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# EQB MONITOR

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: September 22, 2010

### Project Title: Bailey Lake Trunk Sanitary Sewer

**Description:** The city of Woodbury is proposing to construct the Bailey Lake Trunk Sanitary Sewer. This sewer will serve future residential developments identified in the City Comprehensive Plan. The ultimate average daily flow in the pipe is estimated at 3,983,600 gallons per day. Wastewater will be conveyed to the Eagle Point Wastewater Treatment Facility in Cottage Grove.

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

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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## Comment Period Extended

### Extension of Public Comment Period for Proposed Bituminous Roadways Roseville Asphalt Plan

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has extended the public comment period on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and the draft Air Emissions Permit for the proposed Bituminous Roadways Roseville Asphalt Plant in Roseville, Minnesota. An additional 30 days will be added to the comment period, which will now end on **September 10, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.**

Copies of the EAWs are available for review at the MPCA offices in St. Paul, 520 Lafayette Road North and on the Web at [www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/indes.html](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/indes.html). Individuals with questions about the EAW can contact Kevin Kain at 651-757-2482. Comments on the EAW must be submitted in writing to Kevin Kain, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN, 55155-4194, or by e-mail to [kevin.kain@state.mn.us](mailto:kevin.kain@state.mn.us).

Copies of the air permit and related information are also available for viewing at the MPCA office in St. Paul. The air permit information is also available on the Web at [www.pca.state.mn.us/news/data/index.cfm?PN=1](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/data/index.cfm?PN=1). Persons who have questions about the air permit can contact Tarik Hanafy at 507-757-2404. Comments on the air permit must be submitted in writing to Tarik Hanafy, MPCA, 520 Lafayette Rd. North, St. Paul, MN, 55155-4194 or by e-mail to [tarik.hanafy@state.mn.us](mailto:tarik.hanafy@state.mn.us).

Requests for copies of these documents may be made by contacting the St. Paul office at 651-757-2101.

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## EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparations 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 Department of Natural Resources, Public Water Access Reconstruction in Two Harbors, Minnesota, August 2, 2010 (June 14, 2010)

- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Highway 52 at CSAH 24 in Cannon Falls, City of Cannon Falls, Goodhue County, August 6, 2010 (December 28, 2009)

## AUAR UPDATE AVAILABLE

### Project Title: Maple Grove Gravel Mining AUAR 2010 Update

**Description:** The city of Maple Grove is updating the Maple Grove Gravel Mining Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review a second time, originally approved in 1996. The AUAR 2010 Update summarizes development activity and implementation of mitigation measures in the Gravel Mining Area since 2005

**RGU:** City of Maple Grove

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## NOTICES

### Department of Natural Resources

#### RECLAMATION PROJECTS PLANNED

The DNR Section of Wildlife Management is planning rotenone treatments on the following water bodies:

Lake/Unit Name	DOW	County	Township-Range-Section	Lake acres
Unnamed basin in the <b>Marple Wildlife Management Area</b>	26030600	Grant	T130N-R44W-S14 & 23	70
Unnamed basin in the <b>Swift Wildlife Management Area</b>	26030400	Grant	T130N-R44W-S11,12 & 14	31
Unnamed basin in the <b>Froland Waterfowl Production Area</b>	61014500	Pope	T124N-R39W-S2	17
Unnamed basin in the <b>Levenson Waterfowl Production Area</b>	26040700	Grant	T128N-R42W-S36	23

These projects may include the application of 2.5% synergized liquid rotenone, a federally and state registered pesticide to control fish. Endangered or threatened species are not known to be present in any of these lakes or wetlands. Smaller wetlands, ditches or drain title outlets connected to the above lakes and wetland maybe treated if necessary. Some species listed as “Special Concern” in M.S. 6134.0220 maybe periodically found on/near some of these lake including Franklin’s Gulls, American White Pelicans and Bald Eagles. These projects are not anticipated to have any long-term negative affects on any of these on any of these species. Project goals include treating undesirable fish species in order to improve wildlife habitat and water quality in these water bodies.

The target dates for the treatments of these basins are in October of 2010, however if favorable treatment conditions do not occur in October, treatment dates maybe extended into the winter if necessary. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat, drip station, or under ice if necessary. Target treatment concentration is 5 ppm of 2.5% liquid rotenone or a similar concentration of powdered rotenone, or a combination of liquid and powder. Benefits of the project will be to improved water quality and aquatic vegetation abundance creating habitat for wildlife and waterfowl.

For general information about any of these projects, contact Nicole Hansel-Welch, Shallow Lakes Program, 218-833-8626.

