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# EQB MONITOR

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: September 9, 2009

**Project Title: Fleming Brook Restoration Project, Fleming Township, Aitkin Co. MN**

**Description:** The Fleming Brook Watershed Management Project proposes to restore Fleming Brook by removing overgrown bog material from a 6500 feet section of the brook beginning at where blockage begins at the outlet of Fleming Brook from Fleming Lake.

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## **FINAL AUAR ADOPTED**

### **RESOLUTION #2009-118**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY BROOKLYN PARK that:

1. The Record of Decision concerning the Gateway Mixed-Use Development Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) dated July 20, 2009 is adopted; and
2. The AUAR adequately addresses the potential environmental effects of the Gateway Project; and
3. There is no potential for significant environmental effects from the Project provided that the Mitigation Plan is implemented in concert with the Project; and
4. The Mitigation Plan included in the Final AUAR dated June 25, 2009 is hereby adopted.

## **FINAL EIS AVAILABLE**

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

Issued: July 31, 2009

#### **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**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 the Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant (PINGP) extended power uprate and additional dry cask storage projects.

Copies of the FEIS can be obtained through the OES Project Manager and maybe viewed at the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) web site:

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

Copies will also be available for viewing at the following public 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

## 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 Upgrade high-pressure turbines, replace main generator rewinds, Replace generator step-up transformers, Replace moisture separator reheaters, and Upgrade isophase bus duct cooling.

**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.

## COMMENTS ON THE FINAL EIS

**Comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS will be accepted until Friday, August, 21, 2009.**

Comments should be sent by e-mail or U.S. mail to:

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85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
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## DRAFT EIS AVAILABLE

### State of Minnesota Office of Energy Security

Issued: July 31, 2009

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

In the Matter of the Noble Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC Applications for a 201 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit, a 230 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit and a Certificate of Need for the Noble Flat Hill Windpark I Project (Project) in Clay County.  
(PUC Docket Numbers: IP-6687/WS-08-1134; TL-08-988; and CN-08-951)

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) has released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Noble Flat Hill Windpark I for public comment, as well as the date, location and time for public meeting.

Copies of the DEIS can be obtained through the OES Project Manager and may be viewed at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) web site:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19714>

A copy is also available for viewing at the Glyndon city hall.

#### ***Public Meeting***

OES will conduct a public information meeting to obtain comments on the DEIS. The meeting will be held **Monday, August 31, 2009, at 7 p.m.** at:

**Glyndon Community Center  
212 Partridge Avenue South  
Glyndon, Minnesota**

The public will also have until Thursday, September 10, 2009, to submit written comments on the DEIS to the OES. Comments can be faxed, mailed or emailed to the OES Project Manager (see contact information below).

#### ***Project Description***

The Project is a Large Wind Energy Conversion System, as defined by the Wind Siting Act, Minn. Stat. 216F.01. The Project is located in Clay County and will be up to 201 megawatts in size, consisting of up to 134, 1.5 MW General Electric wind turbine generators. Associated facilities include access roads, a substation, an operations and maintenance building, a wind electrical collection system, and a new 230 kV transmission line.

**Procedures**

OES will respond to the timely substantive comments received on the Draft EIS consistent with the scoping decision and prepare the final EIS.

OES and PUC will hold a public hearing on the Applications which will be presided over by Administrative Law Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger from the Office of Administrative Hearings. Notice of the public hearing will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons who have registered their names on the project mailing list with OES.

**Project Contacts and Information**

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

**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*.

- Todd County, Staples North-South Corridor and Railroad Grade Separation Safety Project, July 14, 2009 (April 6, 2009) Negative Declaration
- City of St. Cloud, 40<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project, July 14, 2009 (March 9, 2009)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Sappi Cloquet New Paper Machine Project, July 31, 2009 (May 4, 2009)

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Clay County Sanitary Landfill Expansion, July 28, 2009 (May 4, 2009)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Dollymount Dairy, LLP, July 28, 2009 (April 20, 2009)

## 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 Minneapolis, 600 Main St. SE project

## NOTICES

### Department of Agriculture

#### Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
09-NO-077	Syngenta	Corn	Insect Resistance	Goodhue
09-NO-078	Pioneer	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance Altered Fatty Acid Level	Nobles

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).