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EQB MONITOR

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: November 21, 2007

Project Title: Timber Shores Subdivision

Description: Timber Shores Subdivision is a 37-lot residential subdivision on 144 acres located on the NW shore of Lee Lake, a Natural Environment lake in Clay County, MN. Lot sizes vary from 1.5 to 5.48 acres and each lot will be served by an individual well and septic system.

RGU: City of Moorhead

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St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
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EA/EAW AVAILABLE

Project Title: 34th Street Corridor and Interstate 94 Interchange Project

Description: The City of Moorhead 34th Street South interchange and corridor improvements involve the construction of 34th Street South as a four-lane, divided roadway from 12th Avenue South to Interstate (I) 94, a new I-94/34th Street interchange, and construction of a new extension of 34th Street South to 30th Avenue South and County State Aid Highway 52 (CSAH 52). The new I-94/34th Street interchange will provide full access between I-94 and 34th Street South. The existing interchange ramps at SE Main Avenue/CSAH 52 will be removed with the proposed project. The City will realign the portion of County Road (CR) 77 impacted by the new I-94/34th Street interchange.

Public Review: 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 beginning October 22: Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th Street South, Moorhead, MN; Fargo Public Library, 102 3rd Street North, Fargo, ND; Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 E. Hampden, Fergus Falls, MN; Moorhead City Hall, Engineering Department, 4th Floor, 500 Center Avenue, Moorhead, MN; Mn/DOT District 4, 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN. The comment period will begin on October 22, 2007 and extend through November 26, 2007. Comments should be directed to the contact person listed below.

Public Hearing: To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies, and groups to comment on the EA/EAW, an open house/public hearing will be held Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at Horizon Middle School (3601 12th Avenue South, Moorhead, MN) from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. A notice of a combined open house/public hearing will be published in the Fargo Forum. An informal open house format will be used followed by a presentation at 6:30 p.m. At the open house/public hearing, comments on the EA/EAW will be accepted in either written form or verbally (by a recorder). Comments received will become part of the official public hearing record.

RGU:

City of Moorhead (proposed local road improvements)
MnDOT (proposed interchange improvements)

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AOEE

Metropolitan Airports Commission/ Assessment of Environmental Effects of the 2008-2014 Capital Improvement Program for MSP and Reliever Airports.

Minnesota Statutes 1988, Chapter 664, requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) to prepare an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AOEE) for projects in the Commission's seven-year Capital Improvement Program (2008-2014) for airports included in its system.

An EAW, EA or EIS has been previously prepared and public hearing held for each MSP and reliever airport project in the 2008-2014 CIP that requires an EAW under Chapter 664. An assessment of the cumulative environmental effects of CIP projects at each affected airport in the system is presented in the AOEE.

A copy of the AOEE can be obtained by contacting Robert Vorpahl, Metropolitan Airports Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450; 612-726-8127. Comments concerning the AOEE can be given at a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in room 3040, Mezzanine level, Lindbergh Terminal, Minneapolis -St. Paul International Airport, or in writing to Robert Vorpahl at 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450. Comments on the AOEE must be received by the close of business on Wednesday, November 21, 2007. Persons planning to attend the public hearing should call Robert Vorpahl at 612-726-8127 for security checkpoint information.

PETITION FILED

The following petition has 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.

- Crow Wing County, Cottages at Boyd Lodge

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*.

- Polk County Board of Commissioners, Concrete, Inc. – Trail Pit, October 2, 2007 (August 27, 2007)
- City of Albert Lea, Wedgewood Cove and Golf Club Project, September 24, 2007 (July 30, 2007)
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, North Country Trail Extension Project in Becker, Clearwater and Hubbard Counties, October 4, 2007 (August 27, 2007)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Chandler Farms Feedlot Project, October 4, 2007 (August 13, 2007)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnkota North, LLP Feedlot Project, October 5, 2007 (July 30, 2007)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Chaska West Interceptor, Phase 2 – Carver Interceptor, October 5, 2007 (July 2, 2007)

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Lake Christina Water Level Management Project, October 16, 2007 (August 27, 2007)

NOTICES

Public Meeting Notice

Southeast Regional Landscape Committee Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Southeast Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Monday, October 29, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Weaver Dunes TNC office, south of Kellogg, MN.

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>.

East 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, October 26, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Mora at Freddie's Restaurant on Highway 65.

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>.

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Thursday, November 1, 2007
5:30 p.m. Open House
6:30 p.m. Public Information Meeting

Comfrey Community Center
Comfrey, MN

DRAFT SITE PERMIT AVAILABLE
For the Proposed Comfrey Wind Energy Project
MPUC Docket No. IP6630/WS-07-318

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Comfrey Wind Energy, LLC (the Applicant) has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a site permit to build and operate a 31.5 Megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) near Comfrey, Minnesota.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) Energy Facilities Permitting Unit will hold a public information meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at the Comfrey Community Center. The meeting will provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the proposed draft site permit for the Comfrey Wind project. The public information meeting and comment period will provide the public an opportunity to ask questions about the project, the process and the draft site permit. Representatives of DOC and the applicant will be at the meeting to describe the proposed project and answer questions.

Prior to the public information meeting, the applicant will host an open house beginning at 5:30 p.m. The applicant's representatives will be available at the open house to discuss the project and answer questions.

Project Description

The applicant proposes to build a 31.5 MW LWECS utilizing 15 Suzlon Energy S-88 2.1 MW wind turbine generators mounted on freestanding tubular steel towers. The rotor diameter will be approximately 288 feet. The turbines are approximately 262 feet (80 meters) at hub height, with a maximum overall height of the wind turbines of approximately 397 feet when a turbine blade is in the vertical position. An electrical system consisting of 34.5 kV collection lines routed to the new Comfrey Wind Substation will deliver the power to the grid. Other project associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers and access roads.

