

Public Information and EIS Scoping Meeting

Glyndon, MN - February 4, 2009

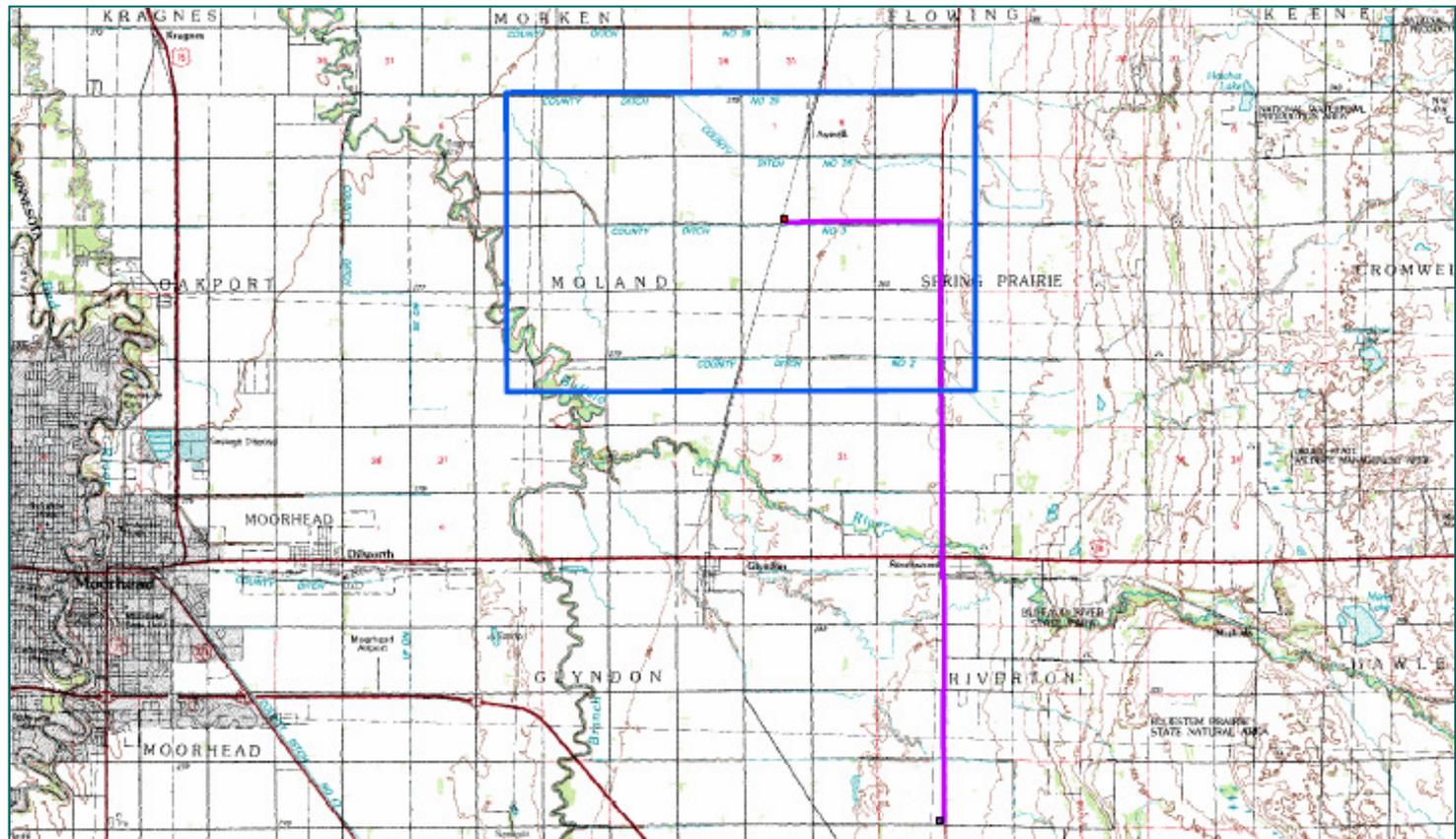
**For the Noble Flat Hill Windpark &
230 kV Transmission Line Project**



