



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

September 20, 2007

Commissioner Glenn Wilson
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Commissioner Wilson:

Minnesota Session Laws 2007, Chapter 136, SF 145 included provisions relating to site permits for small wind generation projects, and specifically directed the Commission to "establish general permit standards that include appropriate property line set-backs for site permits and that consider existing and historic Commission standards for wind permits." The legislation sets an effective date of January 15, 2008, requiring the Commission to have issued an order establishing standards before that date.

Commission staff and Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting staff have developed an implementation approach that relies on the Department's wind siting expertise and the former EQB staff's role in development of the historic standards that currently support the Commission's wind siting decisions. We understand that the Department's EFP staff has begun this work.

At the Commission's August 23, 2007 meeting, the Commission adopted the following motion:

That the Commission request that the Department of Commerce prepare for the Commission's consideration recommendations to satisfy the provisions of Minnesota Session Laws 2007, Chapter 136, SF 145 relating to wind siting standards. In developing the recommendations, the Department should consult with appropriate stakeholders. To facilitate the Commission's compliance before the effective date of the legislation, Department recommendations are requested by November 30, 2007.

We appreciate the Department's willingness to assist the Commission in this matter, and will work with your staff as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Burl Haar".

Burl Haar
Executive Secretary

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