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PUBLIC NOTICE

EQB SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSALS FOR AMENDING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RULES REGARDING “CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OR EFFECTS”

In August 2006, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) issued a Request for Comments on possible amendments to the Environmental Review program rules (chapter 4410) and in December 2006 issued Supplemental Request for Comments on additional amendments to the same rules. Included among the possible amendments were various rule provisions concerning the treatment of “cumulative impacts” or “cumulative potential effects.” The proposed revisions to the “cumulative impacts/potential effects” rule provisions were conceptual at the time of those notices.

The EQB is now seeking further public comment on more specific proposals for amendments. The proposals can be viewed at the EQB Website (www.eqb.state.mn.us)

Comments or questions should be directed to:

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300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street
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EQB MONITOR

The *EQB Monitor* is a biweekly publication of the Environmental Quality Board that lists descriptions and deadlines for Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements, and other notices. The *EQB Monitor* is posted on the Environmental Quality board home page at <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/>.

Upon request, the *EQB Monitor* will be made available in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print, or audio tape. For TTY, contact Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and ask for Department of Administration. For information on the *EQB Monitor*, contact:

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
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St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
Phone: 651-201-2480
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<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

Comments will be accepted through Friday, June 25, 2007. Following analysis of the comments, the EQB staff expects to draft actual proposed rule amendments, and the accompanying Statement of Need and Reasonableness material, and to request the Board to authorize formal rulemaking.

PUBLIC NOTICE

EQB SEEKS INPUT ON REVISED PROPOSED MANDATORY EAW & EIS CATEGORIES FOR PROJECTS IN SHORELANDS

In August 2006 the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) issued a Request for Comments on possible amendments to the Environmental Review program rules (chapter 4410) and in December 2006 issued Supplemental Request for Comments on additional amendments to the same rules. Included was a proposal for creating new mandatory EAW and EIS categories that would apply to certain projects constructed in shorelands of lakes and rivers.

The EQB is now seeking further public comment on a revised and simplified proposal for mandatory categories in shorelands. The revised proposal can be viewed at the EQB website (www.eqb.state.mn.us).

Comments or questions should be directed to:

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Comments will be accepted through Monday, June 25, 2007. Following analysis of the comments, the EQB staff expects to draft actual proposed rule amendments, and the accompanying Statement of Need and Reasonableness material, and to request the Board to authorize formal rulemaking.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: June 6, 2007

Project Title: Hadley Creek Development

Description: The project includes a total of 234 acres. The site is north of 48th Street SE (C.R. 124) and east of TH 63. The project proposes a phased multi-use development with approximately 285 single-family homes and 176 multi-family units on 113 acres, 9 acres of commercial uses, and a 109-acre municipal golf course golf practice facility is proposed to be developed on the remaining land. This property is currently owned by the City of Rochester (207.4 acres) and Hadley Valley Partners of Rochester, LLC (26.4 acres).

RGU: City of Rochester

Contact Person:

John Harford, Senior Planner
Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department
2122 Campus Drive SE
Rochester, MN 55904
(507) 285-8232

Project Title: Howard Lake Wastewater Treatment Improvements

Description: The city of Howard Lake proposes to upgrade its wastewater treatment facility and increase its capacity from 369,000 gallons per day (gpd) to 850,000 gpd. The project includes construction of a new pretreatment building, oxidation ditch, clarifier, chlorine contact basin, and biosolids storage facility. Treated effluent will continue to discharge to Mallard Pass Lake from the existing outfall. The phosphorus load limit will be frozen at the currently permitted level.

