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EQB Announcements

Citizen Environmental Review Survey

The Environmental Quality Board, which oversees the state's Environmental Review program, is undergoing a continuous improvement project to monitor and improve the effectiveness of Environmental Review. Minnesota citizens who have participated in the Environmental Review process are asked to consider taking 10 minutes to complete the survey at the link below. Engagement in the process may include: reviewed a document, attended a public meeting, wrote a comment, contacted staff, etc.

<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=151335922389>

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Environmental Impact Statement Adequacy Determinations

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE REVISED FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Issued: February 12, 2018

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Route Permit for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border

PUC Docket Numbers: PL-9/CN-14-916 and PL-9/PPL-15-137

On December 14, 2017, the Commission issued an order that found the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Line 3 Replacement Project to be inadequate under Minn. R. 4410.2800. In that order, the Commission identified four specific deficiencies in the Final EIS that must be remedied before it can be considered adequate.

In accordance with the Commission's December 14 Order, the Minnesota Department of Commerce issued the revised Final EIS for the Line 3 Replacement Project on February 12, 2018.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Comment Period: Comments on the revised Final EIS will be accepted through **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2018**. Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered.

Topics Open for Comment: The Commission is accepting comments only on whether the revised Final EIS adequately addresses the four specific deficiencies identified in its December 14, 2017 Order:

- Does the revised Final EIS include additional information to: (i) indicate how far and where SA-04 would need to be moved to avoid the karst topography it would otherwise traverse, and (ii) provide a revised environmental impact analysis of SA-04 that specifically reflects the resulting relocation of that alternative?
- Does the revised Final EIS clarify that quantitative representations of route and system alternatives impacts do not necessarily reflect the actual qualitative impacts of those alternatives?
- Does the revised Final EIS identify the extent to which resource impacts of route alternatives in the existing Line 3 corridor are or are not additive, *i.e.*, to what extent does a route alternative introduce new or additional impacts beyond the impacts of the existing pipelines in that corridor?
- Does the revised Final EIS clarify that a traditional cultural properties survey must be completed before the start of any construction pursuant to any permit granted in this proceeding?

Comments may be submitted via:

Email: publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us

eDocuments: Visit mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

U.S. Mail: Scott Ek, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

Fax: 651-297-7073

Please include “Line 3 Project Revised Final EIS Comments” and the Commission's docket numbers 14-916 and 15-137 on all comments.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission’s electronic filing system (eFiling). Visit: mn.gov/puc/, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

REVISED FINAL EIS AVAILABILITY

The revised Final EIS can be viewed on the Department of Commerce Line 3 website: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3

The revised Final EIS is also located on the Commission’s eDocket System at: mn.gov/puc, select *eDockets*, enter the year (14) and the docket number (916), or the year (15) and the docket number (137), and select *Search*.

Electronic copies of the revised Final EIS are available for viewing at the following public libraries:

- Albert Lea Public Library, 211 E Clark St, Albert Lea, MN 56007
- Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave NE, Austin, MN 55912
- Bagley Public Library, 79 Spencer Ave SW, Bagley, MN 56621
- Bemidji Public Library, 509 America Ave NW, Bemidji, MN 56601
- Benson Public Library, 200 13th St N, Benson, MN 56215
- Blue Earth County Library, 100 E Main St, Mankato, MN 56001
- Cambridge Public Library, 244 Birch St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
- Carlton Public Library, 213 Chestnut Ave, Carlton, MN 55718
- Cass Lake Community Library, 223 Cedar Ave, Cass Lake, MN 56633
- Clark Library Bemidji State University, 500 Birchmont Dr. NE #28, Bemidji, MN 56601
- Crookston Public Library, 110 N Ash St, Crookston, MN 56716
- Crosslake Area Library, 14126 Daggett Pine Rd, Crosslake, MN 56442
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802
- East Lake Community Center, 20650 363rd Lane, McGregor, MN 55760
- Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 East Hampden Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537
- Foley Public Library, 251 4th Ave N, Foley, MN 56329
- Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, 2101 14th Street, Cloquet, MN 55720
- Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave, Gaylord, MN 55334
- Godel Memorial Library, 314 E Johnson Ave, Warren, MN 56762
- Grand Rapids Public Library, 140 NE 2nd St, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
- Great River Regional Library, 1300 W St Germain St, St. Cloud, MN 56301
- Hallock Public Library, 101 1st St E, Hallock, MN 56728
- Hinckley Public Library, 106 1st St SE, Hinckley, MN 55037
- Kitchigami Regional Library, 212 Park Ave, Pine River, MN 56474
- Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St, Le Sueur, MN 56058
- Leech Lake Tribal & Community College, 6945 Little Wolf Rd NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633
- Little Falls Public Library, 108 NE 3rd St, Little Falls, MN 56345
- McGregor Public Library, 111 E Center Ave, McGregor, MN 55760
- McIntosh Public Library, 115 NW Broadway, McIntosh, MN 56556
- Red Lake Nation Tribal & Community College, 15480 Migizi Dr, Red Lake, MN 56671
- Milaca Community Library, 235 1st St E, Milaca, MN 56353
- Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- Montevideo Public Library, 224 S 1st St, Montevideo, MN 56265
- Mora Public Library, 200 W Maple Ave, Mora, MN 55051
- Morris Public Library, 102 E 6th St, Morris, MN 56267
- Olivia Public Library, 405 S 10th St, Olivia, MN 56277
- Park Rapids Area Library, 210 1st St W, Park Rapids, MN 56470
- Red Lake Falls Public Library, 105 Champagne Ave SW, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
- Rice Lake Community Center, 26209 Water Tower Loop, Bagley, MN 56621
- Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St SE, Rochester, MN 55904
- St. Peter Public Library, 601 S Washington Ave, St Peter, MN 56082
- Staples Public Library, 122 6th St NE, Staples, MN 56479
- Thief River Falls Public Library, 102 1st St E, Thief River Falls, MN 56701
- Wadena City Library, 304 1st St SW, Wadena, MN 56482

