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# EQB MONITOR

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: August 27, 2008

### Project Title: SKB Rosemount Industrial Waste Facility Expansion

**Description:** SKB Environmental, Inc. (SKB) is proposing an expansion at its SKB Rosemount Industrial Waste Facility (Facility). As part of the expansion, SKB is applying for additional permitted capacity for Industrial waste, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Combustor Ash and Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste within the existing waste areas and proposing to add an additional industrial cell.

**RGU:** City of Rosemount

**Contact Person:**

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St. Paul, MN 55155-1388  
Phone: 651-201-2480  
Fax: 651-296-3698  
<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

**Project Title: S.M. Hentges Proposed Aggregate Mining Operation**

**Description:** Mr. Steve Hentges is proposing to mine aggregate resources from the property located at 17521 Valley View Drive in Sand Creek Township, Scott County, Minnesota. The mine will encompass 27 acres and is anticipated to operate for approximately fifteen years. Mined areas will be reclaimed using on-site overburden materials and imported fill.

**RGU:** Scott County Community Development Division, Environmental Health Department

**Contact Person:**

Kate Sedlacek  
Environmental Health  
Scott County Community Development Division  
Government Center  
200 Fourth Avenue West  
Shakopee, MN 55379-1220  
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**Project Title: CSAH 81**

**Description:** The proposed project will reconstruct the 7.5-mile segment of CSAH 81 from 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in the City of Robbinsdale to CSAH 30 in the City of Maple Grove, resulting ultimately in a six-lane divided urban roadway. The project also passes through the Cities of Crystal, Brooklyn Park, and Osseo. To improve the safety and operations along the roadway, changes will be made to existing access. Major intersections will also be reconstructed. Construction will occur in segments. Construction of Segment One (47<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in Robbinsdale to CSAH 10/Bass Lake Road in Crystal) is anticipated to begin in 2010. Written comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet should be submitted, prior to the close of the comment period on August 27, 2008, to the contact person listed below.

**RGU:** Hennepin County

**Contact Person:**

Craig Twinem  
Design Division Engineer  
Hennepin County  
1600 Prairie Drive  
Medina, Minnesota 55340  
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**Project Title: County State Aid Highway 30 Reconstruction**

**Description:** The City of Maple Grove, Hennepin County, has prepared an Environmental Assessment/Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EA/EAW) for the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 30, between CSAH 101 and Dunkirk Lane, from a two-lane rural roadway to a four-lane urban facility. The project will improve the roadway, drainage, and access management. Pedestrian/bicycle trails will also be constructed.

Copies of the EA/EAW have been distributed to the EQB list and are also available for review at the following locations during regular office hours:

Maple Grove Library  
8351 Elm Creek Boulevard  
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Maple Grove City Hall  
12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway  
P.O. Box 1180  
Maple Grove, MN 55311-6180

The EA/EAW will be available for public review and comment until Wednesday, August 27, 2008. A public hearing in an open house format will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 from 5 to 7 pm at the Maple Grove City Hall in the Emergency Operations Center. Written comments should be submitted, prior to the close of the 30-day comment period at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, to Terry Muller, Assistant City Engineer, City of Maple Grove, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway, Maple Grove, MN 55322.

**RGU:** City of Maple Grove

**Contact Person:**

Terry Muller, Assistant City Engineer  
City of Maple Grove  
12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway  
Maple Grove, MN 55322  
Phone: 763-494-6353  
Email: [tmuller@ci.maple-grove.mn.us](mailto:tmuller@ci.maple-grove.mn.us)

**Project Title: Meadow Star Dairy, LLP**

**Description:** Meadow Star Dairy, LLP is proposing to construct a new dairy feedlot containing one 1,360-foot long by 512-foot wide free stall barn, one 360-foot long by 276-foot wide calf barn, one 80-foot wide by 288-foot long calf barn, and one 425-foot long by 95-foot wide milking parlor/holding pen. Manure from these buildings will be stored in two 575-foot long by 500-foot wide by 20-foot deep, clay-lined earthen basins. In addition, an 800-foot long by 690-foot wide feed storage pad will be built and the feed will be covered. When completed, 4,754 cows will be milked twice a day. There will also be 906 dry cows, 340 heifers, and 3,590 calves at the facility, for a total of 9,590 head (8,880 animal units).

