

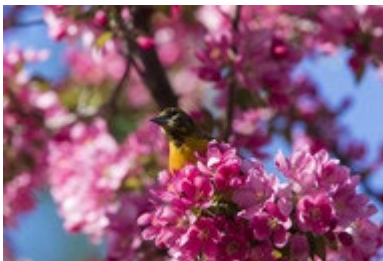
EQB Monitor

EQB announcements and environmental review notices

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EQB announcement



Join us for the April Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee (ERIS) Meeting

We invite you to join the Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee (ERIS) at their next meeting on April 20, 2022, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

ERIS will hear an update from the Subcommittee for Pilot Program Implementation, hear a presentation on the 2021 Environmental Review Performance Report, discuss a proposed approach to creating an Environmental Review Program Continuous Improvement Process, and close out with an opportunity for the public to give comment.

[Visit the April ERIS meeting page](#) to view the board packet, get the Webex link and more information.

The meeting will be recorded. The link to the recording will be posted on our webpage.

Climate Change and Environmental Review Speaker Series

Throughout the Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program, EQB will host a monthly Speaker Series open to anyone that will feature presentations by technical experts about incorporating [climate information](#) into Environmental Assessment Worksheets.

Environmental Review from the Community Advocate's Perspective

April 28th, 2022

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Amelia Vohs, Regulatory Attorney at the Minnesota center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) will discuss common themes around how communities consume and understand environmental review information, and how that may result in a legal challenge.

[Join Us Using Webex](#)

Registration open for participation in Climate Change and Environmental Review Pilot Program

EQB is seeking local responsible governmental units (RGUs) and consultants interested in participating in a pilot program that will assess the efficiency and effectiveness of climate information by testing a draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet. Participants will benefit from shared learning as well as training provided by technical experts.

Registration is open to all RGUs and consultants, regardless of whether you are actively reviewing a project. This cohort-based program will begin in early 2022. [Register now!](#)

If you are not eligible to register, but would like to receive updates about the Pilot Program, please [sign-up here](#).

Environmental review notices



Environmental review project notices

EQB publishes environmental review notices provided by responsible governmental units. For more information on a project undergoing environmental review, click on the individual project links below. You can also find information about active projects in your community on the [Environmental Review Projects Interactive Map](#).

Shoreview Scannell Deluxe Redevelopment

Location: Shoreview, Ramsey County

Process: Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Step: EAW Available

End of Comment Period: May 12, 2022

Project Description: The Shoreview Deluxe site redevelopment project is in Shoreview, Minnesota. The project site is approximately 50 acres and located south of Interstate 694 and east of Victoria Street. The existing site currently has two 2-story buildings; the proposed development concept would consist of warehousing, retail, office, and 590 residential units which requires a mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW).

Link to Public Documents: [Shoreview Scannell Deluxe Redevelopment EAW](#)

Location of Public Documents: Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North, Shoreview, MN 55126

Responsible Governmental Unit and Contact: City of Shoreview, [Niki Hill](#), 651-490-4658

Adelmann Family Project

Location: Elko New Market, Scott County

Process: AUAR

Step: AUAR Adoption

Responsible Governmental Unit Decision: Adequate

Record of Decision Date: March 24, 2022

Project Description: The Adelmann Family Property is located along County State Aid Highway 2 (260th Street East) and I-35, east of Elko New Market in Scott County. The property is comprised of six parcels totaling 242.5 acres which define the AUAR Study Area. Proposed future land uses within the AUAR Study Area include business/limited industrial park, commercial, medium density residential, and public road right-of-way. Non-developed acreage will remain as wetlands, wooded/forested, and brush/grassland. Phased development is proposed to occur over several years, beginning with portions of the property located adjacent to the CSAH 2 (260th Street East) corridor. Public comments were received and responded to. The city formally adopted the AUAR on March 24, 2022.

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: City of Elko New Market, 601 Main Street, Elko New Market, MN 55054

Responsible Governmental Unit and Contact: City of Elko New Market, [Renee Christianson](#), 952-431-2777

137 Line Extension 115kV Project

Location: Hoyt Lakes and Babbitt, Saint Louis County

Process: Alternative Review

Notice Title: Notice of Environmental Assessment

Notice Description: The City of Hoyt Lakes is conducting a local review and permit process for the proposed 137 Line Extension, 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line. Hoyt Lakes will accept written comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) until May 3, 2022. The EA will be available for review at the Hoyt Lakes Municipal Building at 206 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750 and on the City website at www.hoytlakes.com.

