



COALITION OF  
UTILITY CITIES

# REPRESENTING THE UNIQUE INTERESTS OF POWER PLANT HOST CITIES

## Who We Are

### COALITION OF UTILITY CITIES (CUC)

CUC consists of seven cities that host large, baseload power plants owned by investor-owned utilities. These plants are typically the largest property taxpayer and a major employer in each host city, but these cities also bear the burden of providing infrastructure and special services to support the plants. As many of these plants head towards retirement, these cities will also feel massive impact.

#### **Becker** | Sherburne County Generating Station ("Sherco")

**Utility:** Xcel Energy  
**Fuel source:** Three coal-fired generating units  
**Final Retirement Dates:** Unit 2 (2023); Unit 1 (2026); Unit 3 (2030)  
**Approx. # of employees:** 300  
**Property tax as a percentage of city total:** 65%

#### **Red Wing** | Prairie Island Nuclear Plant

**Utility:** Xcel Energy  
**Fuel source:** Two nuclear generating units  
**Final Retirement Dates:** TBD  
**Approx. # of employees:** 600  
**Property tax as a percentage of city total:** 47%

#### **Cohasset** | Boswell Energy Center

**Utility:** Minnesota Power  
**Fuel source:** Four coal-fired generating units  
**Final Retirement Dates:** Units 1&2 (2019); Unit 3 (2029); Unit 4 (2035)  
**Approx. # of employees:** 180  
**Property tax as a percentage of city total:** 55% (down from 69% prior to unit 1 & 2 retirement)

#### **Granite Falls** | Minnesota Valley Plant

**Utility:** Xcel Energy  
**Fuel source:** Coal-fired generator  
**Final Retirement Date:** 2004 (Demolished in 2022)  
**Property tax as a percentage of city total:** Retired

#### **Hoyt Lakes** | Laskin Natural Gas Plant

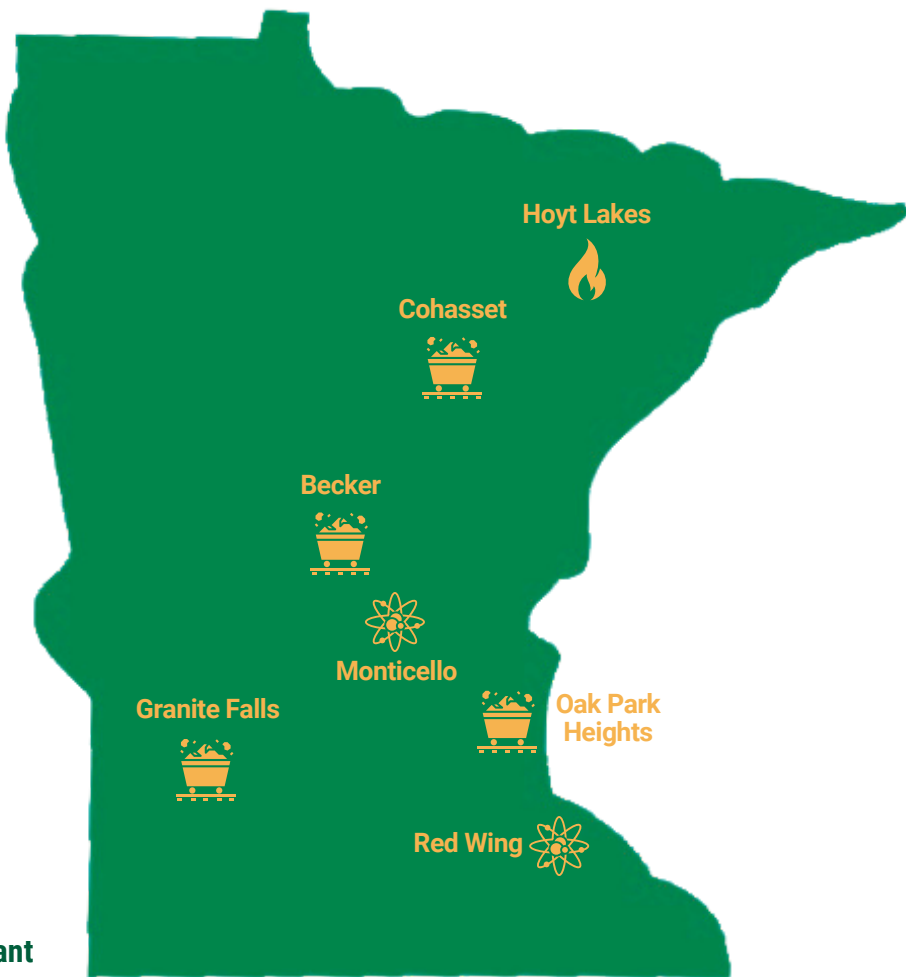
**Utility:** Minnesota Power  
**Fuel source:** Natural Gas (converted from coal)  
**Final Retirement Date:** TBD  
**Approx. # of employees:** 12  
**Property tax as a percentage of city total:** 40%

#### **Monticello** | Monticello Nuclear Plant

**Utility:** Xcel Energy  
**Fuel source:** Nuclear  
**Final Retirement Date:** Projected 2040  
**Approx. # of employees:** 460  
**Property tax as a percentage of city total:** 49%

#### **Oak Park Heights** | Allen S. King Power Plant

**Utility:** Xcel Energy  
**Fuel source:** Coal-fired generating units  
**Final Retirement Date:** 2028  
**Approx. # of employees:** 100  
**Property tax as a percentage of city total:** 30%



Sources: Center for Energy and Environment Study – "Minnesota's Power Plant Communities: An Uncertain Future," Minnesota Department of Revenue Utility and Pipeline Market Value Data (2020).