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EQB ISSUES 2008 *GUIDE TO MN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RULES*

The Environmental Quality Board has completed a revised edition of its guidance document *Guide to MN Environmental Review Rules*. This guide is intended to assist units of government and others involved in the Environmental Review process in applying the rules. This edition makes corrections and additions due to various rule and other changes since 1998. No paper copies of the guide are being produced by the EQB; anyone wishing to use the document may access and download it from the following web address:

<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/EnvRevGuidanceDocuments.htm>.

Any questions about the updated Guide may be addressed to either Gregg Downing (651) 201-2476, gregg.downing@state.mn.us or Jon Larsen (651) 201-2477, jon.larsen@state.mn.us.

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Upon request, the *EQB Monitor* will be made available in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print, or audio tape. For TTY, contact Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and ask for Department of Administration. For information on the *EQB Monitor*, contact:

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
658 Cedar St., 300 Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
Phone: 651-201-2480
Fax: 651-296-3698
<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

Project Title: Randy Hein Swine Facility

Description: Randy Hein is proposing an expansion of an existing swine finishing facility in Section 28 of Graham Lake Township in Nobles County. The facility currently has a maximum physical capacity of 2,400 finishing hogs, or 720 animal units, housed in one barn. The proposed facility expansion will consist of the construction of one additional barn that will have a maximum physical capacity of 2,400 finishing hogs. After construction, the maximum physical capacity of the entire facility will be 4,800 finishing swine (1,440 animal units). The existing and proposed barns will be total confinement, power-ventilated buildings. Manure will be stored in reinforced concrete pits located beneath each of the barns.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Web site, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person:

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Regional Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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Project Title: Reconstruction of Hennepin County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 103

Description: Hennepin County is proposing to reconstruct CSAH 103 in the City of Brooklyn Park from south of Candlewood Drive to north of CSAH 30. Proposed improvements include creating continuous two through lanes in each direction, turn lanes, traffic signals, and a trail/sidewalk on opposite sides of CSAH 103.

RGU: Hennepin County

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EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- City of Maple Grove, County State Aid Highway 30 Reconstruction Project – SP 27-630-011, September 15, 2008 (July 28, 2008).
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Matt and JoEllen Voxland Feedlot Expansion Project, September 18, 2008 (July 28, 2008).
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Meadow Star Dairy, LLP, September 18, 2008 (July 28, 2008).
- Scott County Board, SM Hentges Proposed Aggregate Mining Operation, September 23, 2008 (July 28, 2008).
- City of Plymouth, Wild Wings Flood Improvement Project (City Project 7135), September 23, 2008 (June 16, 2008).

DRAFT EIS AVAILABLE

Project Title: Trunk Highway 14 from Owatonna to Dodge Center

Description: The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for Mn/DOT State Project 2001-31, 7402-25, and 7408-41, which involves improvements to Trunk Highway (TH) 14, is available for review. The TH 14 project corridor extends approximately 19-miles from the existing four-lane bypass of Dodge Center to Interstate 35 in Owatonna.

Copies of the Highway 14 Draft EIS are being distributed to those agencies on the current MEQB document review list and others. Copies of the Highway 14 Draft EIS are available for public review at the following locations and on the project website at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/hwy14>:

- Mn/DOT District 6 – Rochester Office, 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, MN
- Mn/DOT District 6 – Owatonna Office, 1010 21st Avenue NW, Owatonna, MN
- Owatonna Public Library, 105 North Elm Ave, Owatonna, MN
- Dodge Center Public Library, 13 First Street NW, Dodge Center, MN
- Rochester Public Library, 101 Second Street SE, Rochester, MN
- Owatonna City Hall, 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, MN
- Claremont City Hall, 235 Front Street, Claremont, MN
- Dodge Center City Hall, 35 Main Street E, Dodge Center MN

Comments on the Draft EIS are being requested from individuals on the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board distribution list, as well as from other persons or agencies to whom the proposed project may be of interest. **The comment period will begin on October 3, 2008 and will extend through November 17, 2008.** All comments should be directed to: Richard Augustin, Mn/DOT Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation – District 6, 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, MN 55903 or richard.augustin@dot.state.mn.us. Comments received will be taken into consideration by Mn/DOT and the Federal Highway Administration in assessing project impacts and in selecting a preferred alignment alternative.

