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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: September 23, 2009

Project Title: Mantorville Historic District – building relocation

Description: To avoid demolition of a circa 1870 Greek-revival style building individually listed in Mantorville's nationally registered historic district, the Mantorville Restoration Association (MRA) proposes to relocate the structure within the historic district. The MRA is a non-profit with a mission to preserve Mantorville's historic sites and heritage.

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Federal EA AVAILABLE

Project Title: Rehabilitation and Reuse of Minnesota's Union Deport as a multi-transit hub

An Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation (EA) has been prepared by Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the rehabilitation and reuse of Minnesota's Union Depot (formerly the Saint Paul Union Depot) as a multi-modal transit hub. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 an EA has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed project on the human and natural environment. The purpose and need for the proposed project is to restore passenger transportation and preserve the Union Depot and to accommodate the relocation of passenger service from the Midway Amtrak Station and Saint Paul Greyhound Bus Station to the Union Depot.

The proposed project includes reintroducing passenger transportation to the elevated train deck including rebuilding a portion of the train deck over the existing vehicular ramp; reintroducing vertical circulation (i.e. stairs, elevators, escalators) between the train deck, the waiting room, and under track level; adding pedestrian and bicycle facilities to the under track level; and building a new vehicular ramp by cutting into the deck. The project will also include the removal of the 1978 United States Postal Service (USPS) Annex as well as the removal of approximately twenty-feet of the northern edge of the deck to provide clearance for the pedestrian/bicycle way.

The proposed federal action under evaluation in the EA is the rehabilitation and reuse of Minnesota's Union Depot as a multi-modal transit hub. The rehabilitation of the Union Depot will be done in accordance with a Programmatic Agreement to comply with Section 106 requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act and U.S. Department of Transportation Section 4(f) Evaluation.

Public comments are being solicited regarding the EA and the potential project's impacts in accordance with NEPA. Public comments are being solicited regarding the proposed project's potential for effects to historic properties in accordance with Section 106.

The comment period for the EA will remain open from August 24-October 8, 2009. Written comments on the EA will be accepted until the close of business on October 8, 2009 and should be sent to Steve Morris, Transit Project Manager, RCRRA, 50 W Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 6560 RCGC-West, St. Paul, MN 55102, phone 651-266-2795, fax 651-266-2761, or e-mail steve.morris@co.ramsey.mn.us. If you have questions regarding the proposed project, please contact Steve Morris by e-mail or by calling 651-266-2784.

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies, and groups to comment on the EA, two public hearings have been scheduled for September 9, 2009 at the Union Depot Head House, 214 4th Street E, St. Paul, MN 55101 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The public hearings will be open house format with formal presentations. The formal presentations during the afternoon meeting at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm, for the evening meeting the formal presentations will be at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm a court reporter will be to record oral comments which are welcomed. Individuals with a disability, who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting or comment on the Draft EA, should contact the RCRRA Project Manager (as listed above or calling 651-266-2784).

Copies of the EA for the rehabilitation and reuse of Minnesota's Union Depot as a multi-modal transit hub are available for review online at www.uniondepot.org or at the following libraries and RCRRA during regular business hours:

- St. Paul Central Library, 90 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN, 55102
- Rondo Community Outreach Library, 461 N. Dale Street, St. Paul, MN, 55103
- Hamline Midway Library, 1558 West Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul, MN, 55104
- Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, MN, 55104
- St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN, 55108
- Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN, 55106
- Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority, 50 W Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 6560 RCGC-West, St. Paul, MN 55102
- Mn/DOT Library, Minnesota Department of Transportation, M.S. 155, Room 175, Transportation Bldg.,
 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN, 55103

A EA for the proposed project incorporating written comments received by October 8, 2009 on the EA along with responses, will be prepared for approval by the FHWA in cooperation with FTA, with a determination by the FHWA on a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or the need for an Environmental Impact Statement.

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*.

