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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: January 16, 2008

Project Title: Skywalk Extension – Lake Superior Place to Technology Village Parking Ramp

Description: An extension of Duluth's Downtown Skywalk System will begin at the rear second level of Lake Superior Place, continue eastward through the alley behind existing Superior Street buildings, cross Lake Avenue diagonally north, and connect to the Duluth Technology Village Parking Ramp. Associated interior remodeling to Lake Superior Place and the Duluth Technology Village Parking Ramp will accompany.

RGU: City of Duluth

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St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
Phone: 651-201-2480
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Project Title: Scherger Hog Feedlot Expansion Project

Description: The proposed project is an expansion of an existing 1,250-head wean-to-finish swine operation site to a 7,500-head swine operation (Project). The Project will be completed in three phases. The site is located in Section 31 of Wasioja Township in Dodge County. Proposed buildings will be total confinement, power ventilated barns, with reinforced concrete manure storage pits beneath the barn. Manure will be land applied at agronomic rates to cropland. Total animals on site after the proposed expansion will be 7,500 head, or 2,250 animal units.

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact Person:

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EA AVAILABLE**Project Title: Grand Meadow Wind Farm 161kV Substation and 161kV Transmission Line**

Description: EnXco Development Corporation is planning to construct and own a new 161 kV substation in Section 8 of Grand Meadow Township in Mower County, Minnesota. EnXco Development Corporation also proposes to construct, own, and operate an approximately seven (7) mile 161Kv transmission line from the new substation in Section 8 of Grand Meadow Township to property in Section 31 of Pleasant Valley Township. These new facilities are part of the Grand Meadow Wind Farm, which also includes the construction of additional wind turbines in Mower County. These new facilities will facilitate the transmission of electricity to the substation for distribution to the other needed areas. Upon completion of construction, Excel Energy will jointly own both the Substation Facility and the Transmission line with EnXco Development Corporation.

The Environmental Assessment for the project is available for review and the public may comment on the Environmental Assessment document. See the contact information below to review a copy. Comments may be mailed to Daryl W. Franklin on or before January 2, 2008.

RGU: Mower County

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EAW NEED DECISIONS

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen petition.

- Minnetonka City Council, Crossroads Corporate Center. Denied.

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*.

- Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Little Mary Estates/Lake Mary Villas, 1st Supplemental, November 27, 2007 (August 27, 2007)
- City of Waite Park, Miller Development, November 19, 2007 (October 10, 2007)
- City of Centerville, Centerville Downtown Redevelopment Project, November 28, 2007 (September 24, 2007)

NOTICES

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Notice of Annual Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the staff of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will convene the annual public hearing on the Power Plant Siting and Transmission Line Routing Program from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2007, in the Small Hearing Room at the Commission's offices on the third floor of the Metro Square Building, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101.

The annual hearing is intended to advise the public of matters relating to the siting of large electric power generating plants and routing of high voltage transmission lines and to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any aspects of the Commission's activities, duties, or policies pursuant to the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes section 216E.001-.18 (renumbered from 116C.51-.69), or its Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Rules, Minnesota Rules chapter 7849.5020 to 7849.6500 (renumbered from chapter 4400).

The Commission has prepared an Agenda for the meeting, available on its webpage at <http://www.puc.state.mn.us/index.htm>

At the hearing the public will be afforded an opportunity to be heard through the presentation of oral or written statements. Written statements may also be submitted for

inclusion in the annual hearing record by delivery to the Commission's offices at the address above by the close of business on January 31, 2008. The staff recognizes that the time and location makes it difficult for all interested persons to attend, and emphasizes that written comments are encouraged and will be given equal consideration.

Direct all inquiries and written comments regarding the annual hearing to: Bob Cupit, Phone 651-201-2255, email: bob.cupit@state.mn.us.

EQB Monitor Publication Calendar for 2008

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