



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security



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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

In the Matter of the Noble Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC Applications for a 201 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit, a 230 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit and a Certificate of Need for the Noble Flat Hill Windpark I Project (Project) in Clay County. (PUC Docket Numbers: IP-6687/WS-08-1134; TL-08-988; and CN-08-951)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) has released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Noble Flat Hill Windpark I for public comment, as well as the date, location and time for public meeting.

Copies of the DEIS can be obtained through the OES Project Manager and may be viewed at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) web site:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19714>

A copy is also available for viewing at the Glyndon city hall.

Public Meeting

OES will conduct a public information meeting to obtain comments on the DEIS. The meeting will be held **Monday, August 31, 2009, at 7 p.m.** at:

**Glyndon Community Center
212 Partridge Avenue South
Glyndon, Minnesota**

The public will also have until Thursday, September 10, 2009, to submit written comments on the DEIS to the OES. Comments can be faxed, mailed or emailed to the OES Project Manager (see contact information below).

Project Description

The Project is a Large Wind Energy Conversion System, as defined by the Wind Siting Act, Minn. Stat. 216F.01. The Project is located in Clay County and will be up to 201 megawatts in size, consisting of up to 134, 1.5 MW General Electric wind turbine generators. Associated facilities include access roads, a substation, an operations and maintenance building, a wind electrical collection system, and a new 230 kV transmission line.

Procedures

OES will respond to the timely substantive comments received on the Draft EIS consistent with the scoping decision and prepare the final EIS.

OES and PUC will hold a public hearing on the Applications which will be presided over by Administrative Law Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger from the Office of Administrative Hearings. Notice of the public hearing will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons who have registered their names on the project mailing list with OES.

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