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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Issued: September 25, 2015

In the Matter of the Application of Marshall Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the Marshall Solar Energy Project and Associated Facilities in Lyon County, Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: IP-6941/GS-14-1052

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 82-2500-32499

Date and Time: October 20, 2015 at 6pm
October 21, 2015 at 11am

Location: Southwest Minnesota State University
Conference Center
1501 State Street
Marshall, MN 56258
<http://www.smsu.edu/maps/>

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Project Description

- Marshall Solar, LLC (Marshall Solar) has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a site permit to construct a 62.25 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic solar energy generating facility and associated facilities in Lyon County.
- The solar facility would be located on 515 acres of land four miles east of Marshall in Stanley Township.

Public Hearing Information

- Public hearings start on time.
- Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- Administrative Law Judge Barbara J. Case presides over the hearing.
- Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Commerce, and Marshall Solar staff are available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.
- You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record.

Submit Comments

Topics for Public Comment:

- Should the Public Utilities Commission issue a site permit?
- What are the costs and benefits of the proposed solar project?
- What are the environmental and human impacts of the site under consideration and how can these impacts be addressed?
- Are there other project-related issues or concerns?

Comment Period: Comments accepted through **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2015**

Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.

Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered.

Online: Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!*, find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion.

If you wish to include an exhibit, map or other attachment, please send your comments via U.S. Mail.

U.S. Mail: Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101.

- Please include the Commission's docket number (*14-1052*) in all communications.

Important: Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

Process Information

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must grant a site permit before the project can be built. The Commission accepted Marshall Solar's site permit application on May 11, 2015. This means the company submitted all the information required to begin the review process. The Commission's decision-making process takes about nine months.

The Department of Commerce prepares an environmental assessment for the proposed project. The environmental assessment reviews the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, as well as ways to address impacts. The environmental assessment will be available prior to the public hearing.

Judge Case uses the information in the record, including written comments and comments received at the public hearings, to write a report for the Commission. After receiving the Judge's report, the Commission reviews all the information in the record, including written comments and comments received at the public hearings. The Commission's final decision on the site permit for this project is expected by January 2016.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34083>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.). Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (14-1052), your name, mailing address and email address.

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Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website - mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (14) and the docket number (1052), select *Search*.

Public Libraries: The combined site permit application and the environmental assessment will be available at the Marshall-Lyon County Library, 201 C Street, Marshall MN 56258

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: This project is reviewed under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850, available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

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Legend

-  Additional Parcel
-  Project Area
-  Township Boundary
-  Section Line
- Existing Transmission**
-  69kV AC
-  115kV AC
-  345kV AC
-  Lyon County Substation
-  Otter Tail Power Substation

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