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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: May 7, 2008

Project Title: Wayzata Bay Center Redevelopment

Description: The project proposes redevelopment of the 13.95-acre Wayzata Bay Center into a mixed-use retail, office, hotel, and residential complex. The project would include approximately 414 housing units, half senior, half conventional and approximately 140,000 square feet of retail space. An additional 30,000 square feet of office space is contemplated, as well as 80 to 100 hotel rooms. If the hotel is included it will displace about 45 conventional housing units. If the office space is not included it would be replaced by about 20 conventional housing units. The project also proposes innovative approaches for storing and treating stormwater beneath the internal street system.

Additional information regarding the project may be found under the *City Projects* link of the city's website at <http://www.wayzata.org/> or by contacting the Planning Department.

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Project Title: TH 55 from Interstate 494 to the Crow River

Description: The proposed project creates a concept design layout for the purpose of future expansion of TH 55 from the Crow River in Rockford, Minnesota, to I-494 in Plymouth, Minnesota, to be the basis for right-of-way protection of the future corridor of TH 55 from Rockford to Plymouth. The review document is a joint state EAW/federal EA.

Hennepin County will hold a public hearing on this project on Tuesday, April 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hennepin County Public Works Facility, 1600 Prairie Drive, Medina. The public comment record will be open through Friday, May 9, 2008.

RGU: Hennepin County

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EIS NEED DECISIONS – POSITIVE DECLARATION

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does 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*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Agassiz Energy Ethanol Production Facility, March 25, 2008 (December 3, 2007)

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does 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*.

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Edina-Richfield Interceptor Improvements Project, March 20, 2008 (February 11, 2008).
- Scott County Board, Minnesota River Valley Industrial Park, March 25, 2008 (January 28, 2008).
- Ten Lake Township, Andrusia Heights Subdivision, March 19, 2008 (January 21, 2008).
- City of Moorhead, 34th Street Corridor and Interstate 94 Interchange Project, January 7, 2008 (October 22, 2007).

FINAL EIS ADEQUACY DETERMINATION

Project Title: County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 21 Extension and Transit Station Project

Scott County prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the CSAH 21 Extension and Transit Station Project.

A Scoping Document (SD)/Draft Scoping Decision Document (DSDD) was prepared to identify the issues and alternatives that would be addressed in the EIS. A notice of availability of the SD/DSDD was published in the *EQB Monitor* on April 28, 2003. A public meeting to obtain input on the SD/DSDD was held on May 21, 2003. A Final Scoping Decision Document (SDD) was issued on July 22, 2003, and published in the *EQB Monitor* on August 4, 2003. The EIS Preparation Notice was published in the *EQB Monitor* August 4, 2003.

A Draft EIS was prepared to address the issues and alternatives raised in scoping and identify reasonable mitigation measures for identified adverse effects. The Draft EIS notice of availability was published in the *EQB Monitor* on August 28, 2006. A public hearing was held on September 21, 2006, and comments were accepted on the Draft EIS through October 16, 2006. The comment period was subsequently extended to November 20, 2006, and notice of the extension was published in the *EQB Monitor* on October 23, 2006.

Scott County prepared a Final EIS, which included all comments received during the Draft EIS review period. The Final EIS notice of availability was published in the *EQB Monitor* on December 31, 2007. Scott County accepted written comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS through February 4, 2008.

On March 25, 2008, pursuant to the criteria prescribed in Minnesota rules part 4410.2800, subpart 4, the Scott County Board of Commissioners by resolution determined the Final EIS is adequate. A notice of the adequacy determination was distributed to all parties receiving copies of the Final EIS.

The contact person at Scott County is Greg Felt, Scott County Operations Engineer, Scott County Public Works Division, 600 Country Trail East, Jordan, Minnesota 55352, 952-496-8047. The email contact is gfelt@co.scott.mn.us.

NOTICES

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AVAILABILITY

Issued: March 31, 2008

In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy, Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) and Others for a Certificate of Need for the CapX 2020 345 kV Transmission Projects (PUC Docket No. ET-2, E002/CN-06-1115)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Environmental Report (ER) for the proposed CapX 2020 Group 1 Transmission Projects (Project) has been completed and is available for review by the public. The ER addresses potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed high voltage transmission lines (HVTL) project and alternatives. Copies of the ER and other relevant project documents are accessible at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19120>

Copies can also be accessed on eDockets by searching year “06” and number “1115” at:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/DocumentSearch.do>

Paper copies may be requested from the Minnesota Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security staff listed at the end of this notice.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed transmission lines would connect substations in the following locations:

- A 250-mile line between Fargo, North Dakota, and Monticello.
- A 200-mile line from a substation near Brookings, South Dakota, to a new substation near Hampton; plus a related line between Marshall and Granite Falls.
- A 150-mile line running from a new substation near Hampton to Rochester and continuing to La Crosse, Wisconsin.

