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# EQB MONITOR

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: May 20, 2009

### Project Title: Dollymount Dairy

**Description:** Dollymount Dairy, LLP (Dollymount Dairy) is proposing to construct a new Dairy facility in Section 4 of Dollymount Township in Traverse County. The facility would accommodate 6,640 head of livestock, totaling approximately 7,350 animal units. Dollymount Dairy would include one 1, 200-foot long by 512-foot wide barn, one 228-foot long by 134-foot wide calf barn, two 80-foot wide by 216-foot long calf barns, and 425-foot long by 95-foot wide milking parlor/holding pen. Manure will be processed in an anaerobic digester. Once digested, a separator will remove solids from the liquid. The solids will be used for animal bedding and the liquid will be stored in two 690-foot long by 450-foot wide by 20-foot deep clay-lined earthen basins, where the gasses will be captured to produce electricity. Also planned is a 700-foot long by 400-foot wide covered feed storage pad. The entire site is 120 acres. If approved, work at the site will begin early summer 2009.

Dollymount Dairy was previously proposed in 2005; however, the process was not completed. The current proposal involves the same site but some different plans and construction details.

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

### Contact Person:

Laura Hysjulien, Planner Principal  
Environmental Review and Feedlot Section  
Regional Division - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
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St. Paul, MN 55155-4194  
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Minnesota Environmental Quality Board  
658 Cedar St., 300 Centennial Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155-1388  
Phone: 651-201-2480  
Fax: 651-296-3698  
<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

**Project Title: Trunk Highway 52/Lafayette Bridge Replacement and Roadway Modification Project,  
City of St. Paul, Ramsey**

**Description:** The Minnesota Department of Transportation is proposing to construct a new Trunk Highway 52/Lafayette Bridge (one bridge for northbound traffic and one bridge for southbound traffic), reconstruct bridge approaches, redeck the bridge over Plato Boulevard, and construct roadway improvements at the north end of the bridge to improve connections to Interstate I-94 and local roadways, including signalization at the new access from northbound TH 52 to East Seventh Street. A new pedestrian/bicycle trail over the Mississippi River will be located on the east side of the northbound bridge.

Copies of the EA/EAW, which documents the purpose and need of the project, alternatives considered, and the anticipated social, economic, environmental impacts, including Federal Section 106 and Section 4(f) impacts, are available for public review beginning April 20, 2009 at the following locations and on the project website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy52-stpaul/index.html>:

- Mn/DOT Metro District Offices, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN 55113
- St. Paul Central Library, 90 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102
- Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 East Seventh Street, St. Paul, MN 55106
- Riverview Library, 1 George Street, St. Paul, MN 55107
- St. Paul Department of Public Works, 8th Floor City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102
- St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, 13th Floor City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the EA/EAW, a public hearing/open house meeting has been scheduled for Thursday May 7, 2009 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Great Hall of the New Main Building on the Metropolitan State University campus, 700 East Seventh Street, St. Paul, MN 55106. Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Mn/DOT Project Manager or the Minnesota Relay Service at the telephone numbers listed below.

The EA/EAW can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling Joey Lundquist, Mn/DOT Project Engineer at (651) 234-7648 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529 or (651) 296-9930 TTY.

Copies of the EA/EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current Minnesota EQB list and other interested parties. The comment period will begin on April 20, 2009. Written comments will be accepted through May 20, 2009 and can be submitted to the contact listed below.

**Project Proposer:** Minnesota Department of Transportation

**RGU:** Minnesota Department of Transportation

**Contact Person:**

Josephine (Joey) Lundquist, Design Engineer  
Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metro District  
1500 West County Road B2

Roseville, MN 55113-3174  
Phone (651) 234-7648  
[Joey.Lundquist@dot.state.mn.us](mailto:Joey.Lundquist@dot.state.mn.us)

**Project Title: Eastern High School – Duluth, MN**

**Description:** The proposed project will involve the conversion and expansion of the existing Ordean School from its current use as a middle school to a new use as a high school (replacing existing Duluth East High School).