Welcome

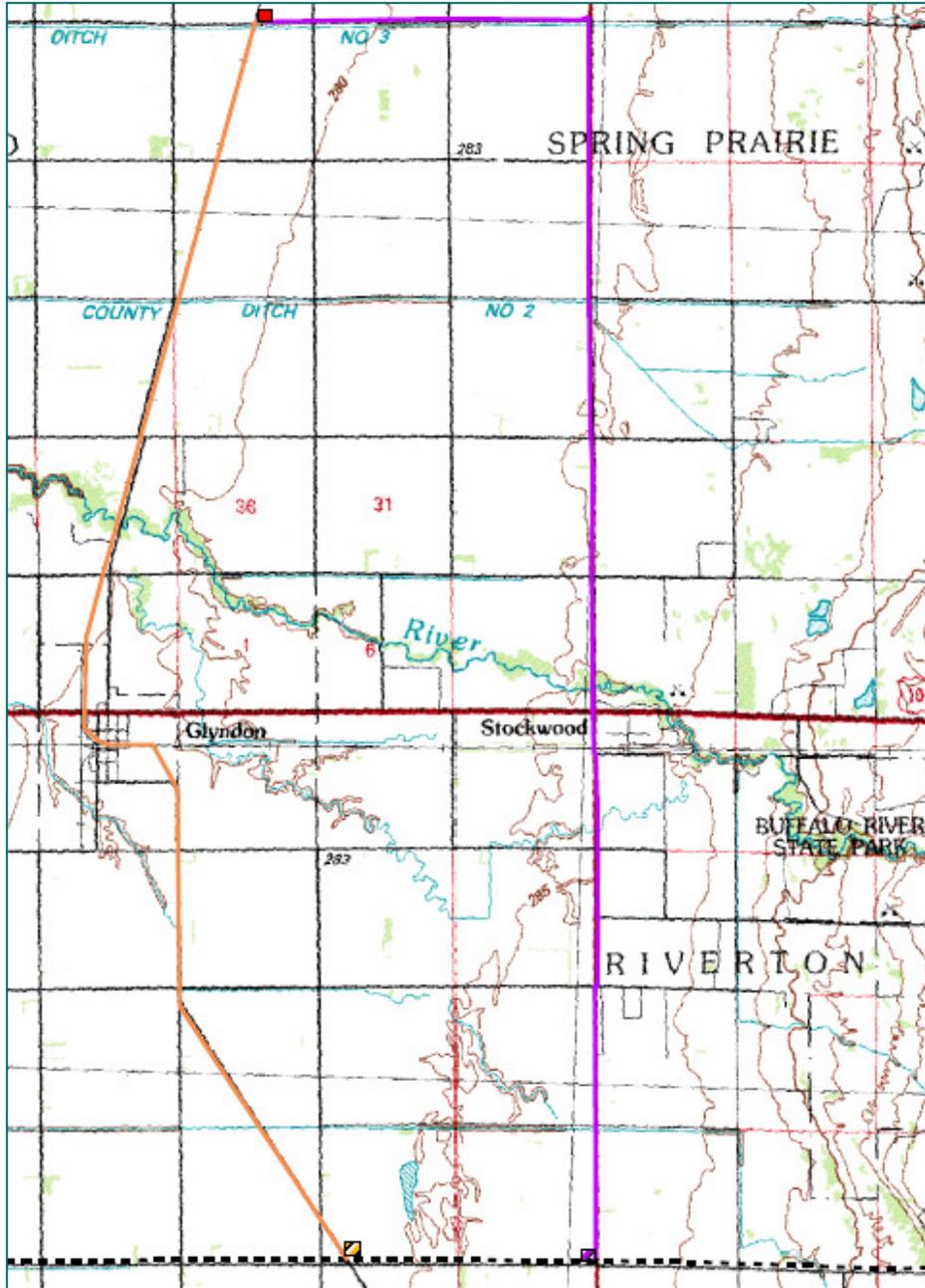
- **Project**
 - The applicant's proposed project
- **Process**
 - How the state reviews the project
- **Public Participation**
 - Your voice in the review process