These transmission lines are part of a longer-term plan intended to strengthen the transmission network to meet demand for electrical power anticipated in Minnesota and parts of surrounding states by 2020 and to increase access to renewable energy sources. In addition, the project is intended to address community service reliability concerns in several communities including Rochester, St. Cloud, the Alexandria area and the Red River Valley.

Specific routes that the transmission lines would follow, if approved, have not yet been proposed by the CapX 2020 utilities. The transmission line routes will be reviewed through a separate PUC permitting process expected to begin sometime in 2008.

PUC CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW PROCESS

The Project is a “large energy facility” as defined in Minnesota Statute 216B.2421, subp. 2 and a Certificate of Need from the Public Utilities Commission is required for such a project under Minnesota Statute 216B.243. On August 16, 2007, Xcel Energy and Great River Energy filed a Certificate of Need application for the project.

The Office of Energy Security Energy Facility Permitting Unit prepares an Environmental Review for Certificate of Need proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission, as per Minnesota Rules 7849.7010-7100.

Public hearings will be held across the state in June (notice will be mailed separately). Under state law, this PUC proceeding is the only time at which the “no-build” alternative and the size, type, and timing of a new

generating facility will be considered. These items will not be addressed in any subsequent PUC Site Permit process.

Project Contacts and Information

For more information about the process, the project or to place your name on the project mailing list, contact David Birkholz (651-296-2878 or david.birkholz@state.mn.us) Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198. 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 DOC.

Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
08-NO-043	Dow	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Dakota, Fillmore
08-NO-044	Pioneer	Corn	Visual Marker Herbicide Tolerance Selectable Marker	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-045	Pioneer	Corn	Altered Protein, Fiber Quality, Cell Wall, Oil Profile, and Protein Quality; Improved Digestibility	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-046	Pioneer	Corn	Altered Fatty Acid Level Increased Lysine Level	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-047	Pioneer	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance; Production of a Novel Protein, Recombinase, and Repressor; Increased Transformation Frequency	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-048	Pioneer	Corn	Altered Amino Acid Composition, Lipid Profile, Starch Metabolism and Content; Reduced Phytate; Improved Nutritional, Food, and Animal Feed Quality	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-049	Pioneer	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance Altered Fertility	Clay, Freeborn, Steele
08-NO-050	Pioneer	Corn	Stalk Rot Resistance	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-051	Pioneer	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance Visual Marker	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-052	Pioneer	Corn	Insect Resistance	Blue Earth,

				Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-053	Pioneer	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance	Marshall, Martin, Otter Tail, Polk, Renville, Stevens, Watonwan
08-NO-054	Pioneer	Corn	Drought Tolerance Visual Marker	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-055	Pioneer	Corn	Altered Fertility Increase Yield Stability	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-056	Pioneer	Corn	Increased Nitrogen Utilization Efficiency	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-057	Pioneer	Corn	Altered Feed Properties	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-058	Pioneer	Corn	Altered Feed Properties	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-059	Pioneer	Corn	Increased Oil Content	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-060	Pioneer	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance Visual Marker Production of Recombinase	Chippewa, Faribault, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Pope Redwood, Renville, Sherburne, Stevens
08-NO-061	Pioneer	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance Insect Resistance Selectable Marker	Chippewa, Faribault, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Pope Redwood, Renville, Sherburne, Stevens
08-NO-062	Pioneer	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance Nematode Resistance Selectable Marker	Chippewa, Faribault, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Pope Redwood, Renville, Sherburne, Stevens

08-NO-063	Pioneer	Soybean	Herbicide Tolerance; Altered Amino and Fatty Acid Content, Lipid Profile, Carbohydrate Metabolism, Feed Properties; Selectable and Visual Markers; Increased Oil Content and Lysine Level; Improved Nutritional Properties	Chippewa, Faribault, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Pope Redwood, Renville, Sherburne, Stevens
08-NO-064	USDA-ARS	Barley	Disease Resistance	Dakota
08-NO-065	Pioneer	Corn	Altered Stalk Attributes, Plant Development and Maturity; Reduced Plant Growth; Heat Tolerance	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-066	Pioneer	Corn	Altered Stalk Attributes; Visual Marker; Drought Tolerance; Increased Nitrogen Utilization Efficiency; Yield Enhancement	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-067	Pioneer	Corn	Yield Enhancement	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-068	Pioneer	Corn	Yield Enhancement	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Clay, Kandiyohi, Nicollet, Swift, Waseca
08-NO-069	Pioneer	Corn	Insect Resistance	Blue Earth, Nicollet, Waseca

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St. Paul, MN 55155, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us .

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES

MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL West Central Regional Landscape Committee

The West Central Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Friday, April 11, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 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>.

**MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL
Southeast Regional Landscape Committee**

The Southeast Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Thursday, April 17, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Staples, Minnesota, at Whitewater State Park near Elba, Minnesota.

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>.

**MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL
Landscape Committee**

The Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Paul at Skok Hall (Room 220) at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus.

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>.

MINNESOTA FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL

The Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mn/DOT Training & Conference Center in Shoreview, MN.

For more information, please contact Leslie McInenly at (651) 603-6761 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>.