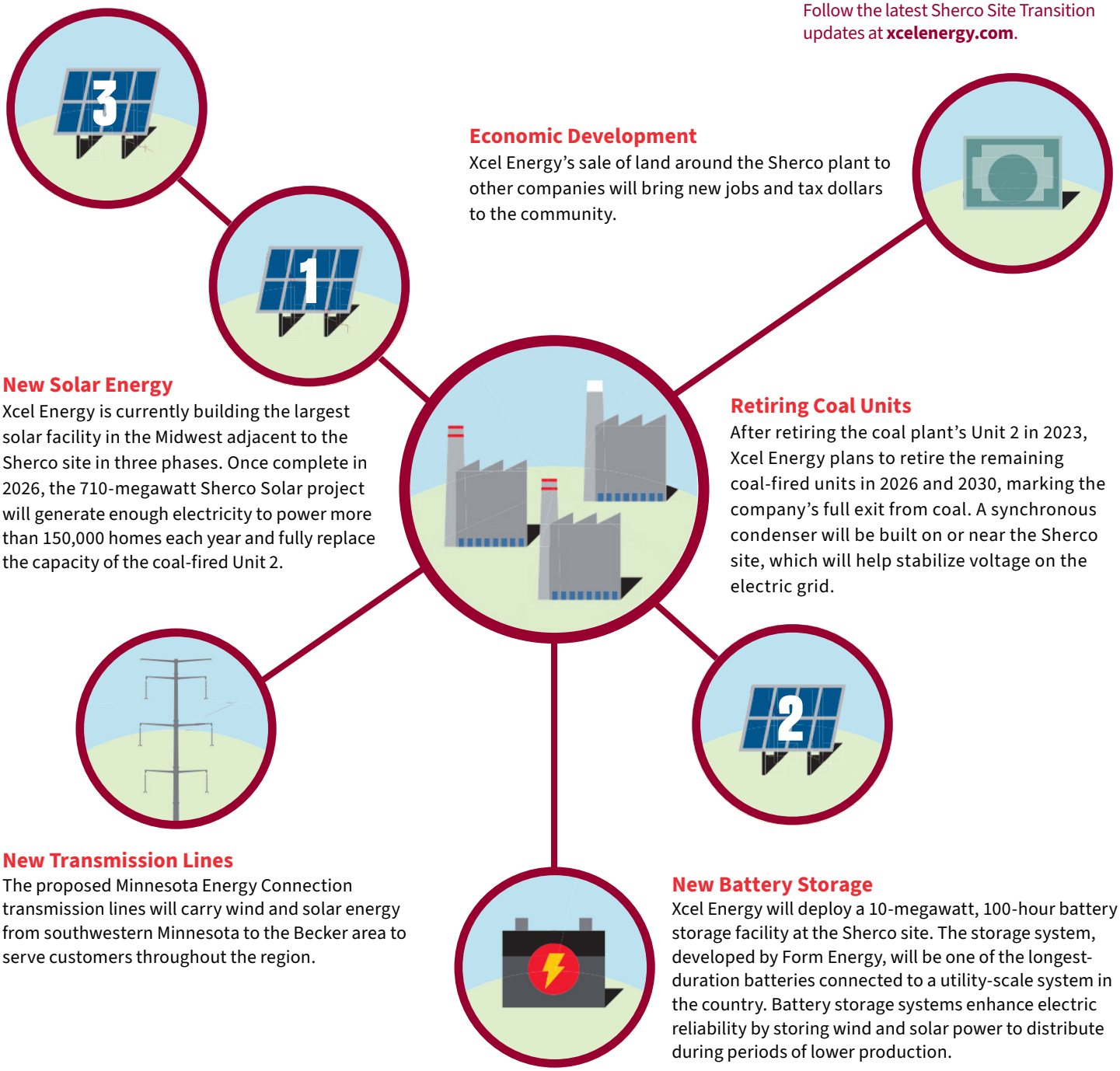

Economic Development

Xcel Energy's sale of land around the Sherco plant to other companies will bring new jobs and tax dollars to the community.

New Solar Energy

Xcel Energy is currently building the largest solar facility in the Midwest adjacent to the Sherco site in three phases. Once complete in 2026, the 710-megawatt Sherco Solar project will generate enough electricity to power more than 150,000 homes each year and fully replace the capacity of the coal-fired Unit 2.

Retiring Coal Units

After retiring the coal plant's Unit 2 in 2023, Xcel Energy plans to retire the remaining coal-fired units in 2026 and 2030, marking the company's full exit from coal. A synchronous condenser will be built on or near the Sherco site, which will help stabilize voltage on the electric grid.

New Transmission Lines

The proposed Minnesota Energy Connection transmission lines will carry wind and solar energy from southwestern Minnesota to the Becker area to serve customers throughout the region.

New Battery Storage

Xcel Energy will deploy a 10-megawatt, 100-hour battery storage facility at the Sherco site. The storage system, developed by Form Energy, will be one of the longest-duration batteries connected to a utility-scale system in the country. Battery storage systems enhance electric reliability by storing wind and solar power to distribute during periods of lower production.

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