



## Energy Facility Permitting

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Dear Name,

Staff of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Facilities Permitting Unit (EFP Staff) are soliciting individuals to serve as a member of a Citizens Advisory Task Force. The task force will assist the DOC in scoping the Environmental Impact Statement and evaluation of the Joint Permit Application for the Mesaba Energy Project. Specifically, the Citizens Advisor Task Force members will assist the DOC EFP staff in determining:

1. Whether local site or route specific information as presented within the Joint Permit Application is inaccurate or missing information;
2. What site or route specific impacts and issues of local concern should be assessed in the EIS; and
3. Which of the two sites is preferable. The two sites in question refer to either the preferred or alternative site contained within the Joint Permit Application. Site preference may be specified if a consensus of the Task Force members can be reached.

The Task Force will expire upon completing the above charge or upon designation by the Commissioner of the DOC of alternative sites or routes to be included in the EIS, whichever comes first.

EFP Staff anticipate holding three meetings to accomplish the requirements of the Citizens Advisory Task Force. Currently EFP Staff have identified the weeks of August 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> as the weeks during which the Task Force meetings will take place. If you or someone in your organization would like to be considered for inclusion on the Citizens Advisory Task Force please fill out the attached information form.

Please email, fax or send completed information forms to:

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Please submit all candidate information forms to Mr. Haase by July 21<sup>st</sup>. EFP Staff anticipate selecting 15 Citizens Advisory Task Force members the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Citizens Advisory Task Force will be contacted by July 28<sup>th</sup>.

To view the Joint Permit Application for the Mesaba Energy Project or if you would like any additional information about project please view the EFP project docket webpage at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=16573>

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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## Mesaba Energy Project Citizens Advisory Task Force Candidate Information Form

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**Candidate Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Current Employment:**

**Current Job Function:**

**Affiliation with Governmental unit or NGO, if applicable:**

**General Interest in the Mesaba Energy Project:**

Checking this box certifies that the candidate is not affiliated with Excelsior Energy, nor are they an officer, agent or employee of said organization.