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Petition

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.

- Faribault County, Larry Twedt 3020 Head Swine Finishing Barn Project

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.

- Metropolitan Airports Commission, Runway 14/32 Relocation/Extension and Associated Improvements, 8-31-18 (2-26-18)
- City of Woodbury, The Preserve at CityPlace EAW, 10-10-18 (9-3-18)

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Revisions

Project Title: Moorhead South Growth Area AUAR

Comment Deadline: November 13, 2018

Project Description: The City of Moorhead recognizes the need for more detailed land use planning that facilitates development in a cohesive manner and ensures that the public infrastructure needed to support development is planned appropriately. This South Growth Area AUAR evaluates the potential future growth and its associated impacts on a cumulative basis. The project area encompasses over 3,600 acres in south Moorhead Township. This AUAR is tentatively scheduled for the Moorhead Planning Commission on November 7 and the City Council for approval on November 26.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Moorhead, MN

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Project Title: Moorhead East Growth Area AUAR

Comment Deadline: November 13, 2018

Project Description: The City of Moorhead recognizes the need for more detailed land use planning that facilitates development in a cohesive manner and ensures that the public infrastructure needed to support development is planned appropriately. This AUAR evaluates the potential future growth and its associated impacts on a cumulative basis. The project area encompasses over 4,000 acres in east Moorhead Township and the southern portion of the City of Dilworth. This AUAR is tentatively scheduled to be before the Moorhead Planning Commission on November 7 and the City Council on November 26.

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Project Title: Moorhead North Growth Area AUAR

Comment Deadline: November 13, 2018

Project Description: The City of Moorhead is updating its 2009 AUAR. This AUAR evaluates the potential future growth and its associated impacts on a cumulative basis. The project area for the North Growth Area AUAR encompasses over 10,000 acres in Moorhead and Oakport Township. This AUAR is tentatively scheduled for the Moorhead Planning Commission on November 7 and the City Council for approval on November 26.

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update Adoption

Project Title: Gateway Study Area AUAR

Project Description: The City of Edina adopted the Gateway Study Area AUAR Update on October 2, 2018. The original Update was adopted in 2007 and updated in 2013. The 135 acre project area is located between TH100, Fred Richards Golf Course, France Avenue, and the City of Bloomington border. The Update is available on the city's website at <https://www.edinamn.gov/546/Planning>.

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Notices

Notice of Power Plant Annual Hearing

Public Utilities Commission (Commission) – Notice of Public Hearing for the power plant siting and transmission line routing annual hearing. This hearing is conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statute § 216E.07. The Commission is providing notice that it will hold the Public Hearing at 10 AM on November 14, 2018 in the Commission's Large Hearing Room at 121 7th Place East, 3rd Floor, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf will preside over the hearing. Commission and Department of Commerce staff will give an overview of the programs and projects pending or

completed in 2018. Staff will also be available to answer questions. Judge Middendorf will use the information gathered at the hearing to write a summary report for the Commission. Members of the public will have the opportunity to offer oral or written comments, or both, into the record. No comments on specific projects are being considered at the annual hearing.

Comments on power plant siting and transmission line routing will be received by various methods until December 14, 2018, as noticed. Documents related to this docket can be obtained for the project at the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select search eDockets, enter year (18) and the docket number (18), select search.

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Notice of Public Meeting and Comment Period for the Fenton Wind Repowering Project in Murray and Nobles Counties

Public Utilities Commission (Commission) – Notice of Public Meeting for the Fenton Wind Repowering Project in Murray and Nobles Counties, Commission Docket No. IP-6499/WS-05-1707. The Commission is providing notice that it will hold a Public Meeting on the proposed project at 6 PM on November 15, 2018 at Tally Ho Koffie/Gray Wolf at 130 Howard St. E., Edgerton, MN 56128.

Fenton Power Partners I, LLC (Fenton Wind) is proposing to retrofit existing wind turbines by retrofitting turbine equipment. There are no changes proposed to the turbine locations or towers. Fenton Wind is requesting permit amendments to: increase the rotor diameter, the output of the turbines, and the project nameplate capacity, to extend the permit expiration date and adjust permitted setbacks. Comments will be received until December 5, 2018 via various methods, as noticed in the official meeting notice. Documents can be obtained for the project at the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select Search eDockets, enter the year (05) and the docket number (1707), select Search.

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