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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABILITY

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

Docket Number: IP6949/GS-15-620

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has issued the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Mankato Energy Center expansion project in Blue Earth County, Minn.

The EA analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and methods to avoid and mitigate such impacts.

An electronic version of the EA and other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing on the Department's website: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34238>, and on the State of Minnesota's eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "15" and the number "620").

Print copies of the EA will be available at the following locations:

- Blue Earth County Public Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato, MN 56001
- City of Mankato, Intergovernmental Center, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001

A public hearing for the project will be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 7, 2016, at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato, Minn. Notice of the hearing has been issued separately and is available on the above-noted websites.

If you have questions about the EA or would like more information, contact the Department's environmental review manager for this project, Ray Kirsch, 651-539-1841, raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us. Tracy Smetana is the public advisor for this project. Contact Ms. Smetana at 651-296-0406 (1-800-657-3782), consumer.puc@state.mn.us.

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