Proposed Site Location

As shown on the accompanying map, the proposed project site is located approximately one mile west of the city of Comfrey and includes a portion of Bashaw Township in Brown County and portions of Selma Township in Cottonwood County. The total wind plant project site and land easements cover approximately 3,940 acres. The total development consists of approximately 15 acres of land that will be taken out of agricultural production for turbines and access roads.

MPUC Site Permit Review Process

Comfrey Wind Energy, LLC, filed a site permit application with the PUC for the project on July 20, 2007, and it was accepted by the Commission in an order dated August 9, 2007. Copies of the Comfrey Wind Energy site permit application have been distributed to affected landowners, township, county and state officials.

The PUC determined that a permit may be issued in this case and issued a draft site permit on September 7, 2007. The DOC is now initiating the public participation process on the site permit application under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216F) and the Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7836). No separate environmental review document will be prepared under this process. Upon completion of the public participation process, the DOC will present the record of this matter to the PUC for a final decision.

Public Comments

Copies of the application and draft site permit are available for review at the Auditor's Offices in Brown and Cottonwood counties, and the city offices in Comfrey.

The site permit application, draft site permit and the agency rules guiding the review process are available on the PUC website at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19254>

Interested persons may comment on the site permit application and draft site permit at the public meeting or may submit written or fax (651-297-7891) comments by 4:30 p.m. on **November 21, 2007**. **Please include the following docket number (IP 6630/WS-07-318)**. Written or fax comments should be directed to: Sharon Ferguson, Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198.

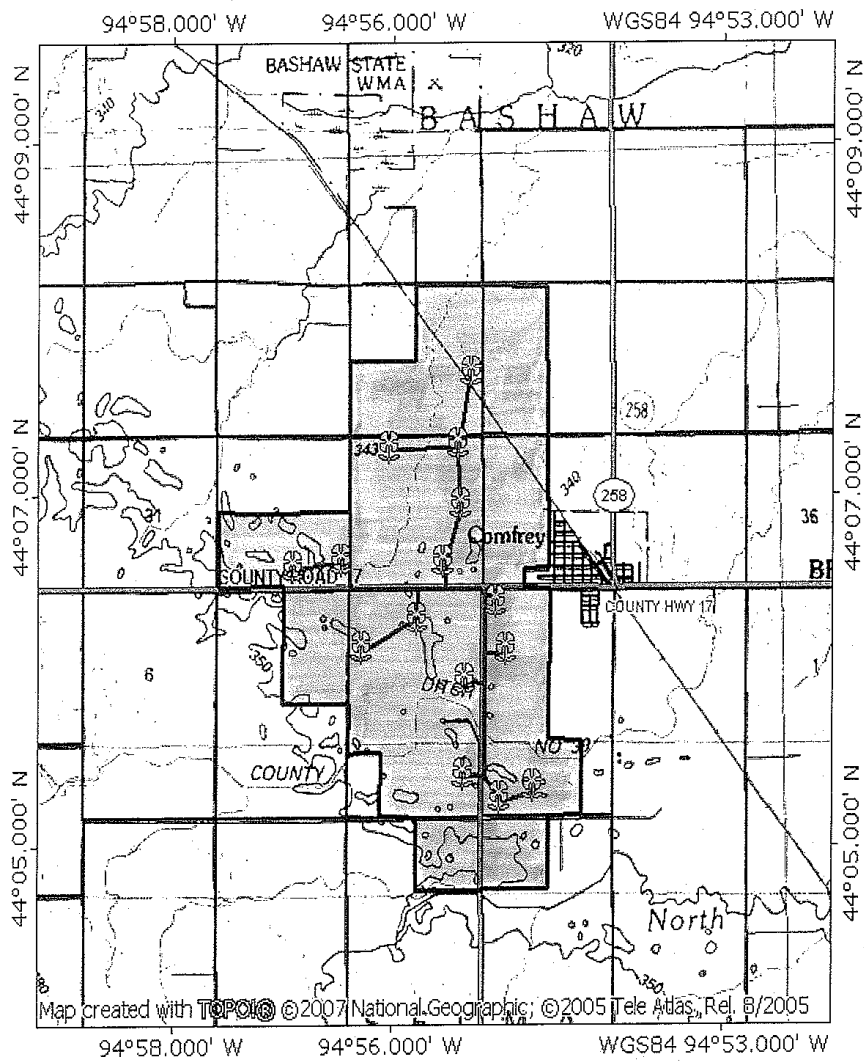
DOC Project Contacts

Questions about the project and the PUC permitting process may be directed to: Suzanne Steinhauer, Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198; Tel: 651-296-2888; Fax: 651-297-7891; e-mail: suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us. Adam Sokolski, with the DOC 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: 651-296-2096; or e-mail: adam.sokolski@state.mn.us and the mailing address above.

Questions about the Comfrey Wind Energy, LLC, Site Permit Application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting the company's developer Mr. David Norgaard at 507-247-5672.

Contested Case Hearing Request

Any person may request a contested case hearing in this matter. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Sharon Ferguson (address above) in writing by 4:30 p.m. on **November 21, 2007**. The person requesting the contested case hearing must list the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reasons why a contested case hearing is required to resolve those issues. The PUC shall order a contested case hearing if it finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the hearing will aid the PUC in making a final decision on the site permit application and draft site permit.



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