In addition to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit will also be available for public comment concurrently. The contact person for the NPDES/SDS Permit is Emily Schnick at 651-297-8502.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Website at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person:

Barbara Jean Conti, Project Manager
Environmental Review and Operations Section
Regional Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road No.
St. Paul, MN 55155
651-296-6703

Project Title: Willmar Southern Interceptor Sewer Project

Description: The city of Willmar (City) proposes to construct a sanitary sewer interceptor from the City's existing wastewater treatment facility to 19th Avenue Southeast. The interceptor will be constructed within newly dedicated 5th Street Southeast roadway right-of-way prior to paving.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person:

Chai Insook, Principal Planner
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Project Title: Lone Tree Farm, LLC, Project

Description: Lone Tree Farm, LLC, is proposing to construct two naturally ventilated total confinement swine finishing barns with a capacity for 2,000 head, or 1,600 animal units, within each livestock unit. The proposed project will be located in the SE 1/4 of Section 29, Woods Township in Chippewa County, Minnesota. Manure will be collected in concrete pits beneath barns and removed once a year in the fall, where it will be injected as fertilizer into the soil of designated cropland at agronomic rates.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person:

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EA/EAW AVAILABLE

Public Hearing and Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) for the Reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 in Washington County

The public is encouraged to attend an open house and public hearing regarding the EA/EAW for the proposed reconstruction of CSAH 15 (S.P. 82-615-20 and 72-612-12). The proposed project is located in the cities of Grant, Stillwater, and Lake Elmo and in Stillwater Township, Washington County, Minnesota. The open house and hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2007, at the County Board chambers of the Washington County Government Center, 14949 62nd St. No., Stillwater, Minnesota. The open house will be held between 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. The Government Center is handicap accessible. If you have any special needs, please contact Colleen Reynolds at 651-430-4300.

During the open house, the public will be able to ask questions and discuss the project in an informal manner with city and county officials along with representatives from Howard R. Green Co., the project consultant. Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information, including the EA/EAW, will be available for public inspection.

The public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. There will be a formal presentation, including a brief overview of the EA/EAW. The public is encouraged to comment. Comments will be received in either written form or verbally (by a recorder), and will become part of the official public hearing record. The comments will be considered when making future project-related decisions.

The existing roadway is a two-lane rural section, with 8-foot shoulders and ditches. The proposed project includes the reconstruction of the roadway as a four-lane divided facility with an urban section, with curb and gutter on the east side and a rural ditch section on the west. Curb and gutter will be used on sensitive areas on the west side to minimize construction impacts. Shoulders and right- and left-turn lanes will be included in the design. The project also includes a separated pedestrian/bicycle path on the east side.

Copies of the EA/EAW, which documents the purpose and need of the project along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, are available for public viewing during business hours at the following locations:

Washington County Department of Transportation
& Physical Development
11660 Myeron Road No.
Stillwater, MN 55082

Grant City Offices
111 Wildwood Rd.
Willernie, MN 55090

Washington County Government Center
Office of Administration
14949 62nd St. No.
Stillwater, MN 55082-0006

Stillwater Public Library
224 No. Third St.
Stillwater, MN 55082

Stillwater City Hall
216 No. Fourth St.
Stillwater, MN 55082

Lake Elmo City Hall
3800 Laverne Ave. No.
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Comments can be mailed, prior to the close of the public comment period on June 6, 2007, to Joseph Lux, Project Manager, at the Washington County Department of Transportation & Physical development at the address presented above.

Donald J. Thiesen, Director
Transportation & Physical Development
Washington County, MN

To be published May 7, 2007 and May 21, 2007, by the Stillwater Gazette in the Legal Notices (an Affidavit of Publication is required)

To be published May 7, 2007 and May 21, 2007, by the Lillie Suburban in the Legal Notices (an Affidavit of Publication is required)

To be published May 7, 2007 and May 21, 2007, by the Environmental Quality Board Monitor in the Legal Notices (An Affidavit of Publication is required)

To be published on the Washington County Website May 7-June 6, 2007.

PETITION FILED

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- City of Forest Lake, Wal-Mart project

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Northeast Dayton Area Trunk and Lateral Sewer Project, April 24, 2007 (March 12, 2007)
- City of St. Michael City Council, TH 241/CSAH 35 One-Way Pair Project, April 17, 2007 (March 12, 2007)
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Wilton Gravel Site project, April 19, 2007 (November 6, 2006)
- City of Avon, Avon Estates, April 2, 2007 (February 12, 2007)
- Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners, Willmar Realty Corp. Eagle Lake West Pit EAW & Duinink Bros. Inc. CA Pit EAW, April 17, 2007 (February 26, 2007)

NOTICES

Please take notice of the following correction

Public Meeting Notice – Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday, May 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shoreview Community Center located in **Shoreview, MN**.