- Red Lake Watershed District/MSTWD Joint Board, Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration, August 13, 2009 (June 15, 2009)
- Minnesota Department of Transportation, Trunk Highway 14 Reconstruction, City of North Mankato, June 17, 2009(June 21, 2004)
- Sartell City Council, SP 220-080-04, Roberts Road, February 9, 2009(December 15, 2008)
- Sartell City Council, SP 220-117—01, 50th Avenue, February 9, 2009(December 15, 2008)

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.

Department of Natural Resources, Preston to Forestville State Trail project

NOTICES

Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File	Company	Crop	Project	County
Number				
09-NO-079	Monsanto	Canola	Herbicide Tolerance	Stearns, Wilkin
09-NO-080	Syngenta	Corn	Altered Seed Composition;	Goodhue
			Improved Seed Fiber Quality	
			and Biomass Processing	

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.

STATE OF MINNESOTA Office of Energy Security

Issued: August 14, 2009

Heartland Wind, LLC Certificate of Need and Site Permit Applications PUC Docket Numbers: IP6728/CN-09-471 and IP6728/WS-09-553

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SCOPING MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Heartland Wind, LLC, has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a Certificate of Need (CON) and a Site Permit for a large wind energy conversion system up to 150 megawatts (MW) in Jackson and Martin counties. The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security Energy (OES) Facilities Permitting Unit (EFP) will prepare an Environmental Report (ER) on the Project. A public information and environmental report scoping meeting will be held at the location listed below

September 3, 2009, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. AmericInn 110 Belmont Lane Jackson, MN 56143

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed Project, to take public comment and input on the draft Site Permit issued by the PUC and on the scope of the ER that will be prepared for the CON Application.

The public information meeting will follow an open-house format until 7:00 p.m. when OES will make a formal presentation. The public is invited to review the Applications and proposed Elm Creek II Wind Project, learn more about the PUC review process, make comments and ask questions.

Project Description

Heartland Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, Inc., proposes a 150 MW wind energy conversion system using between 50 and 100 utility scale wind turbine generators each 1.5 – 3.0 MW in capacity and associated facilities including access roads, junction boxes, meteorological towers, communications lines and power lines. The Project is located northeast of the city of Jackson, MN on up to 12,000 acres under the Applicant's control in Enterprise and Wisconsin townships, Jackson County, and Cedar, Elm Creek and Jay townships, Martin County (see attached map.) Electricity from the Project would be transmitted to the existing Trimont Substation via 34.5 kilovolt electric lines. The Project is proposed to connect to the electrical grid at the Lakefield Generation Substation.

PUC Review Process

Two separate PUC approvals are required to build a large wind energy conversion facility greater than 50 MW in size. First, a project developer must obtain a Certificate of Need under Minnesota Statute 216B.243 from the PUC. Second, a Site Permit for a large wind energy conversion system under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F is required from the PUC.

Heartland Wind, LLC, filed its CON Application on June 8, 2009, and its Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit Application on May 19, 2009. The PUC accepted the Applications and issued a draft Site Permit on August 6, 2009. The Applications and draft Site Permit are available from the web site and persons listed below. Landowners and governments inside the Project boundary have received a copy of the Site Permit Application directly from Heartland Wind, LLC.

The OES EFP unit is responsible for conducting public meetings and environmental review of the CON Application under Minnesota Rule 4410.7030. OES will prepare an ER prior to public hearing and the PUC's determination of the need for the Project. The ER will consider issues related to the CON for the Project, such as size, type, timing, voltage and system configurations and general environmental impacts of the Project.

The OES EFP unit is also responsible for conducting the public participation process for the Site Permit Application. Environmental review for the Site Permit is addressed in the Site Permit Application and the draft Site Permit. Human, social and environmental impacts raised in public comments may be addressed by adding or modifying specific conditions of the draft Site Permit.

After completion of the ER, the PUC will hold a public hearing on the CON application which will be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings. Under state law, the CON proceeding is the only time at which the "no-build" alternative and the size, type and timing of a new electrical generating facility can be considered. These items will not be addressed in the PUC Site Permit process. Notice of the public hearing will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons who register their names on the OES project mailing list. Persons interested in adding their names to this mailing list should contact the DOC project manager or register on the webpage cited below.

