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Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The following EAW has a comment deadline of May 11, 2016

Project Title: Minnesota Corrections Facility (MCF) – St. Cloud Intake and Health Services

Project Description: Renovations and building additions are planned for the MCF-St. Cloud to provide for a better intake process and to improve security. Approximately 32,972 sf of new construction, 20,086 sf of renovations, and 12,434 sf of demolition will occur. As part of this Project, three historic storage buildings at the south end of the facility will be demolished, which triggers the need for an EAW. The facility is working with the SHPO to document these historic buildings. A security fence and access road will enclose the facility's utilities in the northwest corner of the site.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Administration

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Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheets and Draft Scoping Decision Documents

The following Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheets and Draft Scoping Decision Documents have a comment deadline of May 26, 2016

Project Title: Line 3 Replacement Project

Project Description: Enbridge proposes the Line 3 Replacement Project in order to address safety and integrity issues associated with the existing Line 3 pipeline. Construction of the replacement would consist of a new pipeline and associated facilities in place of Enbridge's existing Line 3 pipeline, which currently transports crude oil from the Joliette Valve in Pembina County, North Dakota to Clearbrook, Minnesota, and then on to an existing terminal in Superior, Wisconsin. The Line 3 Replacement Project would follow the same route proposed for the Sandpiper Pipeline from Clearbrook to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border. The Line 3 route is approximately 363 miles long, 337 of which are in Minnesota. The proposed project is located in Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Polk, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, and Carlton counties.

The documents can be viewed on the Department of Commerce website:

Line 3: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34079>

The documents will also be available at the following locations in communities crossed by the proposed pipelines:

- Township Clerk
- City Clerk
- County Auditor or Administrator
- Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
- Bemidji Public Library, 509 American Avenue NW, Bemidji
- Crookston Public Library, 110 North Ash Street, Crookston
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth
- Kitchigami Regional Library, 212 Park Ave., PO Box 14, Pine River
- East Central Regional Library, 244 So. Birch Street, Cambridge
- Great River Regional Library, 1300 West St. Germain, St. Cloud

Written comments on the Scoping EAW and DSDD will be accepted through Thursday, May 26, 2016 (45-day comment period) and may be sent to Jamie MacAlister, Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul MN 55101 or Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us. Comments can also be submitted via the project's comment website: www.sandpiperline3.us.

Twelve (12) public meetings are planned as part of the scoping process. Meeting dates, times,

and locations are available on the Commerce website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/>. Information about both the Sandpiper and Line 3 projects will be presented at each of these meetings.

The meetings will provide an opportunity for people to learn about the proposed projects, ask questions, and provide input. Staff from the Department of Commerce, PUC, and Enbridge/NDPC (permit applicants) will be available to answer questions. A court reporter will be available to take verbal comments, and comment cards will be available for people who wish to provide written comments for the public record.

RGU: Public Utilities Commission

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Project Title: Sandpiper Pipeline Project

Project Description: The North Dakota Pipeline Company (NDPC) proposes to construct and operate the Sandpiper Pipeline Project, a new 616-mile oil pipeline extending from Beaver Lodge Station, south of Tioga, North Dakota to a new terminal facility at Clearbrook, Minnesota, and then on to an Enbridge affiliate's terminal and tank farm in Superior, Wisconsin. The proposed project includes approximately 303 miles of new pipeline and associated facilities in Minnesota. The proposed project is located in Polk, Red Lake, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, and Carlton counties.

The documents can be viewed on the Department of Commerce website:

Sandpiper: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?id=33599>

The documents will also be available at the following locations in communities crossed by the proposed pipelines:

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- City Clerk
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Petitions

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.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Scotch Prairie Farms Feedlot Expansion
- City of Minneapolis, Alatus Tower Project

Notices

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission - Notice of Decision: In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit for the Menahga Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project in Hubbard, Wadena, and Becker Counties

Docket Number: ET-2, E-015/CN-14-787; ET-2, E-015/TL-14-797

On March 14, 2016, the Public Utilities Commission published an ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND ROUTE PERMIT AS AMENDED (ORDER) to Great River Energy (GRE) and Minnesota Power (MP) for the Menahga Area 115 kV Transmission Line Project. In the ORDER the Commission concluded that GRE and MP have satisfied the applicable legal requirements and, accordingly, granted a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit for the Project. The Commission adopted, with modifications, the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, as well as the draft route permit proposed by the Department of Commerce's Energy Environmental Review and Analysis unit. The Commission found that the

environmental assessment for the project and the record as a whole addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision on environmental review. Specifically, the Commission concluded that one particular route addressed the Route Permit factors better than any of the alternatives analyzed in the environmental assessment for the project and subsequently selected the applicants' proposed route in combination with the modified 119th Avenue Route Alternative as the designated route for the project.

The ORDER, Permit, route maps and other information on the Project can be found on-line at: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "14" and docket number "787" or "797").

Under Minn. Rules 7829.3000 a party or a person aggrieved and directly affected by a commission decision or order may file a petition for rehearing, amendment, vacation, reconsideration, or re-argument (reconsideration) within 20 days of the date the decision or order is served by the executive secretary. A petition for rehearing, amendment, vacation, reconsideration, or re-argument must specifically set forth the grounds relied upon or errors claimed. A request for amendment must set forth the specific amendments desired and the reasons for the amendments.

If you would like a hard copy of the ORDER or Site Permit, have any questions about the project itself or would like more information please contact Commission staff persons: Cezar Panait at cezarp@state.mn.us; 651-201-2207

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Notification of Request for Commercial Use Exemption of Genetically Engineered Organisms

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	GMO Event
CUE 16002	Syngenta Seeds LLC	Corn	HT-Herbicide Properties IR – Insect Resistance	MZIR098

Syngenta Seeds, LLC, filed a request for a Commercial Use Exemption (CUE) for Genetically Engineered Organism (Event MZIR098) with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, MDA notification number CUE 16002. Notification is for genetically modified corn, with a USDA determination of nonregulated status dated March 23, 2016. For additional information contact Clifford Watrin, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-201-6531, clifford.watrin@state.mn.us

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	GMO Event
CUE 16C003	Monsanto Company	Corn	HT-Herbicide Properties (dicamba and glufosinate)	MON 87419

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