



Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Comments due on March 5, 2003

Realignment of County Road D from Hazelwood Avenue to TH 61

Description: The County Road (CR) D Realignment Project consists of the realignment of approximately one mile of CR D between Hazelwood Avenue to just west of Trunk Highway 61 in Maplewood, Minnesota. Between Hazelwood Avenue and TH 61, the project includes a 4-lane roadway section with dedicated turn lanes at major intersections and an 8-foot trail along the south side of the roadway. West of TH 61 to the northwest, the project includes a 2-lane roadway section and trail to reconnect with existing CR D near the east end of Highridge Court.

RGU: City of Maplewood

Contact: Mr. Chuck Ahl, P.E., Director of Public Works/City Engineer, 1830 County Road B East, Maplewood, MN 55109-2797; 651-770-4552

Towne Lakes Phase II Mixed-Use Development

Description: CPDC is proposing construction of 215 residential units and up to 265,000 square feet of commercial development on 93.9 acres in the southeast quadrant of County Road 19 and 70th

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Street N.E. in Albertville, Minnesota. The project includes traditional neighborhood design principles and architecture.

RGU: City of Albertville

Contact: Linda Goeb, City Administrator, City of Albertville, PO Box 9, Albertville, MN 55301-0009; 763-497-3384

Lutsen North Superior Land Company Commercial Planned Unit Development

Description: The Lutsen North Superior Land Company is proposing an 83 unit planned unit development on 240 acres adjacent to the Superior National Golf Course and west of the Poplar River. This new development is an addition to a 39 lot planned unit development set on the east side of the Poplar River on 62.64 acres and approved in 2000.

RGU: Cook County

Contact: Anne Cervanka, Zoning Administrator, PO Box 1150, Grand Marais, MN 55604; 218-387-3000

Whisky Creek Tributaries Water Resource Management Project

Description: This project involves the restoration of two tributaries to Whisky Creek, bufferstrip along the tributaries, setback levees, a farmstead ringdike, diking to control interbasin flow, construction of a small flow-through floodwater impoundment and wetland restorations.

RGU: Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

Contact: Bruce Albright, Office Administrator, PO Box 341, Bamesville, MN 56514; 218-354-7710

Lakeridge and Oakridge, Sauk Centre

Description: The project consists of approximately 244 acres, of which, approximately 76 acres has already been platted along the shore of Sauk Lane into 28 raparian lots and 13 non-raparian lots.

Approximately 16 acres of farmland and five acres of woodland are intended to be developed into 39 single-family residences. The remaining 147 acres will remain in its current state of wetland, farmland, pasture and a former Minnesota Correctional Facility campus consisting of 23 buildings.

RGU: City of Sauk Centre

Contact: Karin Tank, City Planner, 405 Sinclair Lewis Ave., Sauk Centre, MN 56378; 320-352-2203

Blue Heron Bay

Description: R. Murray Partnership proposes to transform a 257-acre peninsula and island on Dead Lake in Otter Tail County into a mixed residential community and recreational club. This proposed cluster development will include 151 seasonal and permanent residential housing units, a general store, two swimming pools, marina, common mooring facilities, and an access road.

RGU: Otter Tail County

Contact: Bill Kalar, Administrator, Otter Tail County Land and Resource Management, 121 West Junius, Suite 130, Fergus Falls, MN 56537; 218-998-8095

Clemenston Proposed Turkey Feedlot

Description: Scott and Robin Clemenston are proposing to construct two 76X720 total confinement barns with asphalt floors to raise turkeys from 7 weeks to 30 weeks. These barns operate as dry litter based operation. Each proposed barn will house 17,500 turkeys for a total of 35,000 or 630 animal units. The site is located in the North East Quarter of the South West Quarter of Section 23, Pine Island Township, 109 North, Range 15 West, Goodhue County.

RGU: Goodhue County Land Use Management

Contact: Joanne A. Wood, Zoning Administrator, PO Box 408, Red Wing, MN 55066; 651-385-3104.

EAW Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen petition.

- City of Mendota Heights, The Bluffs, EAW ordered

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*.

- Hennepin County Transportation Department, Hennepin County CSAH 23 Reconstruction, January 8, 2003 (October 28, 2002)
- Hennepin County Transportation Department, CSAH 23 Main Street Bridge Reconstruction, January 8, 2003 (October 28, 2002)
- City of Ham Lake, Schoumaker sand mining project, January 21, 2003 (October 28, 2002)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Spruce Ridge Resource Management Facility Expansion, January 15, 2003 (November 25, 2002)
- Lake of the Woods County Board of Commissioners, Young's Bay Harbor Expansion, December 31, 2002 (November 11, 2002)

Final Joint Federal Environmental Assessment – State Environmental Impact Statement Available

Comments due by February 26, 2003

Metropolitan Airports Commission

Anoka County – Blaine Airport

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) has prepared a joint Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) and State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to describe proposed improvements at the Anoka County – Blaine Airport. The proposed improvements are those included in the seven-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), including extension of the existing east/west runway (Runway 9/27) and the parallel

taxiway 1,000 feet to a total length of 5,000 feet; establishment of a Precision Approach and Instrument Landing System (ILS); construction of additional building areas; and use of the northwest portion of the airport site for construction of the National Youth Golf Center.