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

Issued: August 6, 2010

### **NOTICE OF SCOPING DECISION AND INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for a 345 kV and a 161 kV Transmission Line from Hampton,  
Minnesota, to La Crosse, Wisconsin**

**PUC Docket No. E002/TL-09-1448**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES), Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) announces the release of the scoping decision and notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Hampton to Rochester to La Crosse 345 kV and 161 kV transmission line project.

Electronic versions of the EIS scoping decision, route permit application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission’s website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=25731>, and on the Department of Commerce eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the Docket Number Year “09” and Number “1448”). Paper copies of the scoping decision may be requested from the EFP staff listed at the end of this notice.

***Procedures***

The scoping decision identifies the issues and alternatives that the Director of OES has determined are appropriate for inclusion in the EIS. The scoping decision also identifies specific issues and alternatives that will not be included in the EIS. A draft EIS will be available by February 2011.

EFP will schedule informational meetings to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft EIS. EFP will respond to the timely substantive comments received on the draft EIS consistent with the scoping decision and prepare the final EIS.

The Office of Administrative Hearings will hold public hearings on the Application which will be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge. Notice of the public hearing will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons who register their names on the project mailing list with EFP.

***Project Contacts and Information***

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Office of Energy Security**

Issued: August 11, 2010

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING,  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT,  
AND  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SITE PERMIT**

**In the Matter of Paynesville Wind, LLC, Applications for a Certificate of Need and  
Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit  
for the 95 MW Paynesville Wind Farm in Stearns County**

**Certificate of Need Application, PUC Docket Number: IP-6830/CN-09-1110  
Site Permit Application, PUC Docket Number: IP-6830/WS-10-49**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing will be held on behalf of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on the applications of Paynesville Wind, LLC (Applicant), for a certificate of need and site permit for the proposed Paynesville Wind Farm (Project). The hearing will address: (1) whether the proposed Project is needed and in the public interest, and (2) issues related to the proposed siting of the Project. The hearing will be held at the times and location listed below. Ending times reflect the latest a public hearing will run. The hearing may conclude earlier if all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded.

### HEARING DATE & LOCATION

August 25, 2010	3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	American Legion 770 West Highway 23 Paynesville, MN 56362
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**Administrative Law Judge.** Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Krause from the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings will preside at the hearing. Any person who would like to comment on the need for the Project or the proposed siting can do so at the hearing or in writing to Judge Krause: Raymond Krause, Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620; (fax) 651-361-7936; e-mail: [ray.krause@state.mn.us](mailto:ray.krause@state.mn.us).

**Written Comments.** Written comments should be submitted to Judge Krause at the address listed above. Comments will be accepted through **September 8, 2010**. Mailed comments must be postmarked by this date. Faxed and delivered comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on this date.

**Purpose and Conduct of the Hearing.** The purpose of the public hearing is to receive input about the Project. During the public hearing, members of the public may offer either oral or written testimony, offer exhibits for inclusion in the public hearing record, and ask questions of the applicant and agency representatives. Any person who wishes to ask questions, but does not want to ask the questions personally, may submit them in writing to the ALJ who will then ask the question during the hearing.

Interested persons may comment on the certificate of need and site permit applications, environmental report, draft site permit, or on the Project generally. The hearing will continue until all persons have had the opportunity to offer testimony and ask questions. If needed, the hearing may be recessed and continued by the ALJ. At the close of the written comment period, Judge Krause will prepare a written summary of the comments received at the hearing and file it with the Commission, which will consider them in its deliberations of the certificate of need and site permit applications.

**Request for Accommodation.** Any person who needs an accommodation for a disability in order to participate in the hearing, and any person who requires an interpreter, including a foreign language interpreter, should promptly notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, Phone: (651) 361-7900 (voice) or (651) 361-7878 (TDD).

**Environmental Report.** The Office of Energy Security, Energy Facility Permitting, has completed and issued an environmental report for the proposed Paynesville Wind Farm. The environmental report addresses potential

human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives. For a copy of the environmental report, please see project contacts and information below.

**Draft Site Permit.** On June 4, 2010, the Commission issued an order approving a draft site permit for distribution and public comment. A Notice of Availability of Draft Site Permit was issued on June 16, 2010. For a copy of the draft site permit, please see project contacts and information below.

