

Public Information and ER Scoping Meeting

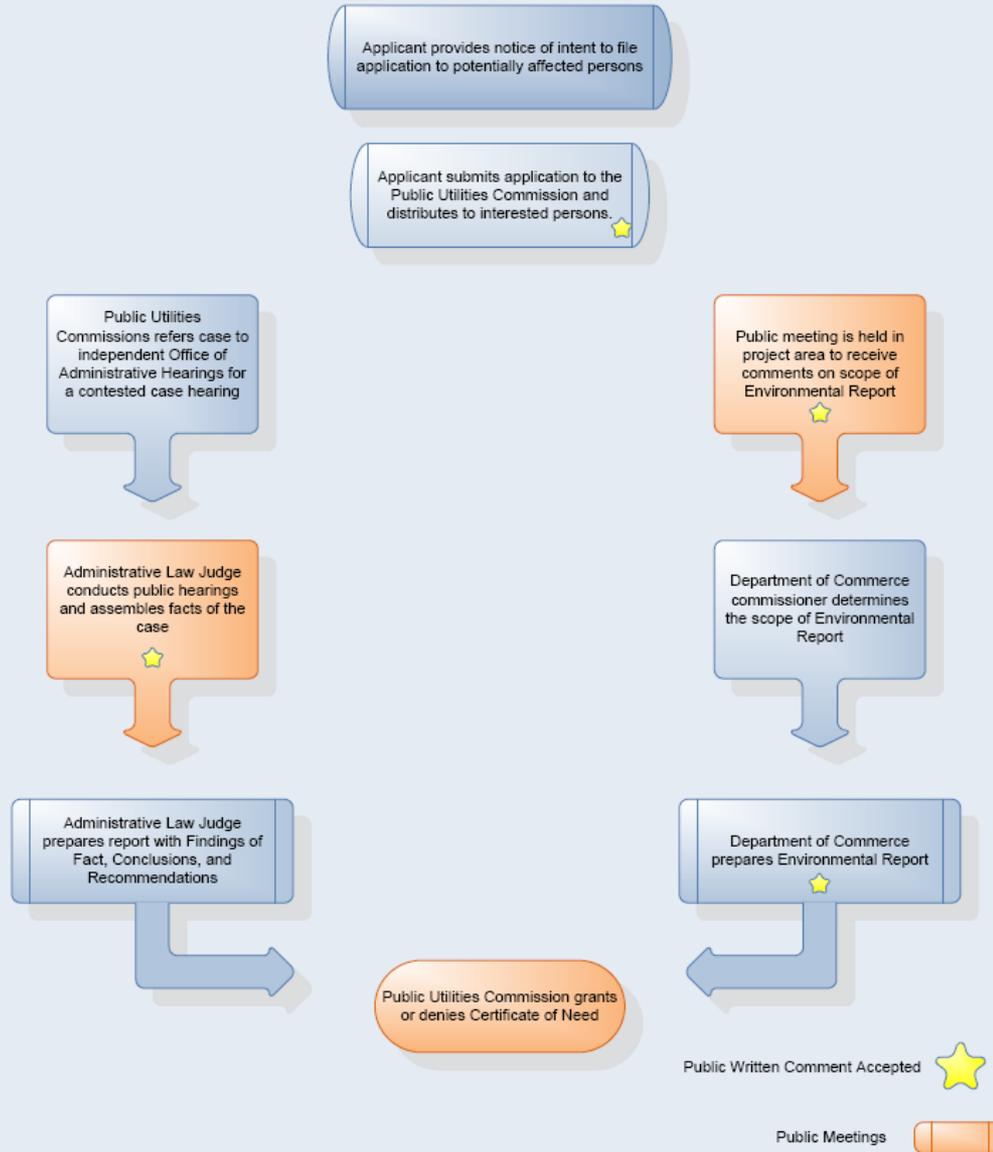
Jasper, MN - July 27, 2010

Prairie Rose Wind Farm

Welcome

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

Certificate of Need Process Chart for Large High Voltage Transmission Facilities

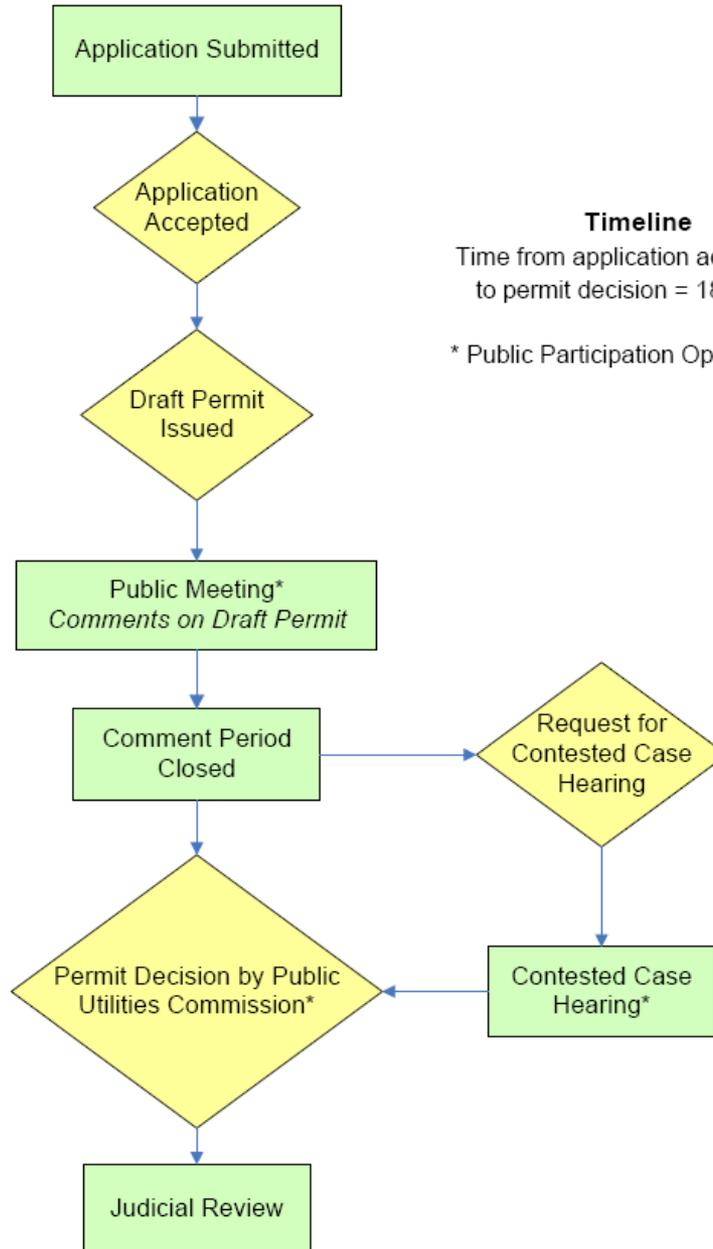


Process

- Certificate of Need

Minn. Statute 216B





Timeline

Time from application acceptance to permit decision = 180 days.

* Public Participation Opportunities

Process

○ Wind Turbine Siting

Minn. Statute 216F

Process

- **MR 7836.0900, subp. 5**
 - **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 LWECS project. The contested case hearing request must be filed within the time period established for submitting comments on the draft site permit. The person requesting the public hearing shall include, as part of the request, the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reasons a hearing is required to resolve those issues.

Process - Scheduling

Action	Schedule (Est.)
Applications Filed	05/13/10
Acceptance (Site)	06/22/10
Acceptance (CN)	07/19/10
Public Meeting	07/27/10
ER Scope	08/2010
Draft Permit	09/2010
ER	10/2010
Hearing	11/2010
Certificate & Permit	01/2011

Public Participation

- The Public Information and ER Scoping Meeting
- Local Siting Meeting\Public CN Hearing
- Public Utilities Commission Hearings in St. Paul

Public Participation: ER Scoping

- **MR 7849.1400, subp. 6**
 - **Alternatives and impacts.**
 - A person desiring that a particular alternative to the proposed project or a possible adverse impact of the project be considered in the environmental report shall identify the alternative or impact to be included, provide an explanation of why the alternative or impact should be included in the environmental report, and submit all supporting information the person wants the commissioner to consider.

Public Participation: ER Scoping

- Comments accepted through Tuesday, **August 17**, 2010

Public Participation: Project List

- Sign up to get all project notices:
 - <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=28286>
- or send information to David or Jamie:
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Comments & Questions