**RGU:** City of Duluth Planning Commission

**Contact Person:**

Cindy Petkac, AICP  
Land Use Supervisor  
City of Duluth  
Community Resources Department  
Planning Division  
411 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 402  
Duluth, MN 55802-1197  
Phone: 218-730-5331  
Web: [www.duluthmn.gov](http://www.duluthmn.gov)  
Email: [cpetkac@duluthmn.gov](mailto:cpetkac@duluthmn.gov)

## 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*.

- Otter Tail County Board of Commissioner, Lake Olaf Drawdown Project, April 7, 2009 (February 9, 2009)

## NORTHEAST AREA AUAR ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-69  
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Woodbury has reviewed the cumulative environmental impacts of development in the Northeast Area of Woodbury; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Woodbury has an adopted comprehensive plan that has all elements as required in EQB Rules, Chapter 4410, part 4410.3610, Subpart 1; and is eligible to use the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) Process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Woodbury, as the responsible government unit, has completed a final Northeast Area AUAR and mitigation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the procedures for review outlined in the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) Rules, Chapter 4410, part 4410.3610, Subpart 5 have been followed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota as follows:

The City Council of the City of Woodbury hereby adopts the final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) and mitigation plan for the Northeast Area of Woodbury.

This Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Administrator this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

Attest:

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William J. Hargis, Mayor

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Clinton P. Gridley, City Administrator

## NOTICES

### Minnesota Department of Agriculture

#### Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
09-NO-072	Athenix	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Stearns
09-NO-073	Syngenta	Corn	Improved Grain Processing	Goodhue
09-NO-074	Syngenta	Corn	Improved Feed Quality	Goodhue

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](mailto:mary.hanks@state.mn.us).

### Public Meeting Notice – North Central Regional Landscape Committee Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The North Central Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Minnesota Shooting Sports Education Center, 483 Peterson Road, Grand Rapids, MN.

For more information, please contact Lindberg at 320-256-8300 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>.

**Public Meeting Notice – Landscape Committee  
Minnesota Forest Resources Council**

The Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Thursday, April 30, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. at the offices of The Trust for Public Land, 2610 University Avenue, Suite 300, St. Paul, MN.

For more information, please contact Lindberg at 320-256-8300 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>.

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Office of Energy Security**

**Issued Date: April 9, 2009**

**Notice of Public Hearings**

**In the Matter of the Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy)**  
Certificate of Need Applications and Site Permit Application

**Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant  
Extended Power Uprate and Additional Dry Cask Storage Proposals**

**PUC Docket Number: E002/CN-08-509 (Certificate of Need Extended Power Uprate)**  
**PUC Docket Number: E002/CN-08-510 (Certificate of Need Additional Dry Cask Storage)**  
**PUC Docket Number: E002/GS-08-690 (Site Permit Extended Power Uprate)**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Public Hearings will be held May 14, 2009, at the locations and times listed below concerning Xcel Energy's Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP) extended power uprate and additional dry cask storage projects.

**Afternoon Session**

**Thursday, May 14, 2009, 2:00 – 4:30 PM**  
**Red Wing Public Library**  
**Foot Room**  
**225 East Avenue**  
**Red Wing, MN 55066**  
<http://redwing.lib.mn.us/>

**Evening Session**

**Thursday, May 14, 2009, 6:30 – 9:00 PM**  
**Prairie Island Indian Community Center**  
**Tribal Council Chambers**  
**3838 Island Boulevard**  
**Welch, MN 55089**  
<http://www.prairieisland.org/location.htm>

Administrative Law Judge Richard C. Luis will preside at the hearing. Judge Luis's address is Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 N. Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, fax number (651) 361-7936.

Deadline for written public comments to the Administrative Law Judge on the Certificate of Need (CON) and Site Permit applications must be received by May 25, 2009.

**Purpose of Hearing.** The purpose of the public hearing is to compile the record for the Commission to consider in making a final decision on the CON and the Site Permit requests. The ALJ will write a report and make a recommendation to the Commission on (1) the need for the extended power uprate (EPU) project, (2) the need for the Additional Dry Cask Storage project, and (3) on site selection, including any appropriate site permit conditions. The Commission will make a final decision on the need and site permit at a subsequent Commission hearing. The Commission must issue a Certificate of Need prior to issuing a Site Permit.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

**Power Uprate** The extended power uprate (EPU) would involve increasing the amount of heat produced in the reactor, which would result in more steam being produced. Balance-of-plant changes would be made to convert the additional steam to electricity. The power uprate is proposed to be implemented during the 2013 and 2015 refueling outages for Unit 1 and Unit 2 respectively.

The major balance-of-plant modifications will include upgrading high-pressure turbines, replacing main generator rewinds, replacing generator step-up transformers, replacing moisture separator reheaters, and upgrading isophase bus duct cooling.

Xcel Energy intends to apply to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for an amendment to the Prairie Island Operating License for the proposed EPU in 2010.