For more information please contact Leslie McInenly at (651)603-6761 or visit the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>.

Notifications of Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
07-NO-039	Monsanto	Soybean	Modified Oil	Redwood (3)
07-NO-040	USDA Agricultural Research Service	Soybean	Product Quality and Markers	Dakota

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us.

Transgenic Corn Rootworm Resistant Corn - Commercial Use Exemption

Dow AgroSciences requested and was granted an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit on April 27, 2007 for corn rootworm resistant progeny lines derived from transformation event DAS-59122-7. These progeny lines contain the stably integrated genes, *cry34Ab1* and *cry35Ab1*, isolated from *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which encode the Cry34Ab1 and the Cry35Ab1 insect control proteins that confer corn rootworm resistance. The corn lines containing this gene are no longer regulated under USDA/APHIS guidelines. Under this exemption from state permit, Dow AgroSciences is allowed to commercially use these corn rootworm resistant corn lines without further regulation. For additional information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us

Transgenic Corn Rootworm and Corn Borer Resistant Corn - Commercial Use Exemption

Dow AgroSciences requested and was granted an exemption from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Genetically Engineered Organism Release Permit on April 27, 2007 for corn borer and corn rootworm resistant progeny lines derived from transformation events TC1507 and DAS-59122-7. These progeny lines contain both the stably integrated genes, *cry34Ab1* and *cry35Ab1*, isolated from *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which encode the Cry34Ab1 and the Cry35Ab1 insect control proteins that confer corn rootworm resistance, and gene, *cry1F*, isolated from *Bacillus thuringiensis*, which encodes the Cry1F protein that confers resistance to corn borer. The corn lines containing these genes are no longer regulated under USDA/APHIS guidelines. Under this exemption from state permit, Dow AgroSciences is allowed to commercially use these corn rootworm and corn borer resistant corn lines without further regulation. For additional information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us

FHWA-SHPO Section 106 Programmatic Agreement on Pre-1956 Historic Bridges Notice of Public Review Availability

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) St. Paul District, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

Description. The FHWA is requesting public comments on a Programmatic Agreement regarding pre-1956 historic bridges developed between the FHWA, SHPO, the ACHP, the Corps of Engineers St. Paul District, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) (as per 36 CFR 800.14(b)(2)(ii)). The proposed Programmatic Agreement outlines the various studies conducted on pre-1956 bridges in Minnesota, the list of bridges eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and preservation efforts in regards to historic bridges.

Document Availability. The pre-1956 Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement is available for review at the following web link on the Mn/DOT CRU web page:

http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment/cultural_res/index.html

Comment Period. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on this Pre-1956 Historic Bridge Programmatic Agreement in writing until 4:30 p.m. on June 7, 2007.

Agency Contact. Written comments, questions, and requests for more information on this Programmatic Agreement should be addressed to: Cheryl Martin, Environmental Engineer, Galtier Plaza, 380 Jackson Street, Suite 500
St Paul, MN 55101-2904; 651-291-6120.

In the Matter of the 115 kV Appleton to Canby High Voltage Transmission Line Project proposed by Ottertail Power Company MPUC Docket Numbers: E017/CN-06-677 and E017/TL-06-1265

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its rescheduled meeting on March 6, 2007 (original meeting date March 1, 2007), the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission determined that the Environmental Assessment and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the Scoping Decision. The Commission also designated a HVTL route and issued a HVTL Route Permit for the proposed Appleton to Canby Transmission Line project.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce project manager: Jeffrey Haase, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55155. Tel: (651).297.5648; e-mail: jeffrey.haase@state.mn.us

Information about this project may also be obtained on the Energy Facilities section of the EQB web site:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18663>

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
TOWER HVTL PROJECT
PROPOSED BY
MINNESOTA POWER & GREAT RIVER ENERGY**

**St. Louis County, Minnesota
PUC Docket No. ET2, E015/TL-06-1624**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Tower HVTL project proposed by Minnesota Power (MP) and Great River Energy (GRE).

Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be obtained through the DOC Project Manager and maybe viewed at PUC web site

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18926>

Persons can also register to be added to the project mailing list at this site.

Background. On May 25, 2006, the PUC issued an Order certifying that the Tower Project is needed and designating the project as a priority electric transmission project.

On December 22, 2006, MP and GRE submitted to the PUC a HVTL Route permit application regarding the proposed Tower Transmission Project. On January 11, 2007, the PUC accepted the application as substantially complete and notified the applicant in writing of the decision.

Regulatory Review Process. In accordance with the Power Plant Siting Act a route permit is required before a high voltage transmission line (HVTL) can be constructed. The power plant siting act requirement became law in 1973 in Minnesota Statutes, 116C.51 through 116C.69. The rules to implement the permitting requirement for LEPGP are in Minnesota Rules Chapter 4400.

A HVTL is defined as a conductor of electric energy and associated facilities designed for and capable of operating at a nominal voltage of 100 kilovolts or more either immediately or without significant modification.

The application is being reviewed under the Alternative Review Process (Minnesota Rules 4400.2010) of the Power Plant Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes 116C.51 to 116C.69). Under the Alternative Review Process, an applicant is not required to propose any alternative sites or routes. The Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting Staff prepares a document called an Environmental Assessment, and a public hearing is required but it need not be a contested case hearing. The PUC has six months to reach a decision under the Alternative Process from the time the application is accepted.

Project Description. The facility (i.e., Tower Transmission Project) for which the permit is requested is approximately 15 miles of new transmission lines, a new Embarrass switching station, and a new Tower substation located in Saint Louis County in northeastern Minnesota.

Inquiries about this project should be directed to the DOC project manager, Bill Storm (bill.storm@state.mn.us) or the public adviser, Deb Pile (Deborah.Pile@State.mn.us) 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101, telephone 651.296.7502, facsimile 651.297.7891 (TTY relay service 800.627.3529).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

In the Matter of a Site Permit Application for the up to 49.9 MW Moraine Wind II Project in the Minnesota Counties of Pipestone and Murray.

MPUC Docket No. IP6632/WS-07-389

May 15, 2007 6:30 p.m.
Lake Wilson American Legion
133 Broadway Avenue
Lake Wilson, MN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that PPM Energy on behalf of Moraine Wind II, LLC, has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a site permit to build and operate up to a 49.9 Megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) north of Lake Wilson and Woodstock, Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) Energy Facilities Permitting staff will host a public information meeting at the date, time and location above to provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the proposed draft site permit for the Moraine II wind project. The public information meeting and comment period will provide the public an opportunity to ask questions about the project, the process and the draft site permit.

Representatives of DOC and Moraine Wind II, LLC, will be at the meeting to describe the proposed Project and answer questions.

Project Description

Moraine Wind II, LLC, proposes to build up to a 49.9 MW LWECS utilizing from 16 – 33 utility scale wind turbine generators between 1.5 MW to 3.0 MW in capacity mounted on freestanding tubular steel towers. The towers will be 80 - 105 meters in height. The rotor diameter will be 78 -100 meters. The maximum overall height of the wind turbines will be 119 meters – 150 meters above grade when one blade is in the vertical position.

An electrical system consisting of 34.5 kV collection lines and facilities providing step-up transformation and 34.5 kV feeder line(s) will deliver power to the Chanarambie Substation. Other associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers and turbine access roads.

Proposed Site Location

The proposed Project site is located in Murray and Pipestone counties in the townships of Aetna, Ellsborough, Rock, Cameron, and Chanarambie. PPM Energy has wind development rights to approximately 16,000 acres within the proposed 27,000 acre project boundary. Approximately 16 – 27 acres of land will be taken out of agricultural production for turbines and access roads if the project is built.

MPUC Site Permit Review Process

PPM Energy, on behalf of Moraine Wind II, LLC, filed a site permit application with the PUC for the Project on April 11, 2007. PUC accepted the application as complete, determined that a permit may be issued in this case and issued a draft site permit on April 26, 2007. The Application and draft site permit are available from the web site and project contacts listed below. Landowners and governments within the project boundary will receive a copy of the Application directly from the developer.