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Contact Person**

Kevin J. Kain, Planner Principal  
Environmental Review and Feedlot Section  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
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Phone: 651-296-7432

**Project Title: Matt and JoEllen Voxland Feedlot Expansion**

**Description:** The proposed project will consist of a two stage expansion of the existing Matt and JoEllen Voxland Feedlot Expansion, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24, Holden Township, Township 110 North, Range 18 West, Goodhue County. The existing facility includes 2,900 head of finishing swine 55-300 pounds, 1,200 head of weaned nursery pigs less than 55 pounds, and a small broiler flock of 200 head, housed in 9 barns. The first phase of the expansion will include the replacement of an existing barn and an increase of the finishing swine to 4, 800 total. The second phase of the expansion will include the construction of a new barn and increasing the number of the nursery pigs to 2,400 head. The broiler flock of 200 will remain unchanged.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Website, at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Contact Person:**

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**Project Title: Evers Dairy Expansion**

**Description:** Wayne Evers is proposing to expand his existing dairy operation in Section 10 of Highland Township, Wabasha County. The expansion would consist of: construction of one 112-foot by 234-foot total confinement barn housing up to 400 cows (560 animal units, or AUs) and 15 calves (3 AUs) born on site but removed immediately; and modification of the existing 112-foot by 592-foot barn to add capacity for an additional 160 cattle beyond the existing 690 cattle capacity. Total number of head after construction would be 1,753 AUs. In addition, a 141-foot by 200-foot by 10-foot sand settling lane would be constructed to allow manure and wastewater to flow to the existing solids basin, but have the sand settle out for recycling. Manure from the proposed new and existing modified barns would be removed each fall and spring, and land applied onto designated cropland as fertilizer in the spring and fall of the year.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Website at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Contact Person:**

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**Project Title: Lake Minnetonka Area Regional Interceptor Improvements Project**

**Description:** Metropolitan Council Environmental Services proposes to construct new interceptor pipelines, abandon/replace other interceptor pipelines, and construct, upgrade, and remove various lift stations and associated facilities in the cities of Wayzata, Orono, Mound, Minnetrista, Excelsior, Shorewood, and Greenwood in order to increase system capacity and improve system reliability.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Website at the following: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

**RGU:** Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Contact Person**

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**Project Title: Browns Valley Flood Mitigation Project**

**Description:** The UMRWD and the City of Browns Valley are proposing a flood mitigation project to provide protection from the 1% chance (i.e., 100-year flood). The project consists of two components to implement sequentially: 1) a floodway to convey flood waters from the Little Minnesota River around the City, and 2) a new culvert under Traverse CSAH 2, levees, and culvert upgrades under TH 28 to convey flood waters from the Toelle Coulee.

**RGU:** Upper Minnesota River Watershed District

**Contact Person:**

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## DRAFT EA AVAILABLE

### **Project Title: Proposed Improvements at the Faribault Municipal Airport, Faribault, MN**

**Description:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and EA was prepared to evaluate the potential physical, environmental, and social impacts of the proposed action.

The following proposed actions have been evaluated in the Draft EA:

- Relocation of the turf crosswind runway with an extended length from 2,230 feet to 2,300 feet
- Land acquisition associated with the relocated turf crosswind runway
- Providing clear approaches for the relocated crosswind runway
- Relocation of the Airport's primary runway's taxiway to satisfy FAA separation criteria.

A legal notice that offers an opportunity for a public hearing will be published in the local area newspaper.

Subject to the receipt of any information indicating that the proposed project will result in significant impacts on the environment, it is our intention to submit this document to the approving authority – the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), with a recommendation that the FAA prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). For a project of this type, a FONSI is the final step in the environmental clearance process. After the FONSI has been approved, the project can proceed to the final design, right of way, and construction phase.

In order to maintain the project schedule, your written comments are requested by **September 5, 2008**.

#### **Contact Person:**

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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.

- Duluth Off-Leash Trail Areas Project, Denied
- Chisago County Board of Commissioners, Buberl Composting Facility, 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*.

- City of St. Louis Park, Minnehaha Creek Restoration – Methodist Hospital, July 7, 2008 (February 16, 2007)
- Blaine City Council, Sports Town USA-EAW, July 17, 2008 (May 5, 2008)

## DRAFT AUAR AVAILABLE

**Project Title: Lake Bemidji South Shore Development Including The Bemidji Regional Event Center (BREC)**

**Description:** The AUAR is being prepared for a parcel of land, approximately 145.3 acres in size, located in the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota. The City currently owns most of the AUAR area which borders the south shore of Lake Bemidji and includes 5,054 feet of shoreline.

The AUAR presents two land use scenarios. The Intensive Use Scenario would maximize potential uses of the project site and would result in a development that contains the most diverse combination of facilities and types of use. The facilities and uses include an events center, conference hall, hockey arena, convention hotel, mixed commercial and residential areas, public beach, as well as park areas, green space, recreational trails and water surface use. This scenario would result in the highest level of physical change and environmental impact and represents the worst case scenario.

The Moderate Use Scenario reflects a lower density land use. This scenario would contain fewer potential uses of the project site and would result in a more moderate level of physical changes and environmental impacts to the existing project site. In addition to the events center, conference hall, water surface use and other public recreational facilities, this scenario would have a higher proportion of the project area devoted to residential development.

