



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Issued: February 8, 2016

In the Matter of the Mankato Energy Center II, LLC's Application for a Site Permit for the 345 MW Expansion of the Mankato Energy Center in Blue Earth County, Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Numbers: IP6949/GS-15-620

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 60-2500-33070

Date: March 7, 2016

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Country Inn and Suites
1900 Premier Drive
Mankato MN 56001

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Project Description

Mankato Energy Center II, LLC (Mankato Energy) proposes to:

- Construct a 345 MW expansion of the Mankato Energy Center
- Add a combustion turbine generator, a heat recovery steam generator, and associated facilities
- Use a natural gas fuel source

The proposed project is located in Blue Earth County, in the city of Mankato. All construction will take place on Mankato Energy Center property.

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 James LaFave presides over the public hearings.
- Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce (DOC), and Mankato Energy Center representatives 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 environmental and human impacts of the proposed site under consideration and how can these impacts be addressed?
- Are there other project-related issues or concerns?

Comment Period: February 8, 2016 through March 18, 2016 at 4:30pm.

Comments must be received by 4:30pm 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 or eFiling.

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

Please include the Commission's docket number (*above*) in all communications.

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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 approve a site permit before the project can be built. Mankato Energy Center II, LLC's site permit application was accepted in October 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 (DOC) is preparing an environmental assessment for this project. The environmental assessment will review the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, as well as ways to address impacts. The environmental assessment will be issued in February 2016 and it will be available at the DOC project website, listed below.

After the public hearings, 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 May 2016.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34238>

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 (15-620), 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 (15) and the docket number (620), select *Search*.

Community Locations: The site permit application is available at:

- Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mankato.

The environmental assessment will be available at the library once released.

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

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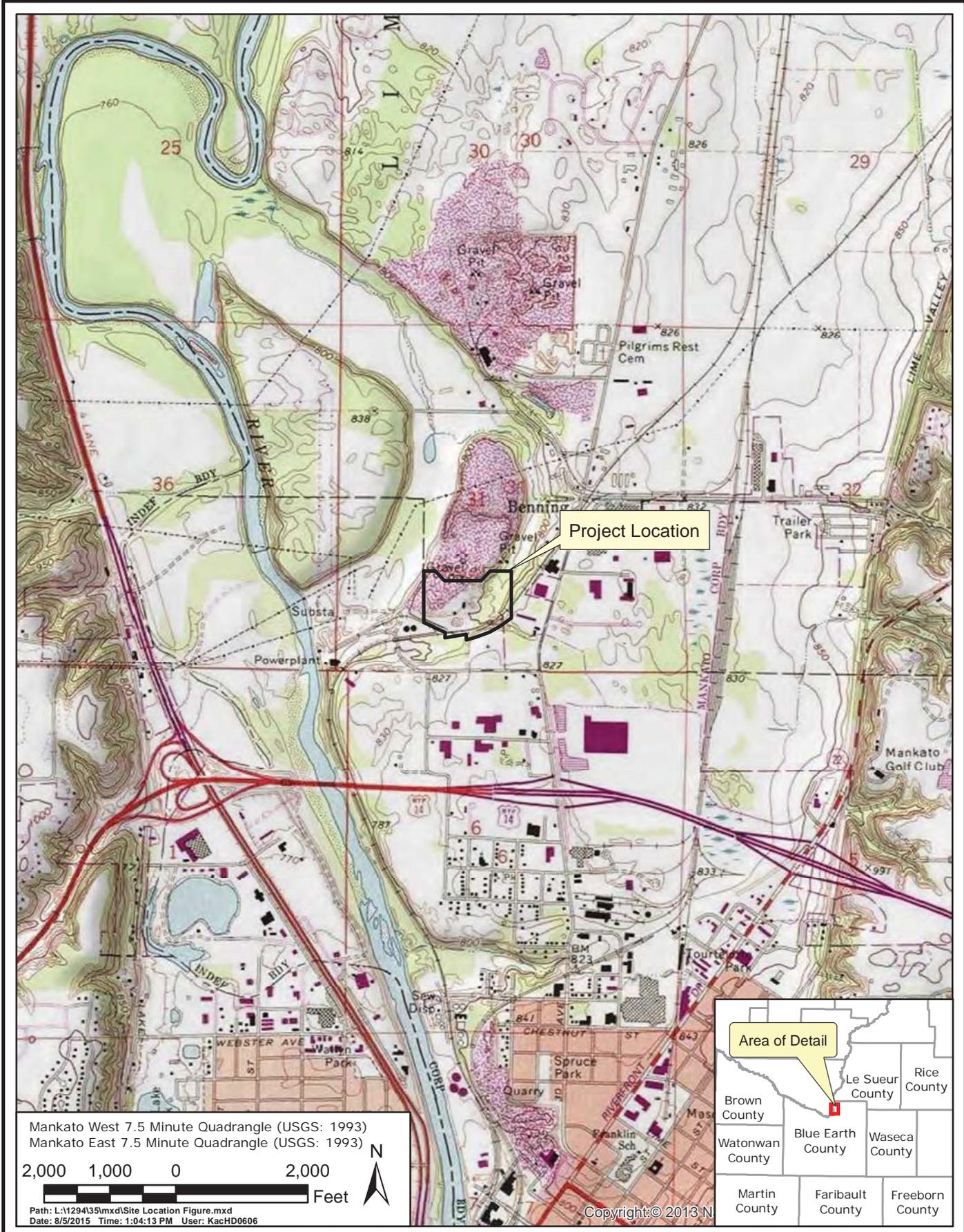
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 Site Location Map



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