Public Comment Period

OES will accept written comments on the Elm Creek II Wind Project Site Permit Application and the draft Site Permit, and suggested alternatives to be evaluated in the ER until September 23, 2009. Any person may request

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a contested case hearing on the Site Permit Application during the comment period pursuant to Minnesota Rule 4401.0550. Written comments and requests should be mailed or e-mailed to Sharon Ferguson, Docket Manager, at 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55101-2198 or sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us.

Upon completion of the public participation and hearing process, the records compiled in each proceeding will be presented to the PUC for final decisions on the Applications.

Eminent Domain

Heartland Wind, LLC, an independent power producer, does not have the power of eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights necessary for this Project. Wind and land rights necessary for the Project will be limited to voluntary easement or lease agreements between Heartland Wind, LLC, and individual landowners.

Project Contacts and Information

For more information about the process, the Project or to place your name on the Project mailing list, contact the persons listed below: Other contact information: Toll-Free Tel: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891 or TTY: Minnesota Relay Service, 800-627-3529, and ask for the DOC.

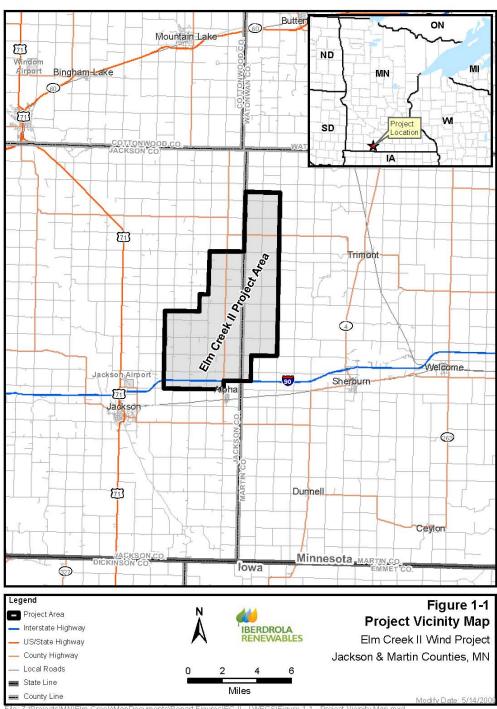
Project Manager, Site Permit	Public Advisor, Certificate of Need	
Matthew Langan	Bret Eknes	
Office of Energy Security	Minnesota Public Utilities Commission	
651-296-2096	651-201-2236	
matthew.langan@state.mn.us	bret.eknes@state.mn.us	
Public Advisor, Site Permit		
David Birholz		
Office of Energy Security		
651-296-2878		

Copies of both Applications and other relevant documents, including Minnesota Rules and Statutes governing the process, are accessible at:

http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=20051

Any person may add his or her name to a mailing list maintained by the OES EFP for future mailings regarding the Elm Creek II Wind Project. Names can be added to the list by contacting Mr. Langan or electronically by visiting the PUC Energy Facilities Permitting website above.

Finally, questions about the Elm Creek II Wind Project can also be directed to the Applicant by contacting Mr. Adam Sokolski, Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. at 612-840-6511 or adam.sokolski@iberdrolausa.com.



STATE OF MINNESOTA Office of Energy Security

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

In the Matter of the Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC, Application for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the Morgan Wind Project in Brown and Redwood Counties

LWECS Site Permit Application PUC Docket Numbers: IP6723/WS-09-360

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Office of Energy Security Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) staff will hold a public information on the application by Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC, to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a Site Permit for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) of approximately 31.5 megawatts (MW) to be located in Brown and Redwood counties (Project).

Public Information Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
at
AgQuest
711 Front Street
Morgan, MN

Preceded by an open house from 5:00 to 6:00 pm hosted by the Applicant

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information about the proposed Project and to take public comment and input on the Morgan Wind Acquisition Group site permit application and the draft site permit issued by the Commission. EFP staff will provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the draft site permit. Representatives of Morgan Wind Acquisition Group will be present to answer questions about the Project.