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the Draft EIS, **two public hearing/open house meetings** have been scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2008 at the Triton High School, 813 West Highway Street, Dodge Center, MN 55927 and Thursday, October 30, 2008 at the Mn/DOT District 6 – Owatonna Offices, 1010 21st Avenue NW, Owatonna, MN 55060. An open house style hearing will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A presentation will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. Mn/DOT project representatives will be present to answer questions during the open house.

The Draft EIS can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling the Project Manager at (507) 286-7546 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529 or (651) 296-9930 TTY. Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting, please contact the Project Manager or through the Minnesota Relay Service at the telephone numbers listed above, as soon as possible.

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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AUAR ADOPTED

Project Title: Potlatch West Baxter AUAR

At the regular meeting of the Baxter City Council held September 16, 2008, the City adopted Resolution #8-9/3-3 approving the final Potlatch West Baxter AUAR with Mitigation Plan and responses to comments received during the public comment period. The final AUAR included additional traffic analysis and mitigation strategies in response to the comments received. This notice is provided pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4410.3610 Subpart 5.E.”

NOTICES OF EIS PROCESS TERMINATION

Minnesota Trunk Highway 14 – Rochester through Eyota, Olmsted County

AGENCY: Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Terminate the EIS process for the **Trunk Highway 14 Improvement Project (Rochester – Eyota).**

SUMMARY: The Minnesota Department of Transportation is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for proposed highway improvements to Trunk Highway (TH) 14 from the City of Rochester to the City of Eyota in Olmsted County Minnesota is terminated.

Mn/DOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, has terminated the EIS process begun in 2002 to address safety, operational, structural and geometric deficiencies on approximately eight miles of TH 14 from the end of the four-lane roadway on the east side of Rochester through Eyota, in Olmsted County Minnesota. The Scoping Decision Document for the project was approved by Mn/DOT on October 1, 2003. On December 18, 2003, Mn/DOT notified federal, state and local agencies through the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board's Distribution List that funding constraints have resulted in a delay in proceeding with the environmental review process for the project.

At such time when funding is available to proceed with the project, the results of the scoping process will be reviewed and updated, as appropriate. Therefore, the EIS for this project has been terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennie Ross, Environmental Assessment Unit Chief, Minnesota Department of Transportation, MS 620, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-1899, Telephone 651/366-3636; or Greg Paulson, P.E., Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation--District 6, 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester, Minnesota 55901, Telephone (507) 286-7502.

Minnesota Trunk Highway – City of Wadena, Otter Tail and Wadena Counties

AGENCY: Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Terminate EIS process for the **Trunk Highway 10 Project.**

SUMMARY: The Minnesota Department of Transportation is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for proposed highway improvements to Trunk Highway (TH) 10 in the vicinity of the City of Wadena (in Wadena and Otter Tail Counties), Minnesota is terminated. Mn/DOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has terminated the EIS process begun in 2001 to address transportation demand, access management, and interregional corridor status on TH 10 from 3.3 miles west of the intersection with US Highway 71 to 2.8 miles east of the Highway 71 intersection. The Scoping Decision for this project was issued in May, 2004 (notice was published in the EQB Monitor on May 10, 2004) and work on the Draft EIS was initiated. In June, 2008, Mn/DOT issued a press release to notify the public that work on the EIS was being discontinued after the Draft EIS studies were unable

to identify a strong safety or capacity need for expansion of TH 10 to four-lanes in Wadena. Therefore, the EIS for this project has been terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennie Ross, Environmental Assessment Unit Chief, Minnesota Department of Transportation, MS 620, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-1899, Telephone 651/366-3636; or Lori Vanderhider, P.E., Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation--District 4, 1000 Highway 10 W, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501, Telephone (218) 846-7955.

