



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Energy Facility Permitting



Issued: October 25, 2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**In the Matter of the Application of Prairie Rose Transmission, LLC  
for a Route Permit for the 115 kV Interconnection Project in Rock County  
(PUC Docket: IP-6838/TL-10-134 – OAH Docket: 8-2500-22381-2)**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing will be held on behalf of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on the route application by Prairie Rose Transmission, LLC for the Prairie Rose 115 kV Transmission Line. The public hearing will be held at the time and location listed below. The ending time reflects the latest a public hearing will run. Hearings may conclude earlier where all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded.

PUBLIC HEARING

November 17, 2011	Memorial Hall 101 East Wall Street Jasper, MN 56144	7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
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The purpose of the hearing is to gather public comments on the most prudent route for Prairie Rose 115 kV Transmission Line and issues that should be addressed in a route permit for the project. Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Eric L. Lipman will preside at the hearing. Any person who would like to comment on the project route or issues that should be addressed in a route permit may do so at the hearing or in writing to Judge Lipman.

The hearing record will remain open until **4:30 PM, December 1, 2011**, for the receipt of written comments. Mailed comments must be postmarked by due date, with faxes and emails received on the due date. Comments should be submitted directly to Judge Lipman at

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**Conduct of Hearing.** The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act (Minn. Stat. 216E, Minn. Rules 7850.3800). Members of the public will have an opportunity to offer testimony, submit materials into the record, and ask questions. Any person who wishes to ask a question, but does not want to ask the question personally, may submit it in writing to the ALJ who will then ask the question during the hearing. The hearing will continue until all persons have had the opportunity to offer testimony and ask questions. If necessary, the hearing may be recessed and continued by the ALJ.

At the close of the written comment period, Judge Lipman will provide a written summary of testimony given at the hearing along with comments received during the comment period to the Commission. Upon receipt of the ALJ's summary, the Commission will make a final decision on the route permit application.

**Request for Accommodation.** Any person who needs an accommodation for a disability in order to participate in the hearing, and any person who requires an interpreter, including a foreign language interpreter, should promptly notify the Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, Phone: (651) 361-7900 (voice) or (651) 361-7878 (TDD).

**Environmental Assessment.** Department of Commerce, Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff has completed an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project. The EA analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project as well as possible mitigative measures. Electronic versions of the EA, maps of the proposed project, and other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing on the Commission's Energy Facility Permitting website:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=28283>

Additionally, documents are available on the Commission's eDockets system:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "10" and the number "134").

**Project Description.** The Project is a 115 kV transmission line that would be built to interconnect the Prairie Rose 200 MW Wind Farm to the transmission grid. The complete proposed transmission line would span approximately 29 miles, from the Prairie Rose Wind Farm Substation in Rose Dell Township in Rock County to the Split Rock Substation in Brandon, South Dakota. The Minnesota portion of the proposed Project would be approximately 5.5 to seven miles long. The single-circuit transmission line would head west along County Highway 7 to County Highway 23. There it would continue due west along Township Road 72 to the Minnesota-South Dakota border. The proposed route would be sited along a combination of existing road right-of-way (ROW) and private land adjacent the public road ROW.

**Project Contacts.** If you have questions or would like further information about this project, please contact:

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**Project Mailing List.** Interested persons can add their names to the mailing list for this project by contacting the state permit manager or public advisor, or by registering on-line at: [www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us).

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# PRAIRIE ROSE TRANSMISSION ROUTE