Prior to the public information meeting, the Applicant will host an open house beginning at 5:00 at the same location.

Project Description

The Project will consist of up to 21 individual turbines, about 80 meters high (262 feet), each generating approximately 1.5 megawatts (MW) of electricity. The turbine size and manufacturer have not yet been selected. A map showing the project boundary is attached. The Project also requires a number of associated facilities including access roads, a permanent meteorological tower, an underground electrical collection system, a project substation,

and a connection to the electric transmission system. The Project may also include an Operations and Maintenance building. The Applicant anticipates that the Project will ultimately require between 10 and 15 acres for all the facilities. The Applicant expects to begin construction on the Project in late 2009 or early 2010 and to place it in operation in late 2010.

Project Review Process

Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC, filed an LWECS Site Permit Application with the Commission on May 22, 2009. The Commission accepted this application on June 29, 2009, and approved the issuance of a draft Site Permit on August 4, 2009. The application and draft site permit are available from the web site and contacts listed below. Landowners and governments within the site boundary have received an application directly from the Applicant.

The EFP staff is responsible for the public participation process for the Site Permit Application, and 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 EFP staff will present the record of this matter to the Commission for a final permit decision.

Public Comments

Interested persons may comment orally at the public meeting on the application and the draft site permit and on the Project generally. In addition, written comments may also be submitted to the Office of Energy Security by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on September 29, 2009. Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax, email, or directly on line at the PUC website maintained for this project (see below). Please include the project docket number (IP6723/WS-09-360) on all written comments. All comments should be directed to Suzanne Steinhauer at the address below.

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 Rules part 7836.0900. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Ms. Steinhauer in writing by 4:30 p.m. on September 29, 2009. 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. Upon completion of the public participation and hearing process, the record created will be presented to the Commission for final decisions on the Applications.

Eminent Domain for Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC

Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC, 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.

Project Contacts and Information

For more information about the process, the Project or to place your name on the Project mailing list, contact the persons listed below. Other contact information: Toll-Free Tel: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891 or TTY: Minnesota Relay Service, 800-627-3529, and ask for the DOC.

OES Project Manager Suzanne Steinhauer 651-296-2888 suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us OES Public Advisor
Matthew Langan
651-296-2096
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Minnesota Office of Energy Security 85 7th Place E., Suite 500 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198

The site permit application, draft site permit, and links to other OES guidance documents and agency rules guiding the review process are available on the PUC Energy Facilities Permitting Project website at:

http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=20057

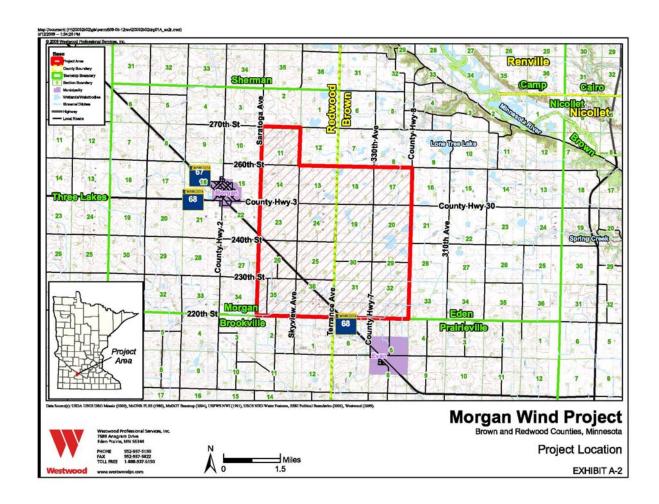
or on eDockets by entering "09" and "360" at:

https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp

The site permit application and draft site permit are also available for review at the Morgan Public Library. Landowners and governments inside the LWECS Project boundary have been mailed a copy of the Site Permit Application directly from the Applicant.

Persons interested in adding their names to the project mailing list should contact the OES project manager or public advisor, or register online at the above PUC site.