**Project Description.** The Applicant proposes a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) of 95 megawatts (MW). Depending on which turbines are selected, the wind turbine layout will consist of 42 to 63 turbines with a hub height of 80 meters (263 feet) and a rotor diameter of 82.5 meters (270 feet) if the General Electric 1.5 MW wind turbines are selected, 90 meters (295 feet) if the Vestas 1.8 MW wind turbines are selected, or 101 meters (331 feet) if the Siemens 2.3 MW wind turbines are selected. In addition to the wind turbines, the Project would include access roads, a meteorological tower, a Sonic Detection and Ranging unit or Light Detection and Ranging unit, an electrical collection system, project substation, a metering yard, transmission line, and an operations and maintenance building. Power will ultimately be delivered to the existing Paynesville substation.

The Project area (shown in the accompanying map) consists of approximately 15,000 acres located in Stearns County in Zion, Paynesville, Spring Hill, and Lake Henry townships. The Project area is located north of Paynesville and southeast of Lake Henry. Approximately 11,500 acres are under the Applicant's control via wind easements.

**Eminent Domain.** The Applicant does not have the power of eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights for the project. Wind and land rights necessary to build the facility must be in the form of voluntary easements or lease agreements between individual landowners and the applicant.

**Authority and Statement of Issues to Be Decided.** In order to proceed with this Project, the Applicant must obtain a certificate of need and a site permit from the Commission. The Commission is authorized by Minnesota Statutes section 216B.243, to issue a certificate of need for a large energy facility if the applicant can demonstrate that there is a need for the Project. A certificate of need is a state permit that is issued upon a determination that construction of an energy facility is in the public interest. The Commission is required by Minnesota Statutes section 216B.243, subdivision 4, to hold a hearing on an application for a certificate of need.

The Commission is authorized by Minnesota Statutes section 216F.04 to issue LWECS site permits for certain wind energy facilities. When the Commission designates a site, it issues a site permit for the construction of a facility specifying the design, location, preparation, and operation of the facility, along with any other appropriate conditions it deems necessary. The Commission is required by Minnesota Statutes section 216F.05 and Minnesota Rule 7854.0900 to hold a public meeting on an application for a site permit for an LWECS.

**Contested Case Hearing Request.** Any person may request a more formal contested case hearing on the site permit proceeding for the LWECS pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7854.0900. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Judge Krause in writing by 4:30 p.m. on **September 8, 2010**. The person requesting the contested case hearing must list the issues sought to be addressed in the hearing and the reason why a contested case hearing is required to resolve those issues. The Commission shall order a contested case hearing if it finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the contested case hearing will aid it in making a final decision on whether to authorize construction of the Project.

**Project Contacts and Information.** For more information on the **Certificate of Need**, please contact:

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For additional information regarding the **Site Permit** application, or to place your name on the project mailing list maintained for this project, please contact:

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The certificate of need application and environmental report can be found on the eDockets website: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year “09” and the number “1110”). The LWECs site permit application and draft site permit can be found on the eDockets website (enter the year “10” and the number “49”).

The site permit application, draft site permit, environmental report, and other relevant documents, including Minnesota statutes and rules governing the site permitting process, are also available on the Commission’s energy facility permitting website at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=25836>. You can also place your name on the Project mailing list at this website.

Copies of the applications are also available for review at the: Auditor's Offices in Stearns County; City Offices in Paynesville and Lake Henry; Township Clerks of Paynesville, Zion, Spring Hill, and Lake Henry; and the Paynesville Public Library in Stearns County.

Questions about the Paynesville Wind Farm and its permit applications can also be directed to Paynesville Wind, LLC’s parent company, Geronimo Wind Energy, by contacting Justin Pickar by email at [justin@geronimowind.com](mailto:justin@geronimowind.com) or Patrick Smith at [patrick@geronimowind.com](mailto:patrick@geronimowind.com) or by calling 952-988-9000. The address for Geronimo Wind Energy is 7650 Edinborough Way, Suite 725, Edina, MN 55435.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio tape) by calling 651- 201-2202 (Voice) or 1-800-627-3529 (TTY relay service).