Copies of the Draft AUAR are available for review at the Bemidji City Hall, 317 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601

**RGU:** The Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board

**Contact Person:**

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Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board  
Bemidji City Hall  
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Bemidji, MN 56601  
Phone: (218) 759-3594



## 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 Friday, August 15, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Whitewater State Park Outdoor Pavilion.

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>.

### **Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish & Wildlife RECLAMATION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR LAKES**

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, 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, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN 55401.

**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, 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.

<b>Lake Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Township</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Section</b>
Long (DOW82-68)	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

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

**In the Matter of a Route Permit Application and  
Certificate of Need Application for the  
Bemidji – Grand Rapids 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line**

**PUC Docket Number: TL-07-1327 (Route Permit)  
PUC Docket Number: CN-07-1222(Certificate of Need)**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) and United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will conduct public information and environmental impact statement scoping meetings at the locations listed below on an application by Otter Tail Power Company, Minnesota Power, and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., to construct a 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Bemidji to Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed transmission line and to identify issues and alternatives to study in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluating the proposal.

Date	Time		Location
	Daytime	Evening	
<b>Monday 8/11/08</b>		Open House 5-6pm Scoping Meeting at 6 pm	<b>Blackduck Senior Center</b> 24 1st Street SE Blackduck, MN 56630
<b>Tuesday 8/12/08</b>		Open House 5-6pm Scoping Meeting at 6 pm	<b>Cass Lake Palace Casino &amp; Hotel</b> 16599 69th Avenue NW Cass Lake, MN 56633
<b>Wednesday 8/13/08</b>		Open House 5-6pm Scoping Meeting at 6 pm	<b>Deer River Morse Town Hall</b> 32775 State Hwy 46 Deer River, MN 56636
<b>Thursday 08/14/08</b>	Open House 1-2pm Scoping Meeting at 2 pm	Open House 5-6pm Scoping Meeting at 6 pm	<b>Bemidji Hampton Inn &amp; Suites</b> 1019 Paul Bunyan Drive South Bemidji, MN 56601
<b>Friday 08/15/08</b>	Open House 9-10am Scoping Meeting at 10 am		<b>Walker Hiawatha Beach Resort</b> 10904 Steamboat Loop NW Walker, MN 56484

The public is invited to review the route permit application and certificate of need application, learn more about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) permitting process, and ask questions. The public is also invited to learn more about the federal approvals and review for the proposed project. The first hour of each meeting will be an open house. Presentations on the state and federal review processes and the proposed project will begin at the start of the second hour, followed by an opportunity for public comment. Representatives from the OES, RUS and the applicants will be available for both the open house and presentation portion of the meetings to answer questions about the permitting process, federal review and approvals, and the proposed project. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions, present comments, and propose issues, alternatives, and specific impacts to be addressed in the EIS.

The OES will accept written comments on the scope of the EIS until **August 29, 2008**. Comments should be mailed or e-mailed to:

Suzanne Steinhauer, Project Manager  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198  
Fax: 651-297-7891  
[suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us](mailto:suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us)

### **Project Description**

Otter Tail Power Company, Minnesota Power, and Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc (the Applicants), propose to construct a 68 mile, 230 kV transmission line from the Wilton Substation, just west of Bemidji, Minnesota, to the Boswell Substation in Cohasset, Minnesota, just northwest of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The proposed routes for the transmission line primarily follow existing rights-of-way and cross sections of Beltrami, Hubbard, Cass and Itasca counties. Construction of the transmission line is proposed to begin in 2009 and be completed by the end of 2011.

### **Regulatory Review Process**

#### ***Route Permit***

High voltage transmission lines constructed in Minnesota require a route permit from the PUC. The route permitting process is governed by Minnesota Rules 7849.5010 – 7849.6500. As part of this permitting process, OES prepares an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS contains information on the human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and addresses mitigating measures for anticipated impacts. To focus the content or “scope” of the EIS, the OES conducts public meetings to gather comments and questions on the proposed project.

The Applicants applied for a route permit for the proposed transmission line on June 4, 2008. On June 26, 2008, the PUC accepted the application as complete.

#### ***Certificate of Need***

Large energy facilities constructed in Minnesota require a certificate of need from the PUC. The certificate of need process is governed by Minnesota Rules 7849.0010 – 7849.0400. The certificate of need process is the only proceeding in which a no-build alternative and the size, type, timing, system configuration, and voltage of a proposed project will be considered.

The OES prepares an Environmental Report (ER) on proposed large energy facilities that come before the PUC for a determination of need. The ER analyzes the human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and project alternatives, and addresses mitigating measures for anticipated adverse impacts. To focus the content or “scope” of the ER, the OES conducts public meetings to gather comments, questions, and alternatives to the proposed project.

