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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: October 24, 2007

Project Title: Centerville Downtown Redevelopment

Description: Redevelopment of Centerville's existing downtown area. New buildings will be a mix of retail or commercial and multifamily housing. Retail and commercial space will be available on the first floor of buildings along Main Street and Centerville Road with condo-style homes above. Surrounding blocks will be filled with townhomes.

RGU: City of Centerville

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

Project Title: 5100 West 82nd Street

Description: Redevelopment of the project site will include residential land uses on approximately 9.6 acres of land. Development is proposed to include up to 418 one- and two-bedroom units in two apartment building, 745 parking spaces in two parking ramps and surface lots, and the extension of Stanley Road. The project area is located north of West 82nd Street at Stanley Road in Bloomington, MN.

RGU: City of Bloomington

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Project Title: Presbyterian Homes Redevelopment

Description: The project site currently includes the Broadmoor Apartments with detached garages, the Castle Ridge Care Center, associated surface parking lots, and two vacant lots (Exhibit 6-1). Development is proposed to include commercial (restaurants, bank, drugstore, retail stores), combined commercial/residential, a senior housing complex with an associated town center and care center, an all-age market rate housing complex, and surface and below-ground parking on 22.09 acres (Exhibit 6-2). Development is proposed to include up to 707 units including skilled nursing, memory care, assisted living, independent senior housing, all-age housing, and affordable senior housing.

RGU: City of Eden Prairie

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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.

- Department of Natural Resources, Waupaca Northwoods Organics Peat Mine Expansion Project, 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*.

- Faribault City Council, TH60 West Commercial Development, August 28, 2007 (July 16, 2007).

DRAFT AUAR AVAILABLE

Project Title: Montrose Alternative Urban Areawide Review

Description: The Montrose AUAR area consists of approximately 5,300 developable acres of future development surrounding the city of Montrose. It is proposed to include low, medium and high density residential, industrial and commercial development. The project includes construction of roads, homes, businesses, trails, parks, ponds, and utilities such as storm water, wastewater, and water supply piping. This AUAR also analyzes the impacts of approximately 1,700 acres of development that exists or is in a various stage of approval and 100 acres of railroad right-of-way, for a total analysis area of approximately 7,100 acres.

NOTICES

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 5, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. in Callaway, Minnesota, at the Maplelag Resort.

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>.

Northeast Regional Landscape Committee Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The Northeast Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in Duluth, Minnesota, at the Natural Resources Institute (NRRI) building.

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 APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

In the Matter of a Site Permit Application for the 20 MW
Glacial Ridge Wind Project in Pope County, Minnesota.

MPUC Docket No. IP6650/WS-07-1073

Tuesday, October 2, 2007 6:30 p.m.
Pope County Courthouse Community Room
130 East Minnesota Avenue
Glenwood, MN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that PlainStates Energy, on behalf of Glacial Ridge Wind Project, LLC, has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a site permit to build and operate up to a 20 Megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) west of Broton, Minnesota. The PUC accepted the site permit applications and issued a draft site permit on September 6, 2007.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) staff will host a public information meeting at the date, time and location above to provide an overview of the proposed Project, the wind energy site permitting process and the PUC issued draft site permit for the Project. The public information meeting and a comment period will provide the public an opportunity to ask questions about and make comments on the Project, the process and the draft site permit.

Representatives of DOC and Glacial Ridge Wind Project, LLC, will be at the meeting to describe the proposed Project and answer questions.

Project Description

The Glacial Ridge Wind Project proposes to build eight Nordex N90, 2.5 MW wind turbine generators mounted on freestanding tubular steel towers. The towers will be 80 meters (262 feet) in height measured at the hub. The rotor diameter will be 90 meters (295 feet). The maximum overall height of the wind turbines will be approximately 125 meters (410 feet) above grade when one blade is in the vertical position.

An electrical system consisting of underground and overhead 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collection and feeder lines will deliver power to a Project substation to be built adjacent to the Great River Energy Williams Substation in Gilchrist Township, Section 12. Other associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers and turbine access roads.

Proposed Site Location

The Project site is located in southeastern Pope County in portions of Chippewa Falls, Bangor, Gilchrist and Lake Johanna townships. Glacial Ridge Wind Project, LLC, has obtained wind development rights from landowners for approximately 670 acres within the Project boundary.

MPUC Site Permit Review Process

PlainStates Energy filed a site permit application for the Glacial Ridge Wind Project with the PUC on August 7, 2007 and an amended application on September 5, 2007. On September 6, 2007, the PUC accepted the applications as complete, made a preliminary determination that a permit may be issued and issued a draft site

permit. The application and draft site permit are available from the web site and contacts listed below. Landowners and governments within the Project boundary will receive a copy of the application directly from Glacial Ridge Wind Project, LLC.

The DOC is now initiating the public participation process under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F) and the Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules Chapter 7836). Upon completion of the public participation process, the DOC will present the record of this matter to the PUC for a final permit decision.

Public Comments

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=19288>

Interested persons may comment on the application and draft site permit at the public meeting or may submit written comments until 4:30 p.m. on **October 24, 2007**. Written comments can be sent by mail, fax or by email. Please include the following docket number (**IP6650/WS-07-1073**) on written comments. Written or fax comments should be directed to: Minnesota Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198. Fax: 651-297-7891. You may register on this same web site to be added to the mailing list associated with this Project and to receive future notices by U.S. Mail.

DOC Project Contacts

Questions, comments and requests to add your name on the mailing list for the Glacial Ridge Wind Project may be directed to: Adam Sokolski, Tel: 651-296-2096; e-mail: adam.sokolski@state.mn.us and the mailing address above. Deborah Pile, 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. She can be contacted at: Tel: 651-297-2375; toll free at: 800-657-3794; or e-mail: deborah.pile@state.mn.us and the mailing address above.

Questions about the Glacial Ridge Wind Project and site permit application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Mr. John Ihle, PlainStates Energy at 701-232-4948.

Contested Case Hearing Request

Any person may request a contested case hearing in this matter. Minnesota Rule 7836.0900. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with the Department of Commerce in writing by 4:30 p.m. on **October 24, 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.