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EIS Need Decision

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does 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.

- City of Red Wing, Sturgeon Lake Road, February 10, 2014 (November 25, 2013)
- City of Le Sueur, Cambria Line #5 Expansion, February 10, 2014 (December 23, 2013)
- AMENDED: Hennepin County, Reconstruction of CSAH 101 from CSAH 5 to US Highway 12, February 24, 2014 (October 14, 2013)

EIS Scoping Document Available

Project Title: Gateway Corridor Project

Project Description: The Gateway Corridor is a proposed project that will provide for transit improvements in the eastern part of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Located in Ramsey and Washington Counties, the Gateway Corridor will extend approximately 12 miles from downtown Saint Paul east through the East Side neighborhoods of Saint Paul and the suburbs of Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, Lake Elmo, and Woodbury. Two types of high-frequency transit service are being studied for the Gateway Corridor: bus rapid transit (BRT) and light rail transit (LRT).

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Project Website where Scoping Booklet can be accessed: <http://thegatewaycorridor.com/>

Petitions Received

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.

- Sylvan Township, Verizon Telecommunication Tower near the Gull River in Sylvan Township, (located in Cass County)
- City of Edina, Conversion of the Fred Richards Golf Course in Edina, (located in Hennepin County)

AUAR Update Available

Project Title: Sartell Epic Center AUAR Update (formerly known as Sartell Section 34 & 35 Development Area AUAR)

AUAR Comment Deadline: April 2, 2014

Project Description: The City of Sartell completed the original AUAR in 2007, and this update was prepared as required by State EQB rules. The AUAR covers an area of approximately 225 acres in Sections 34 & 35 of the City of Sartell, Minnesota, analyzing a number of issues including land use, transportation, provision of public services and infrastructure, management of storm water, and others.

Copies of the AUAR Update document are available for review at:

Sartell City Hall
125 Pinecone Road North
Sartell, MN 56377
<http://www.sartellmn.com/>

Written comments can be sent to:

Anita Rasmussen
Sartell City Hall
125 Pinecone Road North
Sartell, MN 56377

Or by email to the City's consultant, Tina Goodroad at tina.goodroad@stantec.com

Project Title: Rivers Edge Updated AUAR and Mitigation Plan

AUAR Comment Deadline: March 24, 2014

Project Description: Pursuant to Minnesota Rules 4410.3610, subp 7A, an Updated alternative Areawide Review is required for the development known as "Rivers Edge Development". Five years have passed since the City of St. Paul Park adopted the Rivers Edge Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan on April 20, 2009.

The site conditions have not changed and development has not occurred. The intentions of the AUAR or development scenarios as described in the AUAR also have not been modified; and/or the AUAR document itself has not been amended in any manner.

The City of St. Paul Park will discuss the Updated AUAR and Mitigation Plan at the April 14, 2014 meeting of the St. Paul Park Planning Commission, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Park City Hall. The City of St. Paul Park will schedule adoption of the Updated AUAR and Mitigation Plan for April 21, 2014, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Park City Hall.

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Environmental Assessment Available

Project Title: Elko New Market and Cleary Lake Area 115 kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project

Project Description:

- Rebuild approximately 3.5 miles of the existing Great River Energy single circuit 69 kV "MV-PN" line to 115 kV standards from Prior Lake Junction south to Credit River Junction;
- Rebuild approximately 0.9 mile of the existing Great River Energy single circuit 69 kV "MV-CR" line to single circuit 115 kV standards with 69 kV underbuild from Credit River Junction west to MVEC's Cleary Lake Substation;
- Rebuild approximately 1.3 miles of the existing Great River Energy single circuit 69 kV MV-CR line to 115 kV standards northwest from MVEC's Cleary Lake Substation to Xcel Energy's Credit River Substation;
- Rebuild approximately 5.6 miles of the existing Great River Energy single circuit 69 kV MV-PN (north of Elko Substation to New Market Substation). line to 115 kV standards; and
- Construct approximately 5.4 miles of new double circuit transmission line from the MV-PN line to Xcel Energy's Veseli 69 kV breaker station.

Copies of the EA can be obtained through EERA staff, on the EERA website at <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=32989> or by searching year "12", number "1245" or "1235" on eDockets at <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>. Copies of the EA are also available for review at the following local libraries:

- Elko New Market Public Library
110 J Roberts Way
Elko New Market
- Prior Lake Public Library
16210 Eagle Creek Ave SE
Prior Lake
- New Prague Public Library
400 E Main Street
New Prague
- Savage Public Library
13090 Alabama Ave S
Savage

Public Hearing:

A Public Hearing on the Certificate of Need and the Route Permit will be held in the Project area on March 4, 2014 after this release of this Environmental Assessment and will be noticed separately.

RGU: Department of Commerce

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For information about the environmental review process, contact David Birkholz (651-539-1838, david.birkholz@state.mn.us), Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198.

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Notices

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

MDA Notification	Applicant	Crop	Project Category	County(s)
14-NO-030	BetaSeed	sugarbeet	Product Quality Modified	Clay(8), Dakota(2), Goodhue(2), Polk, Scott(2), Wilkin
14-NO-031	BetaSeed	sugarbeet	Product Quality Modified	Clay(8), Dakota(2), Goodhue(2), Polk, Scott(2), Wilkin
14-NO-032	BetaSeed	sugarbeet	Fungal Pathogen Resistant	Clay(8), Dakota(2), Goodhue(2), Polk, Scott(2), Wilkin
14-NO-033	Dow AgroSciences	soybean	Herbicide Tolerant	Fillmore
14-NO-034	Dow AgroSciences	corn	Insect Resistant, Herbicide Tolerant	Brown, Cottonwood, Fillmore(2), McLeod, Otter Tail, Pope, Renville, Sibley, Stearns, Wilkin
14-NO-035	Syngenta	corn	Herbicide Tolerant, Insect Resistant	Blue Earth, Dakota, Goodhue, Mower(2), Rice, Waseca
14-NO-036	USDA-ARS	barley	Fungal Pathogen Resistant	Dakota

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