Project

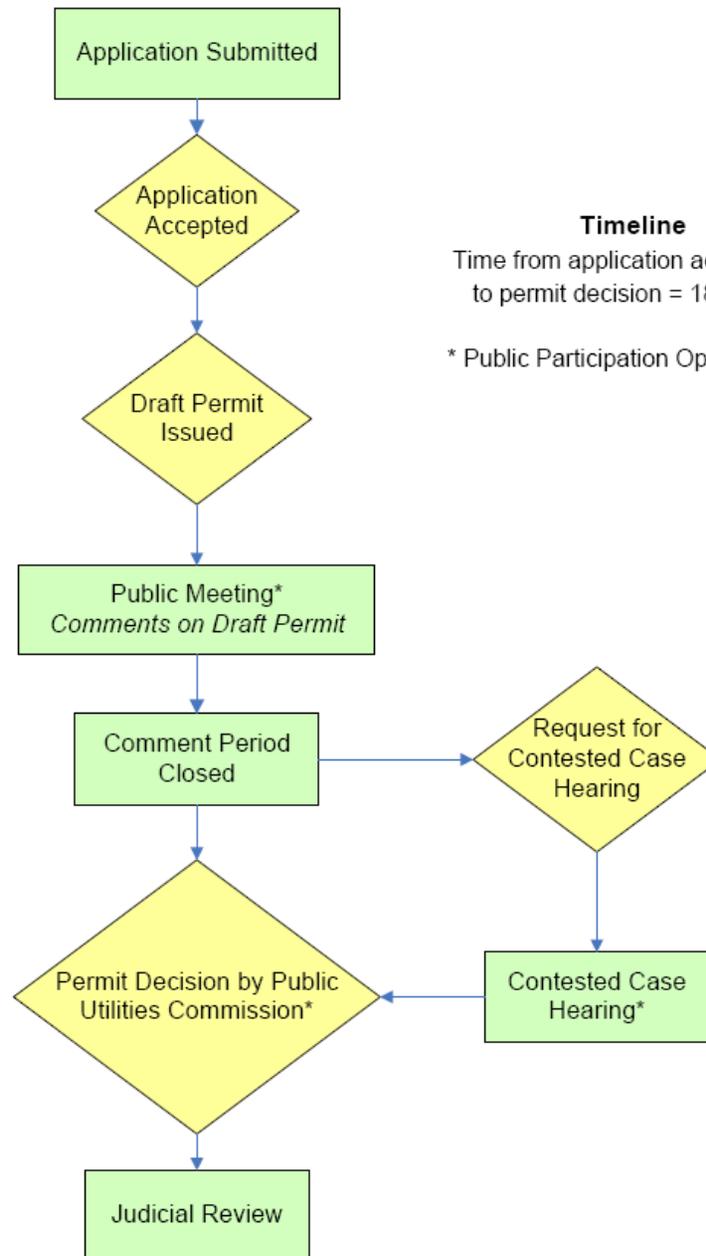


Project: Windpark





Project: Transmission



Timeline

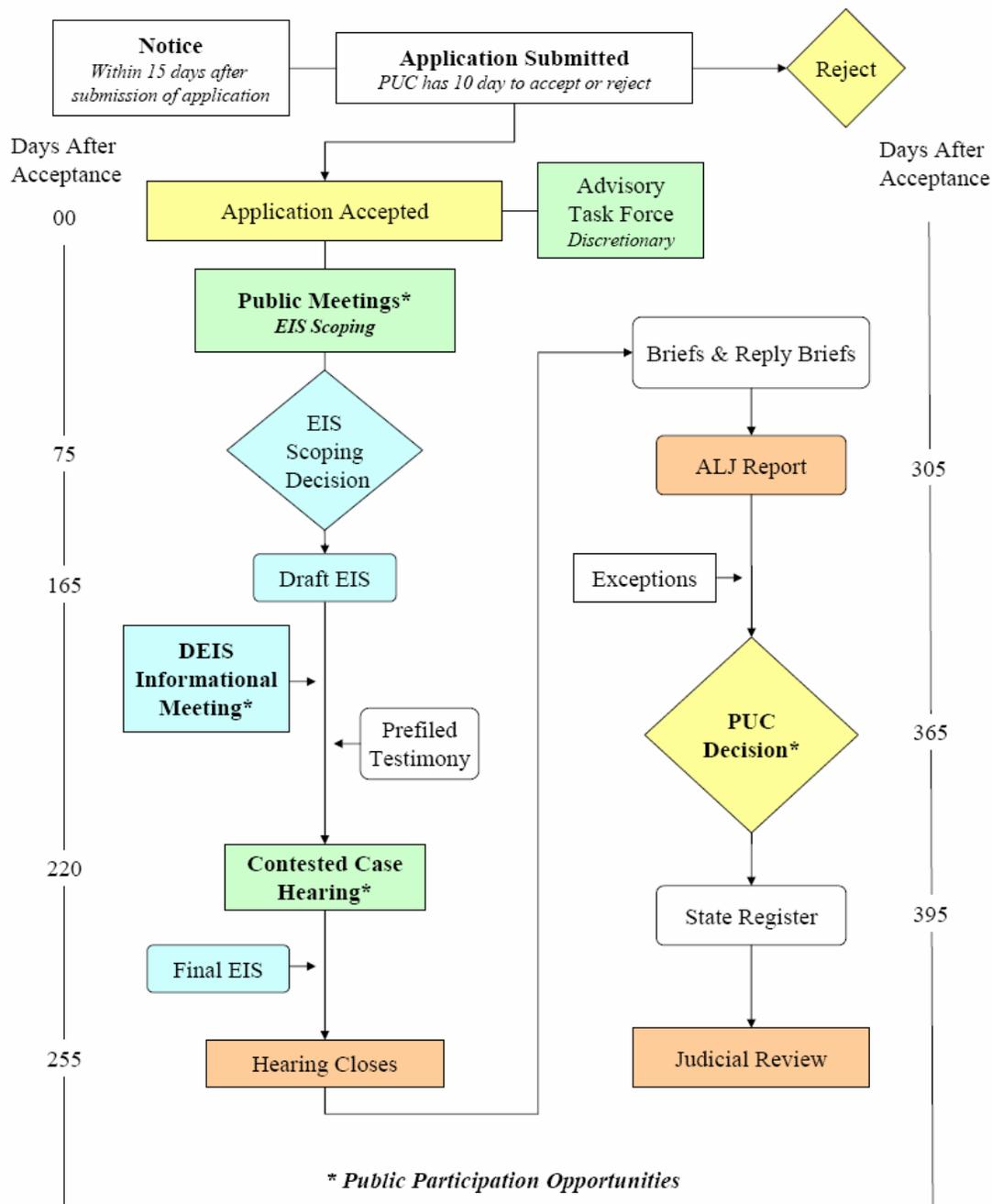
Time from application acceptance to permit decision = 180 days.

* Public Participation Opportunities

Process

○ Wind Turbine Siting

Minn. Statute 216F



Process

○ HVTL
Route
Permit

Minn.
Statute
216E





Process: Certificate of Need

- **MINN. STATUTE 216B.243**
CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR LARGE
ENERGY FACILITY

- **Subd. 2. Certificate required.**

No large energy facility shall be sited or constructed in Minnesota without the issuance of a certificate of need ...



Process - Scheduling

Action	Schedule (Est.)
Filing	10/17/08
Acceptance	12/23/08
Public Meeting	02/04/09
Scope	03/2009
EIS	06/2009
Hearing	07/2009
Certificate & Permits	10/2009



Public Participation

- This Public Meeting
- Scoping the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Draft EIS Information Meeting
- Local Public Hearing
- Public Utilities Commission Hearing in St. Paul



Public Participation: EIS Scoping

- **MR 7849.5300, subp. 3**

- A person desiring that a particular site or route be evaluated shall submit to the [OES Director], during the scoping process, an explanation of why the site or route should be included in the environmental impact statement and any other supporting information the person wants the [director] to consider.



Public Participation: CN Scoping

- **MR 7849.7100 Joint Proceeding**
 - OES is preparing an EIS in lieu of the ER required for a CN, as is allowed under subpart 2
 - The EIS will include analysis of the CN alternatives required under 7849.7030



Public Participation: Hearing

- **MR 7836.0900 Contested Case**
 - Any person may request in writing that a contested case hearing be held on an application for a site permit for a proposed LW ECS project (subp. 5)

- **Comments accepted through
Wednesday, February 25, 2009**



Public Participation: Project List

- Sign up to get all project notices:
 - <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19642>
- or send information to David or Ray:
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Comments & Questions

