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EQB Environmental Review Survey

Starting July 1, 2016, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will be distributing online surveys to responsible governmental units (RGU) upon completion of the environmental review process. RGUs that have completed environmental review since the beginning of 2016 will also be invited to complete the environmental review survey. This ongoing survey will replace the year end survey distributed in 2015. Survey responses will be used to assess our customer service and identify opportunities to improve the EQB Environmental Review Program.

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Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The following EAW has a comment deadline of July 13, 2016

Project Title: 2016-2017 Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Improvements – Duluth, MN

Project Description: The Spirit Mountain recreational improvements include construction and maintenance of Nordic cross country ski trails (5.8 kilometers/3.6 miles), construction of mountain bike trails (10.0 miles), Superior Hiking Trail extensions (1.5 miles), Rail-to-Trail conversion (0.8 miles), and a disc golf course (18 holes, approximately 1.5 miles).

The EAW is available on the City of Duluth Community Planning Division's web site under

“Environmental” (<http://www.duluthmn.gov/community-planning/eaw/>) or from the reference section of the Duluth Public Library. Copies of the document are also available in printed or CD-ROM format from the City of Duluth Community Planning Division, Room 208 City Hall.

A public hearing with the City Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 5:00 p.m., in the 3rd Floor Council Chambers of Duluth City Hall, 411 West First Street.

The comment period for this EAW ends at 4:30 p.m., July 13, 2016.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Duluth Planning Commission

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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB *Monitor*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Boerboom Ag Resources - Redwood, 6-3-16 (4-18-16)
- City of Minneapolis, 600 Washington Avenue SE, 5-31-16 (4-4-16)

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoption

Project Title: Final Country Manor Senior Living Campus (Formerly Arcon St. Joseph AUAR)

The City of St. Joseph adopted the Update to the Arcon St. Joseph AUAR on June 1, 2016.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of St. Joseph

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Notices

Public Utilities Commission - Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Application of Marshall Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the Marshall Solar Project in Lyon County, Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission Docket No. IP-6941/GS-14-1052

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in an Order issued May 5, 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 Marshall Solar Project, authorizing Marshall Solar, LLC to construct and operate a 100 megawatt large electric power generating plant located in Lyon County.

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

Public Utilities Commission - Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy and Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Motley Area 115 kV HVTL Project in Morrison, Cass and Todd Counties, Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission Docket No. ET-2, E-15/CN-14-853 and TL-15-204

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in an Order issued March 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 route permit for the Motley Area 115kV HVTL Project, authorizing Great River Energy and Minnesota Power to construct and operate approximately 15.5-16.5 miles of 115 kV transmission line and associated facilities in the Motley Area.

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