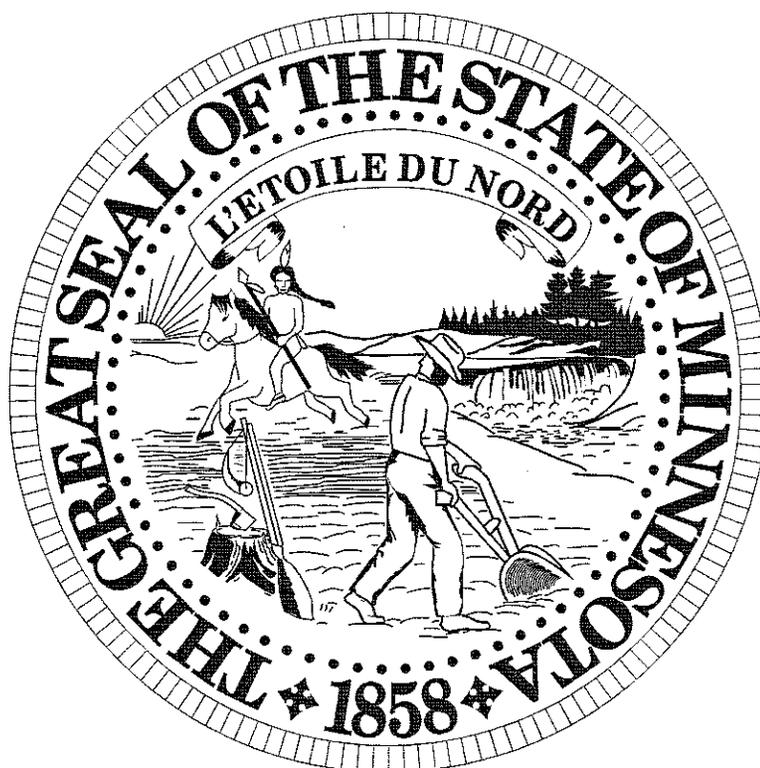


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Employee benefits <i>Minnesota Statutes, § 550.37, subd. 24</i>	\$30,000	\$66,000
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Homestead exemption <i>Minnesota Statutes, § 510.02, subd. 1</i>	\$300,000	\$360,000
Homestead for agricultural purposes <i>Minnesota Statutes, § 510.02, subd. 1</i>	\$750,000	\$900,000

The next published adjustment is scheduled on or before April 30, 2012, for July 1, 2012 based on the December 2011 index.

Dated: For April 26, 2010 Edition

Department of Commerce

Office of Energy Security

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

Decisions on MEP-I, LLC and MEP-II, LLC's Proposed Mesaba IGCC Power Station Project: Environmental Impact Statement Adequacy, Designation of Sites and Routes Associated with Large Electric Power Generating Plant (LEPGP) Site Permit, a High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) Routing Permit and a Pipeline (Partial Exemption) Routing Permit. PUC Docket No. E6472/GS-06-668

At its regular meeting on March 4, 2010, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) determined that the Environmental Impact Statement and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the Scoping Decision.

The Commission also designated a LEPPG site, HVTL routes and a Pipeline route, and issued the appropriate site/route permits.

MEP-I LLC and MEP-II LLC are proposing to construct and operate a fuel-flexible Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) power plant. The proposed power plant will be constructed in two phases; each phase will be capable of producing approximately 600 MW (net) of baseload power.

In the E-Gas™ process, coal, petroleum coke, or blends of coal and petroleum coke are crushed, slurried with water, and pumped into a pressurized vessel (the gasifier) along with purified amounts of oxygen. In the gasifier, controlled reactions take place, thermally converting feedstock materials into a gaseous fuel known as synthetic gas, or syngas. The syngas is cooled, cleaned of contaminants, and then combusted in a combustion turbine (CT), which is directly connected to an electric generator. The assembly of the CT and generator is known as a combustion turbine generator (CTG). The expansion of hot combustion gases inside the CT creates rotational energy that spins the generator and produces electricity. The hot exhaust gases exiting the CTG pass through a heat recovery steam generator (HRSG), a type of boiler, where steam is produced. The resulting steam is piped to a steam turbine that is connected to an electric generator. The expansion of steam inside the steam turbine spins the generator to produce an additional amount of electricity. When a CTG and a steam turbine generator (STG) are operated in tandem at one location to produce electricity, the combination of equipment is referred to as a combined cycle electric power plant. Combining the gasification process with the combined cycle design is known as integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC).

When both phases are completed, each of the two power blocks will consist of two CTG (approximately 220 MW each) and one STG (approximately 300 MW). Two E-Gas gasification trains will supply the CTGs with Syngas. Power generated from the project will be interconnected to the regional electrical grid via high voltage transmission lines, at the Blackberry substation.

Inquiries about this project should be directed to the DOC project manager, Bill Storm (bill.storm@state.mn.us) or the public adviser, (Cite 34 SR 1461)

Official Notices

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Copies of documents relative to this docket can be obtained through the DOC Project Manager and maybe viewed at PUC web site:
<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=16573>

Dated: 13 April 2010

Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA) Notice of Meeting of the Nominating Committee April 30, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association's (MCHA), Nominating Committee will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010. The meeting will take place **via conference call** at the MCHA executive office located at 5775 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 910, St. Louis Park, MN.

For additional information, please call Lynn Gruber at (952) 593-9609.

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) Notice of Hearing on Bond Issues for Qualified Mortgage Bonds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (the "Agency") will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, 400 Sibley Street, Suite 300, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, for the purposes of taking public testimony regarding the issuance of qualified mortgage bonds, comprising one or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$500,000,000. The bonds will be issued as qualified mortgage bonds subject to the mortgage eligibility requirements of Section 143 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, after payment of expenses and funding of reserves, will provide approximately \$490,000,000 of mortgage loans to certain low and moderate income, first-time homebuyers of single family owner-occupied residences located throughout the State of Minnesota, which homebuyers qualify under the Agency's single family mortgage program and applicable federal tax law.

The Agency's single family mortgage program is further described in the MHFA Mortgage Program Procedural Manual, a copy of which may be obtained from the Agency. Said bonds may be issued either as refunding bonds to refund certain outstanding bonds of the Agency or as "new money" bonds using a portion of the Agency's state bond volume allocation, and may be issued either as short-term bonds, subject to refunding or remarketing at a subsequent date on a long-term, fixed or variable rate basis, or as long-term, fixed or variable rate bonds on original issuance. The bonds covered by this hearing notice, up to an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$500,000,000, are anticipated to be issued periodically to fund the Program during the calendar years 2010 and 2011, until fully utilized.

Parties wishing to comment on the financing program may appear in person at the hearing or may submit written comments to the undersigned prior to the hearing, which comments will be considered at the hearing. Parties desiring additional information should contact Ms. Sharon Bjostad of the Agency (651-282-2577).

Dan Bartholomay, Commissioner
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency