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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: May 19, 2010

Project Title: Valley View Campground – Fountain Township

Description: Valley View Campground is a developed campground permitted for 49 sites which opened in 2007. The Valley View Campground Expansion will phase in 49 additional campsites to bring the total to 98 permitted campsites. The campground is nestled along Watson Creek one mile north of Preston.

RGU: Fillmore County Zoning Department

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Project Title: Vogt's Dirt Service Rockwood Twp. Mineral Mine

Description: Dale Vogt, owner of Vogt's Dirt Service, proposes to operate a mineral mining operation within Sec. 8 and Sec. 17 of Rockwood Twp, Hubbard County, Minnesota. The proposed mine would encompass an estimated area, over its life, of 80 acres and be operated in accordance with Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to be granted by Rockwood Township.

RGU: Rockwood Township

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NOTICES**Minnesota Department of Agriculture****Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms**

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
10-NO-058	Syngenta	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Goodhue
10-NO-059	Dow AgroSciences	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Fillmore, Freeborn
10-NO-060	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Dakota, Fillmore
10-NO-061	Dow AgroSciences	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Fillmore
10-NO-062	Dow AgroSciences	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Fillmore

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us .

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF EIS SCOPING DECISION

In the Matter of the Application by Xcel Energy and Great River Energy for a Route Permit for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project

PUC Docket Number: E002, ET2/TL-09-1056

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Office of Energy Security (OES) Director has issued a Scoping Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project and made it available to the public. Copies of the Scoping Decision and other relevant documents can be accessed at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=25053>

Paper copies may be requested from the OES Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) staff listed at the end of this notice.

Project Description

Xcel Energy and Great River Energy are making this Application to construct a new 345 kV high voltage transmission line (HVTL) between the Red River, either at a location south of Moorhead or south of Breckenridge, and the new Quarry Substation west of St. Cloud.

The Minnesota portion of the proposed Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Project will be approximately 169 to 180 miles long, extending from the Red River to the existing Alexandria Switching Station located south of Alexandria and to the new Quarry Substation to be located west of St. Cloud. The North Dakota portion of the Project from a new Bison Substation west of Fargo to the Red River, depending on the route selected, will be approximately 31 to 81 miles.

The proposed structures will primarily include single-pole, double-circuit capable, self-weathering or galvanized steel structures that will range in height between 130 and 175 feet. The span length between structures will range between 600 and 1,000 feet depending on site-specific considerations. Although the proposed line will be built using double-circuit capable poles, only one circuit will be installed for this Project. The second position will be left available for a future additional circuit, as per the Commission's Certificate of Need Order of May 22, 2009. The right-of-way for the proposed 345 kV electrical transmission line will generally be 150 feet in width.

Construction of the Project is expected to begin in 2014 and be completed and in service by the third quarter of 2015.

Procedures

A draft EIS will be available by August 2010. OES will then schedule an informational meeting to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft EIS. OES will respond to the timely substantive comments received on the draft EIS consistent with the scoping decision and prepare the final EIS.

The Office of Administrative Hearings will hold a public hearing on the Application which will be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge. Notice of the public hearing will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons who register their names on the project mailing list with OES.

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