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## EQB Announcements

### Citizen Board Member Opening - 4th Congressional District

Applications are now open for an EQB Citizen Board Member in the 4th Congressional District. The 4th Congressional District includes St. Paul and surrounding suburbs such as Woodbury, Maplewood, Roseville, New Brighton, White Bear Lake, and Stillwater.

The position is for a four-year term starting January 1, 2020. The first review of applications will be August 5, 2019. The position is open until filled. For details and to apply: <https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/agency/details/107>

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## Petitions

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (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, Christenson Farms Hog Feedlot

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## Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB Monitor, respectively.

- St. Anthony Village, Silver Lake Village Multifamily Redevelopment, 7-23-19 (6-3-19)

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## Draft Environmental Impact Statements

### Project Title: Dodge County Wind Project

**Comment Deadline:** August 30, 2019

**Project Description:** NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS ISSUED: July 29, 2019 In the Matter of Dodge County Wind, LLC's Certificate of Need, LWECS Site Permit, and HVTL Route Permit applications of for the Dodge County Wind Project and associated facilities in Steel,

Dodge, and Olmstead counties in Minnesota Docket Numbers: IP6981/CN-17-306, WS-17-307, TL-17-308 The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has released the draft environmental impact statement (draft EIS) for the proposed Dodge County Wind Project.

The Department will hold two public information meetings to provide opportunities for public comment on the draft EIS: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 1 p.m. and 6 p. m. Minnesota Wi-Fi Performing Arts Center 101 16th Street NE Kasson, MN 55944 Bad weather? To find out if a meeting has been postponed due to bad weather call 1-855-731-6208 or visit <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities>.

Meeting Information:

- Public meetings start on time. Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- Attendees will have the opportunity to offer oral and/or written comments into the record.
- Department of Commerce staff will preside over the meeting. Department staff, as well as staff from Dodge County Wind, LLC, will be available to answer questions about the project and the process.
- Each meeting will offer the same information and opportunity to comment.
- Each meeting will last until everyone at the meeting has had an opportunity to speak.
- Comments received at the meetings and during the comment period will be used to develop the final EIS for this project.

Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following question(s):

- What information needs to be clarified or included in the draft EIS to ensure that the final EIS is complete and accurate?

**Comment Period:** Comments will be accepted through Friday, August 30, 2019. Please include the docket numbers (17-306, 17-307, or 17-308) in all communications.

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**Important:** Comments will be made available to the public, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

The draft EIS can be viewed on the Department's website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities>. Select "Wind Turbines" and then select "Dodge County Wind Project" It can also be viewed through the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's website: <http://mn.gov/puc>. Select "eDockets," enter the year ("17") and the docket number ("306," "307," or "308"), and then select "Search."

The draft EIS will be available for viewing at the following public libraries:

- Owatonna Public Library, 105 North Elm Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060
- Dodge Center Public Library, 13 First Avenue NW, Dodge Center, MN 55927
- Kasson Public Library, 607 1st Street NW, Kasson, MN 55944
- Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd Street SE, Rochester, MN 56098

Printed copies of the draft EIS will be available for review at the public meetings. A limited number of electronic copies of the draft EIS will also be available. Project Description Dodge County Wind, LLC (DCW or applicant) is proposing to build a 170-megawatt wind farm in Dodge and Steele Counties in southeast Minnesota. The applicant is also proposing to build a 21-mile to 26-mile long 345-kilovolt high-voltage transmission line through Dodge and Olmsted Counties to connect the wind farm to the electric grid. DCW anticipates that construction will begin in 2020, and the project will be in- service in late 2020.

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