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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCOPING DECISION

**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 scoping decision for the environmental assessment to be prepared for the proposed Mankato Energy Center expansion project in Blue Earth County.

The environmental assessment (EA) will be prepared by the Department's Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff and will address the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and possible mitigation measures. The scoping decision identifies the site that will be examined in the EA (see map on back).

The scoping decision and other relevant documents are available on the Department's website <http://www.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").

The EA is scheduled to be completed in February 2016. A public hearing will be held in the project area after completion of the EA.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact environmental review manager Ray Kirsch (651-539-1841, raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us) or public advisor Tracy Smetana (651-296-0406, consumer.puc@state.mn.us).

To place your name on the project mailing list, contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2234 with the docket number (15-620), your name, mailing address, and email address. Please indicate how you would like to receive notices – by U.S. mail or email.

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Mankato Energy Center Expansion Project Site Location Map