**Additional Dry Cask Storage** This project requests to increase the number of canisters stored at the existing Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations (ISFSI). The PINGP currently has State authorization for 29 canisters to store the spent fuel generated until the end of the current operating licenses in 2013 and 2014. Extending the life of the plant an additional 20 years and implementing the power uprate will require an additional 35 canisters. The concrete pads within the existing ISFSI would be expanded to hold the additional canisters. The ISFSI is currently licensed by the NRC to store 48 TN-40 casks and the proposed extension of the storage pads would be sufficient to accommodate the 16 additional casks.

## REGULATORY REVIEW PROCESS

### *Certificate of Need*

No large energy facility can be sited or constructed in Minnesota without the issuance of a certificate of need by the Commission. The certificate of need process is the only proceeding in which a no-build alternative and the size, type, timing, system configuration, and voltage of a proposed project will be considered.

The Office of Energy Security (OES) prepares an Environmental Report (ER) on proposed large energy facilities that come before the Commission for a determination of need. The ER analyzes the human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and project alternatives, and addresses mitigating measures for anticipated adverse impacts.

The proposed PINGP power uprate qualifies as a large energy facility (Minn. Stat. 216B.2421). Xcel Energy applied for a certificate of need for the PINGP EPU on May 16, 2008. On July 22, 2008, the Commission

accepted the application as complete. The docket number for the certificate of need for the EPU is E002/CN-08-509.

### ***Site Permit***

The proposed uprate of the electrical generating capacity of the PINGP by 164 MW also falls within the definition of a Large Electric Power Generating Plant (LEPGP) in the Power Plant Siting Act, and thus requires a Site Permit from the Commission prior to construction. Xcel Energy applied for a site permit following the full review process on August 1, 2008.

The OES energy facility permitting (EFP) staff must prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on proposed large electric power generating plants that come before the Commission for a Site Permit (Minn. Rules 7849.5300). An EIS is a written document that describes the human and environmental impacts of a proposed large electric power generating plant (and selected alternative sites) and methods to mitigate such impacts.

The review process begins with the determination by the Commission that the application is complete. The Commission has one year to reach a decision from the time the application is accepted. On August 14, 2008, the Commission accepted the application as complete. The docket number for the site permit for the EPU is E002/CN-08-690.

### ***Additional Dry Cask Storage Docket***

Along with its May 16, 2008, filing, Xcel Energy also filed a CON for additional dry cask storage at the existing Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) at the PINGP. This filing was pursuant to Minn. Stat. 116C.83, Minn. Stat. 216B.243, and Minn. Rule 7855.

Authorization of any additional dry cask storage or expansion or establishment of an independent spent-fuel storage facility at a nuclear generation facility in Minnesota is subject to approval of a certificate of need by the Commission pursuant to Minn. Stat. 216B.243.

An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required for the construction and operation of a new or expanded independent spent-fuel storage installation (Minn. Stat. 116C.83). The Department of Commerce OES is the responsible governmental unit for the environmental impact statement.

On July 15, 2008, the Commission accepted the CON application as complete (July 22, 2008 Order); the docket number for the certificate of need for the Additional Dry Cask Storage is E002/CN-08-510.

### ***Coordinated Environmental Review Process***

The OES has been conducting a coordinated environmental review process for Xcel Energy's certificates of need and site permit applications (Minnesota Rule 7849.7100). Additionally, the OES in consultation with Commission staff determined that further process efficiencies would be obtained by incorporating the EIS requirements for the Additional Dry Cask Storage CON process with those addressed above for the EPU CON and Site Permit approval processes.

On March 17, 2009, OES released a single EIS, containing two separate chapters: Chapter 1 covers the EPU CON and Site Permit information; Chapter 2 covers the requirements of the CON for the request for Additional Dry Cask Storage. Each chapter will be evaluated for adequacy by its respective reviewing body (Chapter 1

containing the Minn. Rule 7849 EIS by the Commission, while Chapter 2 containing the Minn. Rule 4410 EIS by the DOC).

**Conduct of Public Hearing.** The OES Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff will be present at the hearing and make a brief presentation about the project and introduce into the record a number of documents relating to the project, including the application, the EIS, and certain procedural documents. Representatives of the applicant (Xcel Energy) will be present to offer evidence and to answer questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions of OES EFP staff and Xcel Energy representatives, to make statements, and to offer written comments and material into the record at the public hearing.

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to Minnesota Rules Chapter 1400, Minnesota Rules Chapter 1405 and Minnesota Rules 7849.5710. The applicable statutes and rules can be found on the Revisor's webpage: <https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/>

Rules and statutes may also be purchased at the State Bookstore, 660 Olive St., St. Paul, MN. 55155; phone (651) 297-3000.

The Administrative Law Judge may elect to recess the hearing and/or set additional days for hearing if necessary.