Permits will be obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Coon Creek Watershed District and Rice Creek Watershed District for wetland impacts. A second permit from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be obtained for impacts to state-listed threatened and endangered species. All of the permits include mitigation for unavoidable impacts.

The Draft EA/EIS was prepared and made available for public review between August 9th, 2002 and September 23, 2002. Comments received have been addressed and the Final EA/EIS is available for review. Comments on the Final EA/EIS will be accepted through February 26, 2003. Copies of the Final EA/EIS will be available at the Metropolitan Airports Commission office at 6040-28th Avenue South, Minneapolis Monday through Friday during regular office hours. Copies are also available for review at the Anoka County Library – Northtown - Central Branch at 771 Highway 10 NE and at the office of the Blaine City Engineer, Blaine City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive, Blaine, MN 55449-8101.

RGU: Metropolitan Airports Commission

Contact. Mr. Gary Warren, Director - Airside Development, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 – 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450.

AUAR Scoping Document

Rivers Edge

Description: The Rivers Edge AUAR Scoping Document will outline the scope of the proposed development project, which is located along the Mississippi River in St. Paul Park and Grey Cloud Island Township in southwestern Washington County. The Rivers Edge AUAR will be a comprehensive environmental review of potential environmental impacts associated with the development of the Rivers Edge Life Cycle Community. The potential development scenarios will be based on the Rivers Edge Master Development Plan and the current land use plans of the two communities.

Contact: Ciara Schlichting, Planner, Dahlgren, Shardlow, & Uban, Inc., 300 First Avenue North, Suite 210, Minneapolis, MN 55401; 612-339-3300; fax: 612-337-5601; e-mail: ciaras@dsuplan.com

Draft AUAR Available

The Lakes

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Project Location The City has prepared an AUAR for the development area located in the NW¼, NE¼, and SE¼ of Section 9, all of Section 10, the W½ of the W½ of Section 11, and the N½ of Section 15 of T31N, R23W. The 1080-acre site is south of and adjacent to Main Street (County Road 14) and east of and adjacent to Radisson Road (County Road 52), City of Blaine, County of Anoka.

Description: A 1,080-acre, mixed-use development (“The Lakes”) is proposed at a site currently undeveloped or used as sod farms. Development scenarios are presented consistent with the City of Blaine’s current comprehensive plan and the pending comprehensive plan (currently in the final approval stage). Under the development scenarios consistent with the pending comprehensive plan, 660-674 acres will be developed into 3,700-4,300 residential units. The remaining land will consist of 68-82 acres of commercial/industrial sites, 97 acres of parkland, 191 acres of constructed surface water bodies, and 65 acres of parkway and collectors.

RGU: City of Blaine

Contact Person: Bryan Schafer, Planning Director, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, MN 55449-8101; 763-784-6700

Proposer Main Street 1000, LLC

The AUAR will be available for review at the Blaine City Hall and the Anoka County Northtown – Central Library; 711 Highway 10 Northeast, Blaine. 763-717-3267

Notice of Application and Prehearing Conference 25-Megawatt Power Plant Near Faribault

On November 19, 2002, Faribault Energy Park, LLC (the Company) submitted a certificate of need application for a 250-megawatt, gas-fired electric generating facility to be constructed near Faribault, Minnesota. The Company indicated that output from the generating facility would be used to serve customers of the municipal utilities that are members of Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA).

The generating facility is a large energy facility as defined by Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2 (1) and therefore requires a

certificate of need from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) prior to siting and construction.

On January 27, 2003, the Commission formally accepted the application for processing, referred the filing to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing, and issued a NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING.

Administrative Law Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger 612-341-7606 will hold a prehearing conference at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2003 in the Large Hearing Room, Public Utilities Commission, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147. Parties and potential parties should attend this conference to discuss procedural issues, including hearing dates and locations.

For more information on this project, contact David Jacobson 651-297-4562 or Clark Kaml 651-297-4563 at the Commission.

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Notice of Application and Prehearing Conference Plymouth-Maple Grove 115-KV Transmission Line

On November 14, 2002, Great River Energy and Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (GRE and WHCEA) jointly filed a certificate of need application for a 115-kilovolt transmission line. GRE, a generation and transmission cooperative with headquarters in Elk River, indicated that the proposed transmission line is needed to serve increased customer demand in the service area of WHCEA, one of its member distribution cooperatives. The proposed transmission line would run approximately 14 miles north and south from the Elm Creek Substation in Maple Grove to the Parkers Lake Substation in Plymouth. GRE indicated that new or additional right-of-way would be required for parts of the total length.

The proposed transmission facility is a large energy facility as defined by Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2 (3) and therefore requires a certificate of need from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) prior to routing and construction.

On January 27, 2003, the Commission formally accepted the application for processing, referred the case to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing, and issued a NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING.

Administrative Law Judge Allan W. Klein 612-341-7609 will hold a prehearing conference at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2003 in the Large Hearing Room, Public Utilities



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