Project Description: The proposed 137 Line Extension 115 kV Project is a 115 kV High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) in the City of Hoyt Lakes and the City of Babbitt. Approximately 3 miles of new 115 kV line will be constructed along the existing 1 Line transmission line corridor and approximately 5 miles of new corridor will be constructed. This will extend the existing 137 Line 115 kV Line from the Peter Mitchell Mine to the Mesaba Junction Switching Station. Minnesota Power has requested the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission allow the City of Hoyt Lakes to conduct a local review and permit approval process as is allowed under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216-E.05. The City of Hoyt Lakes will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the project through an Environmental Assessment (EA). The City of Babbitt has delegated information gathering and preparation of the EA to the City of Hoyt Lakes.

Link to Public Documents: No link to documents provided. See RGU contact information below.

Location of Public Documents: Hoyt Lakes Municipal Building, 206 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750

Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: April 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m., Hoyt Lakes Municipal Building, 206 Kennedy Memorial Drive Hoyt Lakes MN 55750

Responsible Governmental Unit and Contact: City of Hoyt Lakes, [Becky Lammi](mailto:Becky.Lammi@hoytlakes.com), 218-225-2344

Dodge County Wind Project

Location: Dodge, Steele, and Mower Counties

Process: Alternative Review

Notice Title: Notice of Public Information & Environmental Assessment Scoping Meeting

Notice Description: The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Minnesota Department of Commerce will jointly hold public information and scoping meetings on April 12 and 13, 2022, Written comments are accepted through Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following means:

Online: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment>

Email: suzanne.steinbauer@state.mn.us

US Mail: Suzanne Steinhauer, Environmental Review Manager

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7th Place East, Suite 500

St. Paul MN 55101

Fax: 651-539-0109

Project Description: Dodge County Wind, LLC (DCW or applicant), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC proposes to construct, own, and operate the up to 259 megawatt (MW) Dodge County Wind Farm in Dodge and Steele counties and approximately 26.8 miles of 161 kV transmission line in Dodge and Mower counties (Project). The Project would include a mix of up to 79 2.52 MW and 3.4 MW turbines. The 11 GE 2.52 MW turbines have a total height of 486.5 feet from ground to tip. DCW proposes to use two configurations of the GE 3.4 turbines: eight (8) with a total height of 495 feet, and 60 with a total height of 551 feet. Additionally, the Project will include a collector substation, collection lines, an operation and maintenance building, a permanent meteorological tower, and gravel access roads. The associated 161 kV transmission line would connect the wind farm to the Pleasant Valley substation in Mower County.

Link to Public Documents: [Dodge County Wind Project](#)

Location of Public Documents: Dodge Center Library, 13 1st Ave NW, Dodge Center, MN 55927

First Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: April 12, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Kasson State Theater, 221 W Main Street, Kasson, MN

First Public Meeting Additional Details: In the case there is a need to cancel and reschedule the in-person meetings, the Commission has reserved Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 1 pm and 6 pm at the Kasson State Theater as a backup for the in-person meeting.

Topics for Public Comment:

- What potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project should be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and/or the draft site permit?
- What are possible methods to minimize, mitigate, or avoid potential impacts of the proposed project that should be considered in the EA and the draft site permit?
- Are there any alternative routes or route segments that should be considered to address potential impacts associated with the 161 kV transmission line?
- Are there any unique characteristics of the proposed site or the project that should be considered?

- Are there other ways to meet the stated need for the project, for example, a different size project or a different type of facility? If so, what alternatives to the project should be studied in the EA?
- Are there any items missing or mischaracterized in any of the applications, or issues that need further development?

Second Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: April 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Kasson State Theater, 221 W Main Street, Kasson, MN

Third Public Meeting Date, Time, Location: April 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Virtual

Third Public Meeting Virtual Link: <https://minnesota.webex.com/>

Third Public Meeting Additional Details: Access Code: 2493 236 4914. Event Password, if needed: MnPUC! (667820 on the telephone). Telephone: 1-855-282-6330

Responsible Governmental Unit and Contact: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, [Charley Bruce](#), 651-201-2147

Submit an environmental review notice to the *Monitor*

The *EQB Monitor* is published every Tuesday at 12:00 pm. Submissions to the [EQB Monitor](#) are due by 4:00 pm on the Tuesday one week prior to the intended publication date. Please see the [EQB Monitor schedule](#) for more details.

To submit a notice for publication:

[Use the EQB Monitor submission form](#)

Questions? Contact EQB by phone at 651-757-2873 or email us at EQB.Monitor@state.mn.us.

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