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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: August 13, 2008

Project Title: Lookout Hill

Description: Lookout Hill is a four-lot single-family residential development, located between Childs (Chicks) Lake and Child Lake Road in Hudson Township, Douglas County. The residential lots range from 4 ½ to 63 acres in size. Driveway accesses to the lot will be from Childs Lake Road.

RGU: Douglas County Land & Resource Management Department

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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*.

- Cass County Planning Commission, Pine Way project, May 27, 2008 (March 24, 2008)
- Richmond City Council, Sunrise Estates project, June 19, 2008 (April 21, 2008)

PETITION FILED

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Chisago County, Buberl Composting Facility project

FINAL AUAR ADOPTED

Project Title: EXCELSIOR CROSSINGS

The Hopkins City Council adopted the 2008 Update to the Excelsior Crossings AUAR Mitigation Plan and Response to Comments for the Excelsior Crossings Corporate Office Campus development at the City Council meeting on June 17, 2008, pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Section 4410.3610, Subpart 5.E.

Project Title: ELK RUN

The Elk Run Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan was adopted by the Pine Island City Council at the City Council meeting held on June 17, 2008.

DRAFT AUAR AVAILABLE

Project Title: Johnson Family Property AUAR

Description: The subject property consists of 505 acres of land within sections 32 and 29, Township 128N, Range 37W, within the City of Alexandria, MN. The draft review document presents 3 scenarios. Scenario One and Two reflect the owner's vision for the future property, while Scenario Three is consistent with the current

City of Alexandria Comprehensive Plan. The document includes an identification and discussion of potential impacts, including “worst case”, with respect to natural, cultural, physical, municipal infrastructure, storm water management and traffic among others. It is anticipated that a specific Mitigation Plan will be developed as a result of the review process. The final AUAR document including the Mitigation Plan will be used as a tool to guide future development within the review area.

RGU: City of Alexandria

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SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT EIS AVAILABLE

Project Title: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit System

Description: The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) project proposes construction of a light rail system between Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. Based on findings from the Alternatives Analysis/DEIS and public and agency input received, the Metropolitan Council adopted a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Central Corridor on June 28, 2006. This Supplemental DEIS focuses on changes to the LPA based on AA/DEIS comments and subsequent preliminary engineering.

Comments on the Supplemental DEIS are being accepted through **August 25, 2008**. Written comments can be addressed to the contact person listed below. Comments can also be made at public hearings held during the week of August 4, 2008. All comments received during the comment period will be considered for inclusion in the Final EIS.

Document Availability: The Supplemental DEIS, including all appendices and information on the Section 106 cultural resources inventory, is available online at

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/centralcorridor.htm>

For those wishing to review a hard copy version of the document, it is available at the following area libraries and resource centers.

Metropolitan Council Library
390 N. Robert St.
St. Paul, MN 55101

Mn/DOT Library
Transportation Building

Central Corridor Project Office
540 Fairview Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Central Corridor Resource Center
1080 University Avenue

395 John Ireland Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Rondo Community Library
461 N. Dale
St. Paul, MN 55102

St. Anthony Park Branch Library
2245 West Como Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

Rice Street Library
1011 Rice Street
St. Paul, MN 55104

Franklin Library
1314 East Franklin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Southeast Library
1222 4th Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

St. Paul, MN 55014

St. Paul Central Library
90 West 4th Street
St. Paul, MN 55102

Merriam Park Library
1831 Marshall Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Hamline-Midway Library
1558 West Minnehaha Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Minneapolis Central Library
300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Public Hearing Information:

Public hearings will be held at the following locations at these dates and times:

- Monday, August 4, Noon (12:00 p.m.), Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Parkway N., St. Paul
An open house will precede the hearing from 11:30 a.m. to noon
- Thursday, August 7, 6:00 p.m., Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Ave. S., Minneapolis
An open house will precede the hearing from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 9, 2:00 p.m., Goodwill Easter Seals, 553 Fairview Ave. N., St. Paul
An open house will precede the hearing from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

For people with special needs, please contact community outreach coordinator Dana Dellis for reasonable accommodations. Her contact information is dana.dellis@metc.state.mn.us or 651-602-1954.