The proposed Bemidji – Grand Rapids transmission line qualifies as a large energy facility (Minn. Stat. 216B.2421). The Applicants applied for a certificate of need for the proposed transmission line on March 17, 2008. On June 26, 2008, the PUC accepted the application as complete.

#### ***Federal Environmental Review***

In addition to state review, the proposed transmission line is subject to federal environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Prior to making a decision about whether to provide financial assistance for a proposal, the RUS is required to conduct an environmental review under NEPA in accordance with Agency policies and procedures codified in 7 CFR Part 1794. These regulations require the Agency to consider engineering alternatives including no action, load management, conservation measures, and reactive power supply and transmission line macro-corridor alternatives.

RUS, serving as the lead federal agency, in cooperation with other federal agencies, must prepare a federal EIS for the project and, prior to preparation, must conduct public meetings to determine the scope of the EIS. The U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Bureau for Indian Affairs will participate as Cooperating Agencies. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe has been invited to participate as a Cooperating Agency.

### ***Coordinated Review Process***

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7849.7100, the OES will conduct a coordinated scoping and environmental review process for the Applicant's route permit and certificate of need applications. OES will scope and develop one environmental document, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), for the project.

Additionally, the Minnesota Department of Commerce and RUS have entered into a memorandum of understanding to prepare a joint EIS for the proposed project. OES has primary responsibility for managing preparation of the EIS and will coordinate with RUS and other federal agencies to ensure that the EIS developed for this project meets both state and federal environmental review requirements.

RUS and OES, in consultation with the cooperating agencies, will determine the scope of the EIS based on input from the public scoping meetings and research studies, including the *Alternatives Evaluation Study* and the *Macro-Corridor Study* prepared for the RUS. Notices announcing the availability of the Draft EIS will be published in the *Federal Register* and local newspapers.

Upon completion of the EIS, public hearings will be held. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak at the hearings, present evidence, ask questions, and submit comments. The hearing for the route permit application will be a contested case hearing presided over by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The ALJ will issue a report containing findings, conclusions, and a recommendation on whether the PUC should issue a route permit for the proposed transmission line.

### **Eminent Domain**

If issued a route permit by the PUC, the Applicants may exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire land for this project pursuant to Minnesota Statute 216E.12.

### **Project Contacts and Mailing Lists**

Public advisors from the OES and the PUC have been appointed to assist persons interested in taking part in the permitting process. For more information, contact one of the persons listed below:

#### ***Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security***

The OES has designated Suzanne Steinhauer (651-296-2888, [suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us](mailto:suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us)) as project manager and Ray Kirsch (651-296-7588, [raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us](mailto:raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us)) as public advisor for the route permit proceedings. You may contact them at: Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security, 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198. Additional contact information: Toll-Free: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891, or TTY Minnesota Relay Service: 1-800-627-3529 (ask for the DOC).

#### ***Public Utilities Commission***

The PUC has designated staff member Bret Eknes (651-201-2257, Fax: 651-297-7073, [bret.eknes@state.mn.us](mailto:bret.eknes@state.mn.us)) as public advisor for the certificate of need proceedings. Mr. Eknes may be contacted in writing at: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place E., Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147.

#### ***Otter Tail Power Company (Applicants)***

Information about this project is available from Otter Tail Power Company. You can direct questions to project manager Al Koeckeritz (218-739-8416, [akoeckeritz@otpc.com](mailto:akoeckeritz@otpc.com)). Mr. Koeckeritz may be contacted in writing at: Otter Tail Power Company, PO Box 496, Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496.

**Rural Utility Services**

For further information about the federal review process, contact Barbara Britton, Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs, at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington DC 20250-1571, telephone 202-720-1414, fax: 202-690-0629, email [Barbara.Britton@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Barbara.Britton@wdc.usda.gov)

**Project Mailing Lists**

If you would like to have your name added to the OES project mailing list for this project, you may register on line at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19344> or contact OES staff at the address above.

The PUC maintains a separate service list for certificate of need proceedings. To be placed on the list for this project, mail, fax or email Robin Benson at: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E., Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147, Fax: 651-297-7073, [robin.benson@state.mn.us](mailto:robin.benson@state.mn.us).

**Information Availability**

Copies of the route permit application and certificate of need application are available at:

- [www.capx2020.com](http://www.capx2020.com) (Home > Regulatory > State > Minnesota)
- <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/resource.html?Id=19631>

The *Alternatives Evaluation Study* and the *Macro-Corridor Study* prepared for the project can be obtained from the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/environ.htm> or by contacting Bob Lindholm of Minnesota Power at (888) 373-4113, [bemidjiinfo@capx2020.com](mailto:bemidjiinfo@capx2020.com).

All of these documents may also be viewed at the following public libraries: Bemidji, Cass Lake, Grand Rapids, Blackduck, Longville, Walker, Bovey, Coleraine.