**Evidentiary Hearing.** The evidentiary hearings for the parties on the CON application will convene in the Public Utilities Commission Large Hearing Room, 121 7th Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota on June 8, 2009, beginning at 9:30 am. Xcel Energy will prepare its direct testimony in support of the project in a written question and answer format. This testimony will be filed with the Administrative Law Judge no later than April 1, 2009. Testimony from the formal parties to the case is due no later than April 22, 2009. Only formal parties may cross-examine witnesses at the evidentiary hearing.

**Identified Parties and Intervention.** Persons interested in intervening in these proceedings have until April 15, 2009, (First Pre-hearing Order) to file a Petition for Intervention with the ALJ (See Minn. Rules Part 1400.6200). The only parties to this proceeding are the applicant (Xcel Energy), the Office of Energy Security, and the City of Red Wing. Several entities have submitted petitions to intervene, upon which the ALJ will rule after the intervention deadline.

**Eminent Domain.** If issued a Site Permit by the Commission, Xcel Energy may exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire land for this project pursuant to Minnesota Statute 216E.12. However, as the proposed extended power uprate and placement of the requested additional dry cask would take place within an existing Xcel Energy facility, the use of eminent domain is not anticipated.

#### **Project Contacts, Information and Mailing Lists**

Public contacts from the OES and the Commission staff have been appointed to assist persons interested in taking part in the permitting process. For more information on this project or the regulatory process, contact one of the persons listed below:

**Department of Commerce – Office of Energy Security.** The OES has designated staff member Bill Storm (651-296-9535, [bill.storm@state.mn.us](mailto:bill.storm@state.mn.us)) as project manager and Ray Kirsch (651-296-7588, [raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us](mailto:raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us)) as public advisor for the Site Permit proceedings. You may contact them at: Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security, 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198.



Other contact information: Toll-Free: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891 or TTY: Minnesota Relay Services, 1-800-627-3529, and ask for the DOC.

**Public Utilities Commission.** The Commission has designated staff member Michael Kaluzniak (651-201-2257, Fax: 651-297-7073, [mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us](mailto:mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us)) as its project manager and public advisor for the Certificate of Need proceedings. Mr. Kaluzniak may be contacted in writing at: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E., Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147.

**Xcel Energy.** The contact person for the applicant is Brian Zelenak (612-330-5641, [brian.r.zelenak@xcelenergy.com](mailto:brian.r.zelenak@xcelenergy.com)). Mr. Zelenak may be contacted in writing at: Xcel Energy, 414 Nicollet Mall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

**Project Mailing Lists.** If you would like to have your name added to the OES project mailing list for this project, you may register on line at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19542> or contact OES staff at the address above.

The Commission maintains a separate service list for Certificate of Need proceedings. To be placed on the list for this project, mail, fax or email Robin Benson at: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E., Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147, Fax: 651-297-7073, [robin.benson@state.mn.us](mailto:robin.benson@state.mn.us).

**Materials.** Copies of the Certificate of Need applications, the Site Permit application, the Environmental Impact Statement, as well as other pertinent documents are available on the Commissions web page:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19602>

The Certificate of Need applications, the Site Permit application, and the Environmental Impact Statement can also be viewed at the following libraries:

Red Wing Public Library  
315 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Red Wing, MN 55066

Hastings Public Library  
830 Vermillion Street  
Hastings, MN 55033

Ellsworth Public Library  
312 West Main Street  
Ellsworth, WI 54011

St. Paul Public Library  
90 Fourth St. West  
St. Paul, MN 55102

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Office of Energy Security**

**NOTICE OF PERMIT DECISION**

**In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the Southdale to Scarcyville 115 kV Transmission  
Line and Breaker Station**

**PUC Docket No. ET2/TL-08-712**

At a meeting on March 19, 2009, and in an Order issued April 9, 2009, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the 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 issued a high voltage transmission line route permit for the Southdale to Scearcyville project, authorizing Great River Energy and Minnesota Power to construct nine and three-tenths miles of 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line located in Cass and Crow Wing counties and connecting with Great River Energy's existing "CW-BS" 115 kV line approximately one and one-half miles south of where it exits the Southdale substation in west Baxter to a new Scearcyville breaker station to be located in Sylvan Township.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Office of Energy Security project manager: Scott Ek, 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651.296.8813; e-mail: [scott.ek@state.mn.us](mailto:scott.ek@state.mn.us).

Documents relative to this project may be viewed on the Commission's website:  
<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19661>.