RGU: Metropolitan Council

Contact Person:

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NOTICES

Public Meeting Notices

West Central Regional Landscape Committee Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The East Central Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Friday, July 25, 2008, from 9:00a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in Mora, Minnesota at Freddie's.

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>

RECLAMATION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR LAKES DNR – DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning four lakes and up to five walleye rearing pond reclamation projects this fall. The projects involve the application of rotenone or antimycin, federal and state registered pesticides, to eliminate or reduce less desirable fish species. Following treatment ponds will be stocked with walleye fry. Endangered or threatened species are not present in any of the lakes or ponds. Project goals include improved fish habitat, expanded angling opportunities, and increased walleye fingerling production. Specifics regarding the projects are as follows:

Snowshoe Lake, Crow Wing County. This lake has been managed for stream trout since 1959 after being reclaimed for trout management in 1958. A recent unwanted yellow perch introduction has negatively impacted the brook trout fishery. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat during the fall. Lakewide target concentration is 3 ppm. Following treatment, the lake will again be stocked with brook trout. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Tim Brastrup, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN 55401

Pavelgrite Lake, Crow Wing County. This is a shallow lake immediately adjacent to Snowshoe Lake. During lake surveys in 1984 and 1987, yellow perch, golden shiner, fathead minnow, and northern redbelly dace were the only fish captured. Pavelgrite will be reclaimed at the same time as Snowshoe Lake in order to prevent reintroduction of unwanted fish species. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat during the fall. Lakewide target concentration is 3 ppm. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Tim Brastrup, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN.

Diamond Lake, Cass County. This lake has been managed for stream trout since 1967 after being reclaimed for trout management in 1966. A recent black crappie introduction has negatively impacted the rainbow trout fishery. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat during the fall. Lakewide target concentration is 3 ppm. Following treatment, the lake will again be stocked with rainbow trout. Comments or questions on this project

should be addressed to Harlan Fierstine, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 7316 State Hwy 371 NW, Walker, MN 56484.

Fulda Lake, Murray County. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat, and drip station if necessary. Lakewide target concentration is 4.0 ppm. An electric weir has been placed at the outlet to prevent carp migration into the lake. Benefits of the project will be improved water quality, re-establishment of desirable aquatic vegetation, reduction of plankton algae, and improved habitat for fish and wildlife. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Bob Davis, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 175 County Road 26, Windom, MN 56101.

Walleye rearing pond reclamations. Up to five ponds are proposed to be treated in the fall for the purpose of removing existing bullhead or other unwanted fish populations. This alteration will allow the ponds 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 ppm. Antimycin will also be used at the outlet, inlet, and marsh areas on Tomash Lake, with a target concentration of 3.0 ppb.

Lake Name	County	Township	Range	Section
Long (DOW 82-68)	Washington	32N	20W	27
Green Acres (DOW 82-100)	Washington	29N	21W	4
Unnamed (Bohrer Pond (19-003))	Dakota	27N	27W	3
Praught (DOW 86-7)	Wright	121N	23W	33
Tomash (DOW 16-345)	Cook	62N	2;3W	6;1

For general information about any of these projects, contact Mike Halverson, Fisheries Habitat and Development Consultant, Box 20, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security
Energy Facilities Permitting

Reissued: July 3, 2008

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SCOPING MEETING

In the Matter of the Application of Wapsipinicon Wind Project, LLC for a Certificate of Need for a Large Energy Facility, a 105 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) in Mower County, Minnesota (PUC Docket Number: IP-6670/CN-08-334)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 1, 2008, Wapsipinicon Wind Project, LLC (Applicant) filed an application for a certificate of need (CN) for the Wapsipinicon North Wind project, a large (105 MW) energy facility as defined under Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2(1). Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.243 a large energy facility cannot be constructed in Minnesota unless it receives a certificate from the Commission. The rules governing the review of this project are found in Minnesota Rules Chapter 7849.

A site permit for the Wapsipinicon project (Docket No. IP6646/WS-07-839) has already been reviewed and approved. The permit for the North Wind project area is being held pending a resolution of the CN process.

An Environmental Report (ER) on the project and alternatives to it is being conducted by the Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) unit of the Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES) under Minnesota Rule 7849.7010-7110. A public information and ER scoping meeting will be held at the time and location listed below:

**Tuesday, July 22, 2008
6:00 p.m.
Elkton Community Center Building
117 Main Street
Elkton, MN 55926**

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed Project and to take public comment and suggestions on the scope of the ER that will be prepared for the CN application. The public is invited to review the application, learn about the PUC review process, and make comments and ask questions.