Questions about the Project and site permit application can also be directed to Morgan Wind Acquisition Group by contacting Marilyn Soltis at (612) 332-0607, Ext.107, or marilyn@mwwind.com.



STATE OF MINNESOTA Office of Energy Security

ISSUED: AUGUST 24, 2009

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE, DRAFT SITE PERMIT ISSUANCE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

In the Matter of the Grant County Wind, LLC, Application for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the Grant County Wind Farm in Grant County

LWECS Site Permit Application PUC Docket Number: IP6722/WS-09-341

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES) Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) staff will hold a public information on the application by Grant County Wind, LLC, to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a Site Permit for the Grant County Wind Farm Project, a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) of approximately 20 megawatts (MW) to be located in Roseville Township in Grant County, approximately five miles west of Hoffman and six miles south of Barrett.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

At

Hoffman Square

100 3rd St. South

Hoffman, MN

Preceded by an open house from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Applicant

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information about the proposed Project and to take public comment and input on the Grant County Wind, LLC, site permit application and the draft site permit issued by the Commission. EFP staff will provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the draft site permit. Representatives of Grant County Wind, LLC will be present to answer questions about the Project.

Prior to the public information meeting, the Applicant will host an open house beginning at **6:30 p.m.** at the same location.

Project Description

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The Project will consist of up to 10 Suzlon S88 wind turbine generators, about 80 meters high (262 feet), each generating approximately 2.0 megawatts (MW) of electricity. The rotor diameter will be 88 meters (289 feet). The maximum overall height of the wind turbines will be approximately 124 meters (407 feet) above grade when one blade is in the vertical position. A map showing the project boundary is attached. The Project also requires a number of associated facilities including access roads, a permanent meteorological tower, an underground electrical collection system, a project substation, and a connection to the electric transmission system. The Applicant anticipates that the Project will ultimately require between 10 and 20 acres for all the facilities. The Applicant expects to begin construction on the Project in late 2009 and to place it in operation by January 31, 2010.

Project Review Process

Grant County Wind, LLC, filed an LWECS Site Permit Application with the Commission on April, 7, 2009. The Commission accepted this application on June 11, 2009, and authorized the issuance of a draft Site Permit on August 20, 2009. The application and draft site permit are available from the web site and contacts listed below. Landowners and governments within the site boundary have received an application directly from the Applicant and will be sent a copy of the Draft Site Permit.

The EFP staff is responsible for the public participation process for the Site Permit Application, and 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 EFP staff will present the record of this matter to the Commission for a final permit decision.

Public Comments

Interested persons may comment orally at the public meeting on the application and the draft site permit and on the Project. In addition, written comments may also be submitted to the Office of Energy Security by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on September 23, 2009. Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax, email, or directly on line at the PUC website maintained for this project (see below). Please include the project docket number (IP6722/WS-09-341) on all written comments. All comments should be directed to Larry Hartman at the address below.

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 Rules part 7836.0900. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Mr. Hartman in writing by 4:30 p.m. on September 23, 2009. 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. Upon completion of the public participation and hearing process, the record created will be presented to the Commission for final decisions on the Application.

Eminent Domain for Grant County Wind, LLC

Grant County Wind, LLC, 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.

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OES Project Manager Larry Hartman 651-296-5089 larry.hartman@state.mn.us OES Public Advisor Deborah Pile 651-296-2096 deborah.pile@state.mn.us

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The site permit application and other documents relevant to the proposed project are available on the Commission's website: http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=20054, and on the Department of Commerce's eDocket website: https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp (enter the docket number 09-341).

The site permit application and draft site permit are also available for review at the public library in Elbow Lake, the Auditor's Office in Grant County, and the city offices in Hoffman and Barnett and with the clerk of Roseville Township. Landowners and governments inside the LWECS Project boundary have been mailed a copy of the Site Permit Application and will be mailed a copy of the draft site permit directly from the Applicant.

Persons interested in adding their names to the project mailing list should contact the OES project manager or public advisor, or register online at the above PUC site.

Questions about the Project and site permit application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Corey Juhl, Tel: (507) 777-4310; corey@juhlwind.com .