- Waseca-Le Sueur Library, 408 N State St, Waseca, MN 56093
- Wheaton Public Library, 901 1st Ave N, Wheaton, MN 56296
- White Earth Tribal & Community College, 102 3rd St NE, Mahanomen, MN 56557
- Willmar Public Library, 410 5th St SW, Wilmar, MN 56201

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional Information on the Line 3 Replacement Project and the Commission's review process can be found by visiting: mn.gov/puc/line3/

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (14) and the docket number (916), or the year (15) and the docket number (137), and select *Search*.

Subscribe to receive email notifications when new documents are filed in this docket at mn.gov/puc, select *Subscribe*, or click [HERE](#) and follow the prompts.

Change your mailing preferences: Email docketing.puc@state.mn.us or call Jamie Eschbach at 651-201-2204.

If you have questions about this docket or the Commission's process and procedures, please direct them to Scott Ek of the Commission staff at 651-201-2255 or scott.ek@state.mn.us.

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Notices

Notice of Public Hearing and Draft Site Permit Availability - Freeborn Wind Farm Site Permit Application

In the Matter of the Application of Freeborn Wind Energy LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 84 Megawatt Freeborn Wind Farm in Freeborn County Comment Deadline: March 15, 2018 at 4:30 PM NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will hold public and evidentiary hearings on Freeborn Wind Energy LLC's site permit application for its proposed 84 megawatt Freeborn Wind Project in Freeborn County, Minnesota. Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: IP-6946/WS-17-410 Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 80-2500-34633 Date(s) and Time (s): Public Hearing: February 20, 2018, 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM Evidentiary Hearings: February 21 and 22, 2018, 9:00 AM Start Time Note – The public hearings will adjourn with the last speaker, even if it is prior to the stated hearing end time, but not earlier than 7:00 PM. The public hearing may be extended, depending on the number of individuals wishing to provide comment. Freeborn Wind Energy LLC (Freeborn Wind, or Applicant), an affiliate of Invenergy LLC, plans to develop an up to 200 megawatt (MW) Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) in Freeborn County in Minnesota and Worth County Iowa. Freeborn Wind has filed a site permit application with the Commission for the Minnesota portion of the project, which is comprised of an up to 84 MW LWECS in Freeborn County. The project is located in Hayward, London, Oakland, and Shell Rock Townships. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to ask questions, cross-examine witnesses, and present comments or other concerns regarding the project. At the evidentiary hearing, parties shall examine and cross-examine witnesses. Submit Comments Online - Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!*, find this docket, and add your comments. U.S. Mail - Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101. Please include the Commission's docket number (17-410) in all

communications. eFiling - Visit mn.gov/puc, select eFiling, and follow the prompts. Important Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions. Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions: • Should the Public Utilities Commission issue a site permit for the project? • What are the environmental and human impacts of the project under consideration and how can these impacts be addressed in the site permit? • Are there other project-related issues or concerns? RGU Contact Person: Michael Kaluzniak Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147 651-201-2257 mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us

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I-35W North Corridor Preliminary Design Project (SP 6284-172)

The Federal Highway Administration has concluded that the I-35W North Corridor Project will not cause significant environmental impacts and issued a FONSI for the project on January 25, 2018. The FONSI and other related items are available on the project website under the "Documents" tab at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wroseville/index.html>

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EQB Board Meeting, February 21, 2018

The EQB will hold its monthly meeting on February 21, 2018 at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in St. Paul. The proposed meeting agenda and additional information, including details for the live webcast, can be found on the [EQB website](#).

Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection Meeting, February 15, 2018

The Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection will meet at the Veterans Service Building 20 W. 12th St. St. Paul, MN 55155 on February 15, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information on this meeting, please see the agenda on the [EQB website](#).