Project Description

The Applicant would own, construct, and operate the Project. The Project would have a nameplate capacity of up to 105 MW and consist of up to seventy 1.5 MW wind turbine generators. The towers will be 80 meters (262.5 feet) in height. The rotor diameter will be 77 meters (252.6 feet), resulting in a maximum overall height of 118.5 meters (388.8 feet) when one blade is in the vertical position.

The electrical collector system will consist of underground 34.5 kV collection lines and facilities providing step-up transformation. The Applicant is also proposing to build a 161/34.5 kV project substation which will consist generally of 2 161/34.5 transformers, and associated

switching and protection equipment as well as metering equipment and a small control house. Power from the turbines will be collected at this substation and transmitted to the Pleasant Valley Substation located in section 19 of Pleasant Valley Township via approximately 6 miles of overhead 161 kV transmission line.

Other Project associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers and access roads.

Proposed Site Location

As shown on the accompanying map, The Project will be located in central Mower County, near the town of Dexter, in portions of Grand Meadow, Pleasant Valley, Dexter and Sargeant townships, and approximately 20 miles east of Austin, Minnesota. The Applicant has designated approximately 40 square miles as the Project area. The town of Dexter is adjacent to the Project site to the Southwest. Interstate 90 is the southern border of the Project area.

PUC Review Process

An LWECs project over 50 MW must obtain a Certificate of Need from the PUC. The Applicant filed its CN Application on April 1, 2008. On May 21, 2008, the PUC accepted the CN as complete, given the Applicant's filing of supplemental materials.

The OES EFP unit is responsible for conducting public meetings and environmental review of the CN Application under Minnesota Rule 4410.7030. OES will prepare an Environmental Report prior to the public hearing for the CN and the PUC's determination of need for Wapsipinicon North Wind Project. The ER will consider issues related to the CN for the Project, such as size, type, timing, voltage and system configurations and general environmental impacts of the Project. Under state law, the CN 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.

The PUC will hold a public hearing on the CN application which will be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings. Notice of the CN public hearing will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons who register their names on the project mailing list with the OES. Persons interested in adding their names to this mailing list should contact the OES project manager or register on the webpage cited below.

Public Comment Period

Interested persons may comment on the certificate of need application and items and alternatives to be evaluated in the ER at the public meeting or may submit written or faxed (651-297-7891) comments by 4:30 p.m. on **August 4, 2008. Please include the following docket number (IP6646/WS-08-334) on any written material submitted.** Written or faxed comments should be directed to: David Birkholz, Office of Energy Security, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198.

Eminent Domain

Wapsipinicon Wind Project, LLC, an independent power producer, does not have the power of eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights necessary for this Project. Wind and land rights necessary for the Project will be limited to voluntary easements or lease agreements between Wapsipinicon Wind Project, LLC, and individual landowners.

Project Contacts and Information

OES Staff. David Birkholz has been appointed to prepare the ER for the CN process. He can be contacted at: Tel: 651-296-2878 or e-mail: david.birkholz@state.mn.us or the mailing address above.

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 Office of Energy Security.

Public Utilities Commission. Questions about the Certificate of Need proceeding for the Wapsipinicon North Wind Project may be directed to 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.

Wapsipinicon Wind Project, LLC. Questions about the Wapsipinicon North Wind Project CN Application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Ian Krygowski at Tel: 612-746-0770 or e-mail: iank@enxco.com.

Project Information

Copies of the Wapsipinicon North CN Application have been distributed to affected landowners, and township, county and state officials. Copies of the application are available for review at the Auditor's Offices in Mower County, the city offices in Dexter and Elkton and the clerks in the townships of: Clayton, Marshall, Dexter, Grand Meadow, Pleasant Valley and Sargeant. Record documents in the case, including the CN application, are available on the PUC Web site identified below.

Information regarding the PUC proceedings on the CN applications is available on eDockets by entering 08-334 at:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>

Other relevant files, including documents concerning the site application, are available on the OES website at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19234>

