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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: October 22, 2008

Project Title: Island Lake Campground

Description: 80 site campground approximately 30 acres in that part of the N1/2 of the NE Qtr and that part of the NE Qtr of the NW Qtr, Section 32, Township 53, Range 14.

RGU: Gnesen Town – Gnesen Planning and Zoning

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Project Title: Highland Preserve

Description: The Highland Preserve Special District is a 235-acre, mixed-use, urban development in northwest Rochester. The development is proposed as an integrated conservation design providing connected neighborhoods, commercial uses, park and green space. Highland Preserve proposes to have 436 unattached and 262 attached residences and 383,350 square feet of several commercial/office buildings, and landscaping.

RGU: City of Rochester

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Project Title: Blue Earth County CSAH 12 Extension and CSAH 12/TH 14 Interchange Project

Description: The proposed project involves the construction of CSAH 12 as a two-lane roadway from CSAH 26 south to CSAH 3, and construction of CSAH 12 as a four-lane roadway from CSAH 3 to CSAH 17. A new CSAH 12/TH 14 interchange will provide full access between CSAH 12 and TH 14. The proposed project also includes construction of a bridge over the Dakota, Minnesota, and Eastern (DM&E) Railroad and improvements to a portion of the Sakatah Singing Hills State Trail.

Copies of the EA/EAW will be distributed to the EQB distribution list and other interested agencies. The EA/EAW can be viewed at the following locations: Blue Earth County Public Works Department, 35 Map Drive, Mankato; City of Mankato Engineering Department, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato; Blue Earth County Library, 100 East Main Street, Mankato; Mn/DOT District 7 Offices, 501 South Victory Drive, Mankato. Comments should be directed to the contact person listed below.

Blue Earth County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at the Blue Earth County Public Works Department (35 Map Drive, Mankato) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held in an open house format. Comments received will become part of the official record. The public comment record will be open through October 22, 2008.

RGU: Blue Earth County

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Project Title: Southwest Commercial Development Lanesburgh Township-Minnesota

Description: The proposed project includes 62.9 acres of commercial development and 12.1 acres of residential development southwest of the City of New Prague. The site is divided between a proposed 151,765 square foot Wal-Mart Supercenter with adjacent commercial businesses, and a Doug Pint concept plan proposing additional commercial and residential development.

RGU: City of New Prague

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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*.

- The Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers, Browns Valley Flood Mitigation Project, September 9, 2008 (July 28, 2008).
- Hastings City Council, HUBS Landing Expansion, August 18, 2008 (May 5, 2008).

FINAL AUAR ADOPTED

Project Title: The City of Winona, Minnesota has prepared a Final Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) relative to approximately 2166 acres of land, located adjacent to/within its southern limits. Comments received during the Draft AUAR comment period have (with applicable responses) been incorporated into the Final AUAR, and no agency comments were received during subsequent (10 day) review of the final document. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Section 4410.3610, Subp. 5(E), the City Council (representing the City of Winona-RGU in this matter) officially adopted the attached Final AUAR Resolution during its meeting of September 2, 2008.

Any questions should be directed to Mark K. Moeller, City Planner, City of Winona at 507-457-8250.

NOTICES

Public Meeting Notice – West Central Regional Landscape Committee Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The West Central Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Friday, October 3, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Staples, Minnesota, at the T Maxwell's Restaurant.

For more information, please contact Lindberg Ekola at 320-256-8300 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>

State of Minnesota Office of Energy Security

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NOTICE OF PERMIT DECISION

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the Yankee Substation to Brookings County Substation 115 kilovolt High Voltage Transmission Line

Docket Number: E002/TL-07-1626

At a meeting on July 31, 2008, and in an Order issued August 12, 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 Yankee Substation to Brookings County Substation project, authorizing Xcel Energy to construct six and one-half miles of 115 kilovolt transmission line located within the State of Minnesota and between the Yankee Substation in Lincoln County, Minnesota, and the Brookings Substation in Brookings County, South Dakota, and modify the existing Yankee County Substation to accommodate the new transmission line.

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=19453>.