## **STATE OF MINNESOTA Office of Energy Security**

**Issued: March 10, 2009 - Reissued: April 7, 2009**

### **NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE AND REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**In the Matter of a Site Permit Application for the 60 MW  
Lakeswind Wind Power Plant in  
Becker, Clay and Ottertail Counties**

**PUC Docket: IP6603/WS-08-1449**

**DRAFT SITE PERMIT AVAILABLE  
For the Proposed Lakeswind Wind Power Plant**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Project Resources Corporation (PRC) on behalf of Lakeswind Wind Power Partners, LLC, has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a site permit to build and operate up to a 60 Megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) in Becker, Clay and Ottertail Counties in northwestern Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Energy Security (OES), on behalf of the Commission, will hold a public information meeting at the location and time listed below:

**April 29, 2009\***  
**5:30 p.m. Open House**  
**6:30 p.m. Public Information Meeting**

**Galaxie Supper Club**  
**20063 Highway 34 Barnesville, MN 56514**

\* The original public meeting date of March 31, 2009 was rescheduled due to weather conditions.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed project and to take public comment and input on the site permit application and the draft site permit issued by the PUC. OES staff will provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the proposed draft site permit for the Lakeswind Wind Power Plant.

The public information meeting and a comment period will provide the public an opportunity to ask questions about and make comments on the Project, the process and the draft site permit. Representatives of the OES and the Applicant will be at the meeting to describe the proposed Project and answer questions.

Prior to the public information meeting, the Applicant will host an open house beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### **Project Description**

The Applicant is considering different models of wind turbine generators for the Project. Depending upon the turbine model selected, the Applicant proposes to install 17 to 35 wind turbine generators and anticipates an in-service date of no later than December 2010. The proposed turbines would use 80 meter (263 feet) tubular towers measured at the hub height. Depending upon the model selected, the rotor diameter of the turbines would be 252 to 331 feet with a maximum overall height of approximately 393 to 429 feet above grade when one blade is in the vertical position.

Energy from the Project will be delivered directly to the Great River Energy Tamarac Substation on the corner of State Highway 34 and 183<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Ottertail County. Other associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers and turbine access roads.

The original site comprises approximately 19,000 acres in Clay, Otter Tail and Becker counties. The amended site permit boundary increases the site size by approximately 2,500 acres. See accompanying map for amended site boundaries. The Applicants anticipate that approximately 19 acres of land would be permanently removed from agricultural production for turbine sites and access roads.

### **PUC Site Permit Review Process**

Lakeswind Wind Power Partners, LLC, a Minnesota based company, submitted a site permit application for the Project on January 20, 2009. On February 12, 2009, the PUC accepted the application as complete, made a preliminary determination that a permit may be issued and issued a draft site permit. The application and draft site permit are available from the website and contacts listed below. Landowners and governments within the Project boundary will receive a copy of the application, public notice and draft site permit directly from Lakeswind Wind Power Partners, LLC.

The OES is now initiating the public participation process under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F) and the Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules Chapter 7836). Upon completion of the public participation process, the OES will present the record of this matter to the PUC for a final permit decision.

### **Eminent Domain**

The Applicant does not have the power eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights for the large wind energy conversion system. Wind and land rights necessary to build the facility must be in the form of voluntary easements or lease agreements between landowners and the Applicant.

**Public Comments**

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 May 20, 2009**. Written comments can be sent by mail, fax or by email. Please include the project docket number (**IP6603/WS-08-1449**) on written comments. All comments should be directed to Larry Hartman (see below). Comments may also be submitted on the PUC's energy facility permitting website: <http://www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us>.

**Contested Case Hearing Request**

Any person may request a contested case hearing in this matter (Minnesota Rule 7836.0900). All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Mr. Hartman in writing by **4:30 p.m. on May 20, 2009**. The person requesting the contested case hearing must list the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reason 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.

**Project Contacts and Information**

Questions, comments and requests to add your name on the mailing list for the Project may be directed to:

OES Project Manager  
Larry Hartman, Tel: (651) 296-5089  
[larry.hartman@state.mn.us](mailto:larry.hartman@state.mn.us)

OES Public Advisor  
David Birkholz, Tel: (651) 297-2878  
[david.birkholz@state.mn.us](mailto:david.birkholz@state.mn.us)

Toll Free (800) 657-3794 Fax: (651) 297-7891 Energy Facility Permitting Office of Energy  
Security Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Questions about the Project and site permit application can also be directed to the Applicant by contacting Mr. Matthias Weigel, Tel (612) 331-1486, x302; [matthias@projectresources.net](mailto:matthias@projectresources.net)

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=19892>

You may register on this same website to be added to the mailing list associated with this Project and to receive future notices by U.S. Mail.

