MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ENERGY FACILITY PERMITTING ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT SCOPING COMMENT FORM

Prairie Wind Energy Project

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Please share your comments and suggestions on the potential issues, impacts, and alternatives that should be considered in the Environmental Report to be prepared for the proposed Prairie Wind Energy Project. Suggestions can be directed toward alternative means of producing or conserving the energy proposed to be produced by the wind farm.

You may turn in this form tonight or mail it to the address provided (use additional sheets as necessary). You may email comments to David Birkholz, Permit Manager at **david.birkholz@state.mn.us** or fax to (651) 297-7891, with **CN-10-429** in the subject line. Comments must be received no later than 4:30 PM, **Tuesday, May 10, 2011.**

To start with I'm not against wind energy - but I don't want to look out my windows at these monstrous turbines. They should also be situated away from good farm land. There are several farmers in the area that use airplanes for spraying & that makes for a dangerous situation, besides the fact they may not even be able to spray.

One proposed location in the vicinity of my residence appears to be closer to the road than I feel it should be which means there should be larger setbacks.

Signature: Janine Crunk Date: 5-6-11

Also several reports that I've been hearing is that electricity rates go up using wind energy This doesn't make sense. Another item in that area is if we in the vicinity would actual be able to utilize the power would maybe make looking at the turbines a little bit easier. But reports I've been hearing is the local power companies either aren't interested and not buying or haven't been approached.

I don't like the potential health risks involved or the noise involved with having the turbines in a more populated area. This goes back to the fact that they should be located in a more remote area.

Another area of concern is why aren't their answers to questions at meetings. Seems to me someone hasn't done their homework.

Thanks for taking my thoughts + concerns into consideration.

Prairie Wind Energy better rethink some location of turbines & have more answers when people ask.