### Project Location

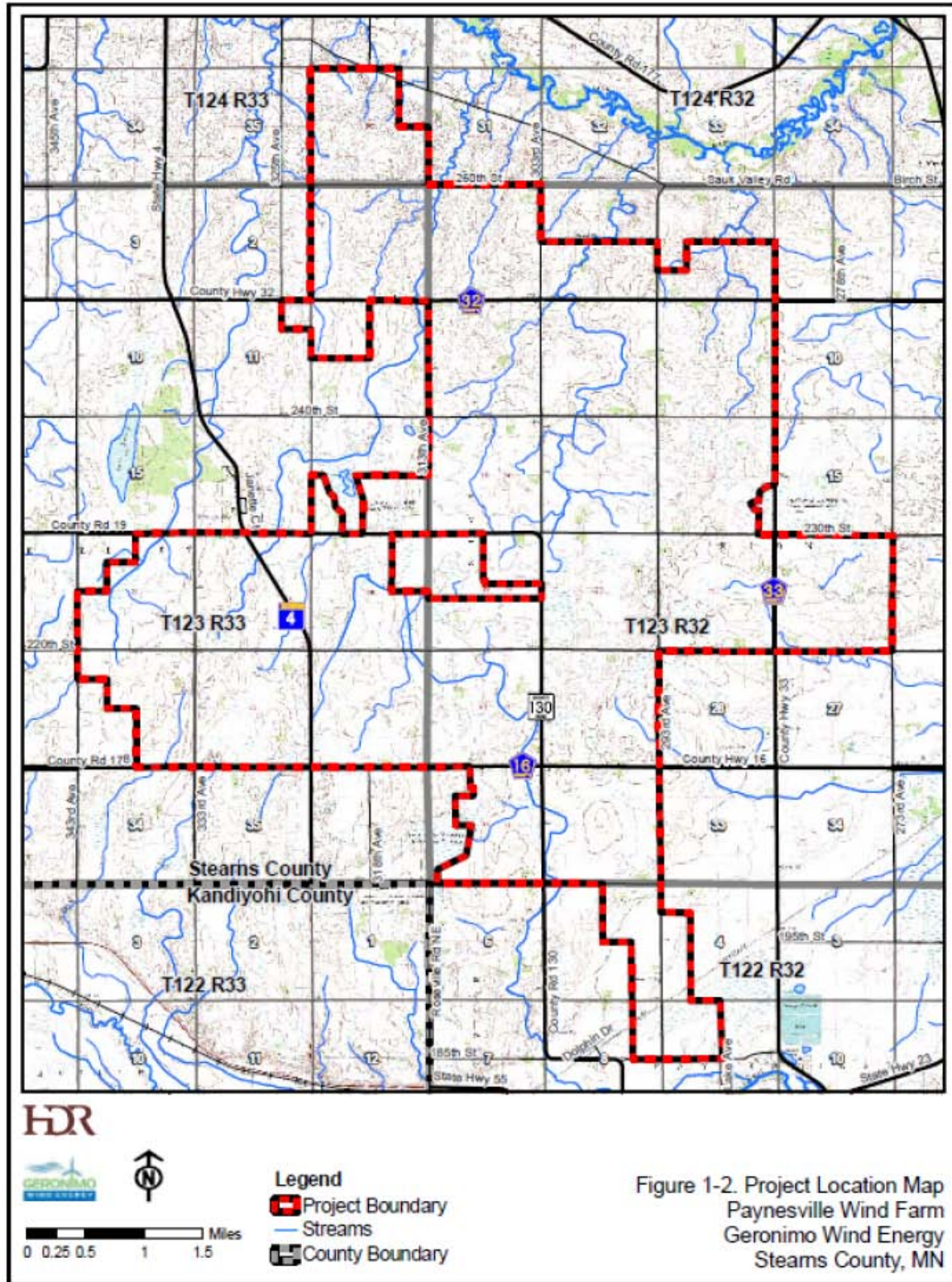


Figure 1-2. Project Location Map  
Paynesville Wind Farm  
Geronimo Wind Energy  
Stearns County, MN

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Office of Energy Security**

Issued: August 13, 2010

**NOTICE OF PERMIT DECISION****In the Matter of the  
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission and Minnesota Power  
HVTL Route Permit Application  
Essar Steel Transmission Line Project****PUC Docket Number: E280/TL-09-512**

At its regular meeting on July 29, 2010, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) determined that the Environmental Impact Statement and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the Scoping Decision.

The Commission also designated the HVTL routes, permit conditions and issued the route permit.

The Commission's Order was released on August 2, 2010.

**Project Description**

NPUC and MP propose to construct four 230 kV transmission lines and two 230 kV substations. The purpose of the project is to supply reliable electric power to a single source entity - Essar Steel Minnesota (ESM). ESM has obtained state approvals to reactivate the former Butler Taconite mine by developing new facilities, including a taconite pellet plant and steel production plant. The Essar taconite pellet facility is expected to commence initial operation by early 2011, with initial steel plant operation planned for early 2014, at which time the projected demand would be approximately 300 megawatts. Although not committed to, ESM has site approvals for a second steel slab melt line, which would increase the ESM facilities' total electric power requirements to approximately 500-550 megawatts if constructed and at full operation.

The four routes would require approximately 37 miles of new transmission lines.

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

Copies of documents relative to this docket can be obtained through the DOC Project Manager and maybe viewed at PUC web site:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24526>