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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON FLAT HILL WINDPARK I, LLC'S
PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED CHANGES**

Issued: July 27, 2015

**In the Matter of Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC's Certificate of Need for a 201 Megawatt Large
Energy Conversion System and Associated Facilities in Clay County**

PUC Docket Number/s: IP-6687/CN-08-951, WS-08-1134

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes August 10, 2015 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes August 17, 2015 at 4:30pm

*Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date
Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered*

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission amend the site permit, authorizing an additional two years to commence construction and to obtain a power purchase agreement or other enforceable mechanism?
- Should the Commission revoke the site permit pursuant to Minn. Rule 7854.1200?

Project Background: In February 2010, the Commission issued a Certificate of Need, a Large Wind Energy Conversion Site Permit and a High Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit to Noble Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC. In May 2011 and in August 2013, the Commission provided two year extensions by which Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC had to obtain a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) or commence construction, with the next deadline being August 2015.

On July 15, 2015, Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC requested an extension of its site permit for two years (to August 2017) to obtain a PPA or other enforceable mechanism. Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC also requested a two year extension of its Certificate of Need – to December 2017. Flat Hill Windpark I, LLC noted that past delays (the court appeal made on the project and interconnection issues), and now, the uncertainty surrounding the Federal Production Tax Credit as reasons why the project should be granted an extension.

By way of this notice, the Commission is only soliciting comments on the petition for site and route permit amendments. The comment period on the certificate of need petition is outlined by [Minn. Rule 7849.0400 subp. 2\(H\)](#).

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