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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Montgomery Meadows

Comment Deadline: March 22, 2017

Project Description: Montgomery Meadows is a phased mixed use equestrian community with 103

single family homes, horse stables and related business developed under Kalmar Township Special District rules. The development will include lot grading, private streets and private storm water management, community sanitary sewer systems and water systems for each phase.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Kalmar Township

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: Scherer Site and Hall's Island Reconstruction

Comment Deadline: March 22, 2017

Project Description: The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board is proposing to restore Hall's Island in the Mississippi River and establish an adjacent eight-acre riverfront park on the former Scherer Brothers Lumber Company site, upstream of the Plymouth Avenue Bridge in northeast Minneapolis. Restoration of Hall's Island will create new habitat within the Mississippi River corridor in a portion of the north/northeast Minneapolis urban environment that is dominated by industrial uses and has limited access to natural areas.

The EAW is available for public review at:

- MPRB Headquarters: 2117 West River Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411
- Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-1992

Reviewers of the Scherer Site and Hall's Island Reconstruction EAW shall submit all questions and comments (written or email) directly to: Jon Duesman, MPRB, 2117 West River Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411; jduesman@minneapolisparks.org

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB)

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: ISD 742 Tech High School Site

Comment Deadline: March 22, 2017

Project Description: ISD 742 proposes to develop a 116 acre site to construct the new Tech High School. The site design includes access roads, internal roads, parking, and utility infrastructure for the school and athletic fields. The property is in southwest St. Cloud near the intersection of County Road 74

and 33rd Street South.

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

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: Bridlewood Farms

Comment Deadline: March 22, 2017

Project Description: Residential Community consisting of Single Family homes and attached townhomes located at the corner of Radio Drive and Dale Road. Associated streets and sewer, water, and storm sewers also proposed.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Woodbury

RGU Contact Person:

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Project Title: Zaske Gravel Mine

Comment Deadline: March 22, 2017

Project Description: Duinick, Inc. is proposing the expansion and continued operation of an existing 39.68 acre gravel mining operation located in portions of the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 23, and the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 24, Sacred Heart South Township, Renville County, Minnesota.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): Renville County

RGU Contact Person:

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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, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- City of Chaska, Demolition of the Ess House; 217 Walnut Street Chaska MN, 2-6-17 (12-12-16)
- Washington County, CSAH 4 Improvement Project - Ostrum Trail North / Broadway Street, 6-7-16 (4-25-16)
- Washington County, Manning Avenue (County Highway 15) Corridor Management and Safety Improvement Project, 2-7-17 (11-21-16)

Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND DRAFT SITE PERMIT ISSUANCE

Issued: February 13, 2017

In the Matter of the Application of Red Pine Wind Project, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 200.1-Megawatt Red Pine Wind Project in Lincoln County

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Numbers: IP-6646/WS-16-618

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 82-2500-34034

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public hearing on the site permit application by Red Pine Wind Project, LLC, for its proposed 200.1 megawatt Red Pine Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

Date: Monday, March 6, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Ivanhoe VFW Post 2980, 116 Saxon Street, Ivanhoe, Minnesota 56142

To find out if a meeting has been cancelled due to bad weather call 1-855-731-6208 or visit mn.gov/puc.

The Honorable Barbara J. Case, an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) with the Office of Administrative Hearings, will conduct this hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments regarding the draft site permit, or other concerns regarding the project from the public.

Project Description

Red Pine Wind Project, LLC, has filed a site permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for an up to 200.1 megawatt large wind energy conversion system. The proposed large wind energy conversion system would be comprised of 58 to 100 wind turbines ranging from 2.0 to 3.45 megawatts in size. Associated facilities include a project substation, an operation and maintenance building, access roads, meteorological towers, light range or sonic range detecting units, underground communication and electrical collection lines, and transformers. The proposed project footprint would occupy approximately 44,657 acres of land located in Ash Lake, Lake Stay, Limestone, Marble, and Royal townships in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

Written Comment Period

Comment Period: Written comments will be accepted through **March 16, 2017 at 4:30pm**. Please include the Commission's Docket Number (16-618) and OAH Docket Number (82-2500-34034) in all communications.

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?

Comments may be submitted via:

Online: Visit mn.gov/puc, select Speak Up!, and follow the prompts.

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

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

Important: Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered. Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's and the Department of Commerce's websites, except in limited circumstances, consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

Process Information

Before the project can be built, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must approve a site permit. Red Pine Wind Project, LLC's site permit application was accepted as complete in November 2016. This means the company submitted all the information required to begin the review process. The Commission's decision-making process takes between six and nine months.

On February 2, 2017, the Commission voted to approve a draft site permit for the project. Comments about the draft site permit can be submitted through March 16, 2017.

Judge Case will use the information gathered at the public hearing and during the comment period to write a report for the Commission. The report will include a summary of comments received, findings of fact and a recommendation on whether to approve a site permit. After receiving the report, the Commission will make a final decision on the project at a separate meeting, expected in May 2017.

Learn More

Full Case Record: The **certificate of need and site permit applications** and other documents filed in this matter are available at: mn.gov/puc, select eDockets, enter the year (16) and the docket number (618), select Search.

Department of Commerce Website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34580>.

Subscribe to the Docket: To receive email notification when new documents are filed in this matter visit: mn.gov/puc, select Subscribe, and follow the prompts.

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate in meetings and comment periods. Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (16-618), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Community Locations: Copies of the site permit applications are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Ivanhoe Public Library, 401 N Harold St Ivanhoe, MN 56142
- Lincoln County Environmental Office, 221 N Wallace Ave, Ivanhoe, MN 56142

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: This project is reviewed under Minnesota Statutes chapters 216B and 216F and Minnesota Rules chapters 7829, 7849, and 7854, available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

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Red Pine Wind Project, LLC

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Proposed Project Location

