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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON PETITION FOR AMENDMENT

Issued: October 10, 2012

In the Matter of the Application of Paynesville Wind, LLC for a Site Permit for a 95 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Stearns County - MPUC Docket No. IP6830/CN-09-1110 and WS-10-49

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 2, 2012, Paynesville Wind, LLC filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a petition to extend the in-service date and amend their site permit for 95 Megawatt (MW) Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) in Stearns County.

Paynesville Wind, LLC was issued a site permit from the Commission on January 26, 2011. Pursuant to Permit Condition III.J.4. Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and III.K.2. Failure to Commence Construction, Paynesville Wind, LLC was to obtain a PPA (or some other enforceable mechanism) and commence construction by January 26, 2013 or otherwise inform the Commission as to why either did not occur. Paynesville Wind, LLC has requested amendments to these conditions to allow for additional time to secure a power purchase agreement and commence construction. The amendments were requested pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7854.1300 which states that the Commission may amend or revoke a site permit for an LWECS at any time if the Commission has good cause to do so, after first providing notice and affording due process to the permit holder.

Certificate of Need Comment Period. The Applicant has also requested an extension of the in-service date in the related certificate of need docket for this project. Comments are being accepted in docket CN-09-1110 according to the timeframes and requirements set forth in Minn. Rule 7849.0400, Subp. 2H.

Site Permit Comment Period. The Commission will consider initial comments on the request for a site permit amendment if received as provided below by **4:30 p.m. on October 24, 2012**, **reply comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on October 31, 2012**.

Public comments may be submitted via the Commission's website at www.puc.state.mn.us by selecting '[Comment on an Issue](#)' or by mail, addressed to Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. Parties, agencies and other entities are required to use the Commission eFiling system accessible at the Commission's website.

Project Information. Information about this filing and project is available on the Commission's eDockets system at www.puc.state.mn.us via 'Search eDockets' and entering the docket number *09-1110* or *10-49*. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Commission staff, Tricia DeBleeckere, at 651-201-2254 or at tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us.

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