The DOC is now initiating the public participation process under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F) and the Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules Chapter 4401). Upon completion of the public participation process, the DOC will present the record of this matter to the PUC for a final permit decision.

Public Comments

The site permit Application, draft site permit and the agency rules guiding the review process are available on the PUC website at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19093>

Interested persons may comment on the Application and draft site permit at the public meeting or may submit written comments until 4:30 p.m. on **June 6, 2007**. Written comments can be sent by mail, fax or by email. Please include the following docket number (IP6632/WS-07-389) on written comments. Written or fax comments should be directed to: Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198. Fax: 651-297-7891.

DOC Project Contacts

Questions, comments and requests to add your name on the mailing list for this Project may be directed to: Adam Sokolski, Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198; Tel: 651-296-2096; Fax: 651-297-7891; e-mail: adam.sokolski@state.mn.us. Deborah Pile, with the DOC staff, has been appointed as the public advisor to assist and advise citizens on how to participate in the site permit process. She can be contacted at: Tel: 651-297-2375; toll free at: 800-657-3794; or e-mail: deborah.pile@state.mn.us and the mailing address above.

Questions about the Moraine Wind II, site permit Application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Mr. Tim Seck, PPM Energy at 651-917-9285.

Contested Case Hearing Request

Any person may request a contested case hearing in this matter. Minnesota Rule 4401.0550. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with the Department of Commerce (address above) in writing by 4:30 p.m. on **June 6, 2007**. The person requesting the contested case hearing must list the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reasons why a contested case hearing is required to resolve those issues. The PUC shall order a contested case hearing if it finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the hearing will aid the PUC in making a final decision on the site permit application and draft site permit.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AVAILABILITY

Issued: April 25, 2007

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation and Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc., for Three 115 kV Transmission Lines in Southwestern Minnesota

MPUC Docket Number: E002/CN-06-154

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Environmental Report (ER) for the Xcel Energy Buffalo Ridge Incremental Generation Outlet (BRIGO) transmission line project has been completed and is available to the public. The ER addresses potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed high voltage transmission line (HVTL) Project and alternatives to the Project. Copies of the ER and other relevant documents are accessible at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18664>

Paper copies may be requested from the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) staff listed at the end of this notice.

Project Description

On December 4, 2006, Xcel Energy applied for a Certificate of Need (CON) from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to build the proposed BRIGO transmission line project. The Project includes three separate 115,000 volt (115 kV) transmission lines, each between 10 and 20 miles long in the southwestern Minnesota counties of Murray, Lincoln, Nobles, and Lyon.

The Project is a Large HVTL as defined by Minnesota Statutes 216B.243 and requires a CON from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. An ER is required for the CON. The Project(s) also will require designation of a transmission line route(s), which will be reviewed by the PUC or local government in a separate, future routing proceeding.

PUC Review Process

Public and evidentiary hearings will be held by Administrative Law Judge Beverly Heydinger in southwestern Minnesota and in St. Paul. Details about the hearings are listed below:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

May 16, 2007 May 17, 2007 May 17, 2007

7:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Murray County Govt Ctr Lincoln County Courthouse Marshall Municipal Courts Bldg Meeting Room Assembly Room Utilities

**2848 Broadway 319 North Rebecca Street 113 South 4th Street
Slayton, MN Ivanhoe, MN Marshall, MN**

EVIDENTIARY HEARING

May 22, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place E., Suite 350 Saint Paul, MN 55101

Notice of the hearings will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons receiving this notice by U.S. Mail and those who register their names on the project mailing list with the Department. Persons interested in adding their names to this mailing list should contact the DOC or register on the webpage cited below.

Project Contacts and Additional Information

Persons interested in receiving additional information regarding the environmental review in this matter can register their names on the Project Docket webpage at

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18664>, by contacting Adam Sokolski, Energy Facilities

Permitting, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, phone (651) 296-2096, e-mail:

adam.sokolski@state.mn.us, or by contacting PUC staff person David Jacobsen, Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101, (651) 201-2238.