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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

The following EAWs have a comment deadline of August 17, 2016

Project Title: Hidden Creek Ag, LLC

Project Description: Eric and Todd Hansen, owners of Hidden Creek Ag, LLC (“Proposer”) propose to construct a new hog finishing facility (“Project”). The Project is located in the northwest quarter of Section 23, in Lemond Township, Township 106 North, Range 21 West, Steele County, Minnesota. The Proposer will construct two 326-feet by 51.2-feet total confinement, power ventilated buildings with eight foot deep steel-reinforced concrete liquid manure storage pits below the buildings. The Proposer will also construct one 30-foot by 16-foot roof-covered mortality composting shed to dispose of and compost dead animals. The Proposer will also construct a water appropriation well for livestock water and sanitation purposes. The Project will house up to 4,000 finishing hogs, or a total of 1,200 animal units in the two buildings. The Proposer owns several of the manure application sites, or has written agreements to land apply manure at other available sites. All manure land application sites are located near the Project site, in LeMond or Somerset Townships, in Steele County.

A copy of the Notice of Availability and the EAW can be found on the MPCA website at the following address: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/topics/environmental-review/environmental-assessment-worksheets-and-environmental-impact-statements.html>

Minn. R. 4410.4300, Subp. 29 (A), Animal Feedlots.

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Project Title: Dallas Bullerman Feedlot - Brunk Site

Project Description: Dallas Bullerman (Proposer) proposes to construct a new swine finishing facility in Section 11 of Olney Township in Nobles County (Project). The Project consists of two total confinement, power ventilated swine barns and one permanent stormwater infiltration area. The swine barns have a maximum physical capacity of 2,400 finishing hogs each, or 4,800 head total. The Project totals 1,440 animal units housed on-site, after construction. The Proposer will store manure in nine-foot deep reinforced concrete pits located beneath each of the two barns.

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Project Title: Joe Wagner Feedlot

Project Description: Joe Wagner (“Proposer”) plans to expand an existing 679 animal unit (“AU”) beef cattle open lot system feedlot (“Facility”) in Section 12 of Millerville Township, Douglas County. The Proposer will build two total confinement barns with 12’ deep concrete manure storage pits, two total confinement monoslope barns with manure pack bays, an open lot area with runoff controls and a small monoslope partial confinement barn for additional shelter, a working building, and an asphalt feed storage area (“Project”). Once completed, the Facility will accommodate 6,800 AUs of beef cattle. The Proposer will construct two geo-synthetic clay lined ponds to control surface water runoff from the open lots and feed storage areas at the Facility.

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Final Environmental Impact Statement

Project Title: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit (BLRT) Extension Project

Comment Deadline: August 15, 2016

Project Description: The Metropolitan Council (Council) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS), Amended Draft Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Evaluation, USACE Section 404 permit application, and Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement for the proposed BLRT Extension project. The proposed BLRT Extension project is approximately 13 miles of a new light rail transit line proposed as an extension of the METRO Blue Line (Hiawatha LRT). It will operate from downtown Minneapolis through the communities of Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park. The Project’s Draft EIS was published in March 2014.

Since the completion of the Draft EIS, the proposed BLRT Extension project team developed and evaluated 16 technical segment-specific and system-wide issues, including proposed adjustments to accommodate local goals and objectives, improve the performance of the proposed light rail extension, reduce project costs, and avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts. The Final EIS evaluates the No-Build Alternative and the proposed BLRT Extension project (Preferred Alternative). The proposed alignment includes 11 new light rail stations, approximately 1,670 additional park-and-ride spaces, accommodations for passenger drop-off, and bicycle and pedestrian access, as well as new or restructured local

bus route connection stations to nearby residential, commercial, and educational land uses.

The Final EIS documents the following:

- Purpose and need for the proposed BLRT Extension project;
- Alternatives considered;
- Anticipated impacts that will result from implementing the proposed BLRT Extension project, including avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures;
- Description of the proposed BLRT Extension project's public involvement and agency coordination;
- The proposed BLRT Extension project's proposed finance plan; and,
- Responses to comments received during the Draft EIS comment period.

Comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS may be submitted in writing to Kathryn O'Brien (contact information below) through August 15, 2016. Following the review period and consideration of the comments received on the adequacy of the Final EIS, a Federal Record of Decision and Minnesota State Adequacy Determination are anticipated. The Record of Decision and Adequacy Determination will document the Council's and FTA's final decision regarding the environmental phase of the Project.

Document Availability: The Final EIS; including the Amended Draft Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Evaluation, USACE Section 404 permit application, and Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement, and all appendices; is available online at <http://metro council.org/blrt/feis>.

The Final EIS is also available at the locations listed below. A CD of the Final EIS is available upon request.

- **Osseo Library:** 412 Central Avenue, Osseo, MN 55369
- **Osseo City Hall:** 415 Central Avenue, Osseo, MN 55428
- **Maple Grove Library:** 8001 Main Street North, Maple Grove, MN 55369
- **Maple Grove Government Center and Public Safety Facility:** 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway North, Maple Grove, MN 55311
- **Brooklyn Park Library:** 8500 W Broadway Ave, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
- **Brooklyn Park City Hall:** 5200 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
- **Brookdale Library:** 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, MN 55346
- **New Hope City Hall:** 4401 Xylon Avenue North, New Hope, MN 55428
- **Rockford Road Library:** 6401 42nd Avenue North, Crystal, MN 55427
- **Crystal City Hall:** 4141 Douglas Drive North, Crystal, MN 55422
- **Blue Line Extension Project Office:** 5512 West Broadway Avenue, Suite 200, Crystal, MN 55428
- **Robbinsdale City Hall:** 4100 Lakeview Avenue North, Robbinsdale, MN 55422
- **Golden Valley Library:** 830 Winnetka Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55427
- **Golden Valley City Hall:** 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427
- **North Regional Library:** 1315 Lowry Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411
- **Sumner Library:** 611 Van White Memorial Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55411
- **Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central:** Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- **Minneapolis City Hall:** 350 South 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415
- **Metropolitan Council Library:** 390 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101
- **Minnesota Department of Transportation Library:** 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55155
- **Legislative Reference Library:** 645 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55115

To request special accommodations, contact Dan Pfeiffer, Blue Line Extension LRT Assistant Public Involvement Manager, at 612-373-3897 or Daniel.pfeiffer@metrotransit.org at least ten

days prior to the end of the comment period.

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Notice

Public Utilities Commission - Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Application of Mankato Energy Center II, LLC for a Site Permit for the 345 MW Expansion of the Mankato Energy Center

Commission Docket: IP6949/GS-15-620

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in an Order issued June 23, 2016, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: (i) found that the environmental assessment prepared by the Department of Commerce met the requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 7850.3700 and .3900; and (ii) issued a site permit for the Mankato Energy Center, authorizing Mankato Energy Center II, LLC to construct and operate a 345 megawatt expansion of the existing large electric power generating plant located in Blue Earth County.

Questions about this project may be directed to Commission staff member Tricia DeBleeckere at tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us or 651-201-2254.