

Official Notices

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Dated: 16 August 2010

Jim Boerboom, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Agriculture

Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security Notice of Permit Decision in the Matter of the Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission and Minnesota Power HVTL Route Permit Application Essar Steel Transmission Line Project PUC Docket Number: E280/TL-09-512

At its regular meeting on July 29, 2010, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) determined that the Environmental Impact Statement and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the Scoping Decision.

The Commission also designated the HVTL routes, permit conditions and issued the route permit.

The Commission's Order was released on August 2, 2010.

Project Description:

NPUC and MP propose to construct four 230 kV transmission lines and two 230 kV substations. The purpose of the project is to supply reliable electric power to a single source entity - Essar Steel Minnesota (ESM). ESM has obtained state approvals to reactivate the former Butler Taconite mine by developing new facilities, including a taconite pellet plant and steel production plant. The Essar taconite pellet facility is expected to commence initial operation by early 2011, with initial steel plant operation planned for early 2014, at which time the projected demand would be approximately 300 megawatts. Although not committed to, ESM has site approvals for a second steel slab melt line, which would increase the ESM facilities' total electric power requirements to approximately 500-550 megawatts if constructed and at full operation.

The four routes would require approximately 37 miles of new transmission lines.

Inquiries about this project should be directed to the DOC project manager, Bill Storm (bill.storm@state.mn.us) or the public adviser, Deb Pile (Deborah.Pile@State.mn.us) 85 - 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; **telephone:** (651) 296-7502, **facsimile:** (651) 297-7891, **TTY** relay service: 1-800-627-3529).

Copies of documents relative to this docket can be obtained through the DOC Project Manager and maybe viewed at PUC web site:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24526>

Issued: August 13, 2010

Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) Notice of Public Hearing before the Minnesota Office of Higher Education Regarding Issuance of Supplemental Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds, 2010 Series A, B and C (Tax-Exempt)

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education ("OHE") will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. in 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota on the 15th day of September, 2010, on the issuance of Supplemental Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 A, B and C (Tax-Exempt) (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of making loans to eligible students (the "Student