Minnesota Trunk Highway 10 Improvement Project, Sherburne County

AGENCY: Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Terminate the EIS process for the **Trunk Highway 10 Improvement Project.**

SUMMARY: The Minnesota Department of Transportation is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for proposed highway improvements to Trunk Highway (TH) 10 in Sherburne County, Minnesota is terminated. Mn/DOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), began the EIS process in 2002 to address transportation demand, safety problems, access management, interregional corridor status, design deficiencies and pavement condition on TH 10 from the intersection of Sherburne County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 11 west of Big Lake, Minnesota to Sherburne CSAH 14/15 east of Big Lake, Minnesota. The Scoping Decision Document for the project was approved on December 2, 2003 and included three build alternatives and the no-build alternative. On June 18, 2008, Mn/DOT notified federal, state and local agencies; tribal governments; interested parties; and the public that work on the EIS was being discontinued due to a lack of identified funding for any of the build alternatives. Mn/DOT will proceed with implementing more affordable and timely safety improvements on existing TH 10. Therefore, the EIS for this project has been terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennie Ross, Environmental Assessment Unit Chief, Minnesota Department of Transportation, MS 620, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-1899, Telephone 651/366-3636; or Claudia Dumont, Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation--District 3, 3725 12th Street North, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303, Telephone (320) 223-6530.

Minnesota Trunk Highway 169 Improvement Project, Mille Lacs and Crow Wing Counties

AGENCY: Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Terminate EIS process of the **Trunk Highway 169 Improvement Project.**

SUMMARY: The Minnesota Department of Transportation is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for proposed highway improvements to Trunk Highway (TH) 169 in Crow Wing and Mille Lacs Counties, Minnesota is terminated. Mn/DOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has terminated the EIS process begun in 2000 to address transportation demand, safety problems, access management, interregional corridor status, design deficiencies and pavement

condition on TH 169 from the intersection of TH 27 north of Onamia, Mille Lacs County, Minnesota to the Garrison, Crow Wing County, Minnesota. The Draft EIS for the project was approved on January 25, 2002 and included five build alternatives and the no-build alternative. On May 11, 2006, Mn/DOT notified federal, state and local agencies; tribal governments; interested parties; and the public that work on the EIS was being discontinued due to lack of identified funding for any of the build alternatives. Mn/DOT will proceed with implementing more affordable and timely safety improvements on existing TH 169. Therefore, the EIS for this project has been terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennie Ross, Environmental Assessment Unit Chief, Minnesota Department of Transportation, MS 620, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-1899, Telephone 651-366-3636; or James Hallgren, P.E., Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation—District 3, 1991 Industrial Park Road, Baxter, Minnesota 56425, Telephone 218-828-5797.

NOTICES

RECLAMATION PROJECT PLANNED FOR LAKE - DNR DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning one additional walleye rearing pond reclamation project this fall. The project involves the application of rotenone, a federal and state registered pesticide. Sprague Lake is proposed to be treated for the purpose of removing existing bullhead or other unwanted fish populations. This alteration will allow the pond to be used for raising walleye fingerlings, which will later be stocked into local fishing lakes. Rotenone will be used with a target concentration of 3.5 pm.

Lake Name	County	Township	Range	Sections
Sprague (DOW 66-45)	Rice	109N	22W	28, 29

For general information about this project, contact Mike Halverson, Fisheries Acquisition and Development Consultant, Box 20, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

Public Meeting Notice – Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday, December 3rd from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Cloquet Forestry Center in Cloquet, MN.

For more information please contact Leslie McInenly at (651) 603-6761 or visit the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>.

**State of Minnesota
Office of Energy Security**

NOTICE OF PERMIT DECISION

**In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Route Permit for the
Mary Lake 115 kV Transmission Project**

PUC Docket Number: E002/TL-07-1365

On September 17, 2008, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission adopted findings of fact and issued an Order determining that the Environmental Assessment prepared for Xcel Energy's proposed Mary Lake 115 kV Transmission Project was adequate. The Order also designated a route and issued a route permit to Xcel Energy for the project. The route is located entirely in Wright County and connects the Buffalo Power – Maple Lake 69 kV transmission line and the Mary Lake – Dickinson Junction 69 kV transmission line, a total distance of approximately 5 miles. The route parallels existing road rights of way for approximately 90 percent of the length.

