



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Department of Commerce



NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED PERMIT AMENDMENT

Issued: **August 8, 2011**

In the Matter of the Site Permit of Bear Creek Wind Partners, LLC for a 47.5 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Todd and Otter Tail Counties

PUC Docket Number: IP-6629/WS-07-297

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 3, 2011, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission received a petition from Bear Creek Wind Partners, LLC to amend its site permit for the 47.5 megawatt Bear Creek Wind Project, a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS), in Todd and Otter Tail counties. The proposed amendments extend the time in which the permittee can obtain a commitment for sale of the power and commence construction by two years.

Pursuant to the site permit, if Bear Creek Wind Partners, LLC does not obtain a commitment for sale of the electricity and start construction by May 19, 2011, it must advise the Public Utilities Commission of the reason it has not done so. Under Minnesota Rule 7854.1300, the Commission may amend or revoke a site permit for an LWECS at any time if the Commission has good cause to do so after first providing notice and affording due process to the permit holder.

PLEASE ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting staff is soliciting comments on the petition for the Public Utilities Commission's consideration. Interested persons wishing to file comments on this petition shall have until **4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2011**. Please include the docket number (IP-6629/WS-07-297) on your comments. To submit comments, ask questions, or seek further information about this project please contact:

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To view the Petition and other project documents, see the PUC Facilities Permitting website at <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19150> or eDockets (07-297) at <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>.

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