The project is intended to improve electric reliability to the Buffalo area by providing additional capacity to the existing Buffalo Power – Maple Lake 69 kV transmission line. Xcel Energy anticipates that the Project will address reliability issues related to the transmission system until approximately 2034.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Department of Commerce project manager: Suzanne Lamb Steinhauer, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55155. Tel: 651-296-2888; email: Suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us.

NOTICE OF PERMIT DECISION

**In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the Lake Yankton Substation to Southwest Marshall
Substation 115 kilovolt Transmission Line**

Docket Number: E002/TL-07-1407

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN at a meeting on August 14, 2008, and in an Order issued August 29, 2008, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) determined that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision. The Commission authorized and issued a high voltage transmission line route permit for the Lake Yankton Substation to Southwest Marshall Substation project, authorizing Xcel Energy to construct approximately 16 miles of 115 kilovolt transmission line located within the State of Minnesota and between the Lake Yankton Substation and the Southwest Marshall Substation located in Lyon County.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Office of Energy Security (OES) project manager: Scott Ek, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651.296.8813; e-mail: scott.ek@state.mn.us.

Documents relative to this project can be requested through the OES project manager and may also be viewed on the Commission's website: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19448>.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SCOPING MEETING

**For the
Bent Tree Wind Project in Freeborn County
Proposed by Wisconsin Power and Light**

**Site Permit and Certificate of Need Applications
PUC Docket Numbers:
ET6657/WS-08-573 & ET6657/CN-07-1425**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL) has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a Certificate of Need (CON) for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) of up to 400 megawatts (MW), a CON for a 161 kilovolt High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL), and a Site Permit for the LWECS. The LWECS and the HVTL will be located in Freeborn County and together are called the Bent Tree Wind Project (Project).

Public Information Meeting/Open House Dates

The Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES), Energy Facilities Permitting Staff (EFP) will hold information meetings on WPL's applications for the LWECS Site Permit [and Certificates of Need for the LWECS and HVTL]. A public information and Environmental Report (ER) scoping meeting will be held at the locations specified below. EFP staff will prepare an ER on the Project. EFP staff will also review the state's permitting process for LWECS and HVTLs and how the public may be involved. In conjunction with the EFP staff information meetings, WPL will hold an open house prior to each public information meeting to answer questions and provide the public with information about the project.

**October 21, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
Freeborn County Government Center
411 South Broadway
Albert Lea, Minnesota**

**October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Hartland Community Center
407 S. Broadway
Hartland, Minnesota**

APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES AFTER THE START OF EACH OPEN HOUSE AN EFP STAFF PRESENTATION WILL BEGIN.

Project Description

The Project includes a LWECS of up to 400 MW, expected to come on line in two phases of 200 MW each. WPL currently proposes to construct the first 200 MW, comprising of 80-133 utility-scale wind turbine generators with a capacity between 1.5 and 2.5 MW each and associated facilities including access roads, meteorological towers, communications lines, and power lines. The Project is located in northwest Freeborn County, in south central Minnesota, approximately 4 miles northwest of Albert Lea, Minnesota (see attached map). Electricity from the Project will be transported to the existing Hayward Substation located east of Albert Lea, Minnesota via a 161 kilovolt (kV) HVTL, approximately 18-miles long.

PUC Review Process

Four approvals are required to build a LWECS larger than 50 MW and a HVTL. A project developer must obtain a CON under Minnesota Statute 216B.243 for the LWECS and the HVTL and a Site Permit under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F for the LWECS and a Route Permit under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E for the HVTL.

WPL filed its CON application for the LWECS and the HVTL on June 27, 2008, and its Site Permit application for the LWECS on June 20, 2008. The PUC accepted the CON applications on August 27, 2008; The PUC accepted the LWECS site permit application and issued a draft Site Permit on September 16, 2008. The applications and draft Site Permit are available from the web site and persons listed below. Landowners and governments inside the LWECS boundary will receive a copy of the Site Permit application directly from WPL. The HVTL Route Permit Application will be filed by WPL at a later date.

The EFP staff is responsible for conducting public meetings on the site permit application and environmental review of the CON application under Minnesota Rule 7849.7050. The EFP staff will prepare an ER prior to CON public hearing and the PUC's determination of Project need. The ER will consider issues related to the CON, such as size, type, timing, voltage, and system configurations, and the general environmental impacts of the Project. The EFP staff is also responsible for conducting the public participation process for the Site Permit application. Environmental review for the Site Permit is addressed in the Site Permit Application. Human, social, and environmental impacts raised in public comments may be addressed by adding or modifying specific conditions in the Draft Site Permit.

After completion of the ER, the PUC will hold a public hearing on the CON application, presided over by an Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings. Under Minnesota law, the CON proceeding is the only time at which the "no-build" alternative and the size, type, and timing of a new electrical generating facility can be considered. These items will not be addressed in the Site Permit process. The proposed HVTL cannot be constructed unless the PUC certifies that it is needed. Certification of a HVTL is governed by Minnesota law, including specifically chapter 7849, parts 7849.0010 to 7849.0400 and 7849.7010 to 7849.7110, and Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.243. 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 the OES EFP staff. Persons interested in adding their names to this mailing list should contact the OES project manager or register at the webpage address provided below.

Public Comment Period

The OES will accept written comments on the Site Permit application, and suggested alternatives to be evaluated in the ER, until December 3, 2008. Any person may request a contested case hearing on the Site Permit application during the comment period pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7836.0900. Written comments and

requests should be sent to Larry B. Hartman, at 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198, or at larry.hartman@state.mn.us.

Upon completion of the public participation and hearing process, the records compiled in each proceeding will be presented to the PUC for final decisions on the applications.

Eminent Domain for the Bent Tree Site Permit

WPL does not currently have the power of eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights for the LWECS. WPL will work with landowners to purchase wind and land rights in the form of voluntary easements or lease agreements. Eminent domain is governed by Minnesota Statute Chapter 117 and 216E.12.

Eminent Domain for the HVTL

WPL cannot construct the transmission line without a route permit issued by the PUC. Typically, 161 kV transmission lines use wood or steel poles that are 80 to 100 feet tall and spaced about 300 to 600 feet apart within a right-of-way that is about 80 feet wide. If the Commission approves the need for the HVTL and WPL subsequently obtains the permit necessary to construct the transmission line, WPL will work with landowners to purchase property rights, known as an easement, in order to construct the transmission lines. WPL does not currently have the power of eminent domain; eminent domain is governed by Minnesota Statute Chapter 117 and 216E.12.

Project Contacts and Information

For more information about the Project and process, or to place your name on the OES Project mailing list, please contact the persons listed below. Other contact information: Toll-Free Tel: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891, or TTY: Minnesota Relay Service, 800-627-3529, and ask for the OES EFP Staff.

Site Permit Contact, Office of Energy Security. Questions about the project and the PUC permitting process may be directed to: Larry B. Hartman, Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198; Tel: 651-296-5089; e-mail larry.hartman@state.mn.us.

Scott Ek with the OES EFP staff has been appointed as the public advisor to assist and advise citizens on how to participate in the site permit process. He can be contacted at: Tel: 651-296-8813 or e-mail: scott.ek@state.mn.us and the mailing address above.

CON Contact, Public Utilities Commission. Questions about the Certificate of Need proceeding or to have your name added to the CON mailing list for the Bent Tree Wind Project please contact Bret Eknes, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651-201-2236 or e-mail: bret.eknes@state.mn.us.

Copies of the CON and Site Permit applications are accessible at <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19665>, and at the Albert Lea Library (211 E. Clark; Albert Lea, MN) and Freeborn County Government Center (411 S. Broadway, Albert Lea, MN).

Other relevant documents, including Minnesota Rules and Statutes governing the process, are accessible at <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/wind.html>.

Any person may add his or her name to a mailing list maintained by the OES, and receive future mailings regarding the Project. Names can be added to the mailing list by contacting Mr. Hartman, or electronically by visiting the website described above.

Finally, questions about the Project can be directed to WPL by contacting Mr. Arshia Javaherian at 319-786-4219 or ArshiaJavaherian@alliantenergy.com.

