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Public Utilities Commission



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCOPING MEETING

Issued: September 18, 2015

**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**

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: IP-6949/GS-15-620

Date: October 13, 2015

Time: 6:00pm

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

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651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc

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 natural gas as a fuel source

The proposed project is located in Blue Earth County, in the city of Mankato.

All construction will take place on Mankato Energy property.

Meeting Information

- The meeting starts on time.
- Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- State agency staff members run the meeting.
- Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce, and Mankato Energy staff members are available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.
- You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- The Department of Commerce uses comments received at the meeting and during the comment period to develop the environmental assessment for this project.

Submit Comments

Topics Open for Public Comment:

- Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions.
- In your comments, please state which question(s) you are addressing.
 1. What human and environmental impacts of the proposed project should be studied in the environmental assessment prepared for this project?
 2. Are there any specific methods to address (avoid, minimize, or mitigate) these impacts that should be studied in the environmental assessment?

Comment Period Comments accepted through October 27, 2015

- Please include the PUC Docket Number (*15-620*) in all communications

Online mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment

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Important Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's and the Department of Commerce's websites, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

Process Information

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must approve a site permit before the project can be built. The Commission accepted Mankato Energy's site permit application at a September 2015 meeting. This means the company submitted all the information required to begin the review process. The Commission's decision-making process takes about six months.

Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff prepares an environmental assessment for this project. The environmental assessment reviews the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project, as well as ways to address these impacts.

After the environmental assessment is issued, an Administrative Law Judge holds a public hearing. You may speak at the hearing, ask questions, and submit written comments about the project.

After the public hearing, 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 April 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.

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket at mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (15) and the docket number (620), select *Search*.

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6. Select *Add to List*
7. Select *Save*

Public Library: The site permit application is available at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E Main Street, Mankato

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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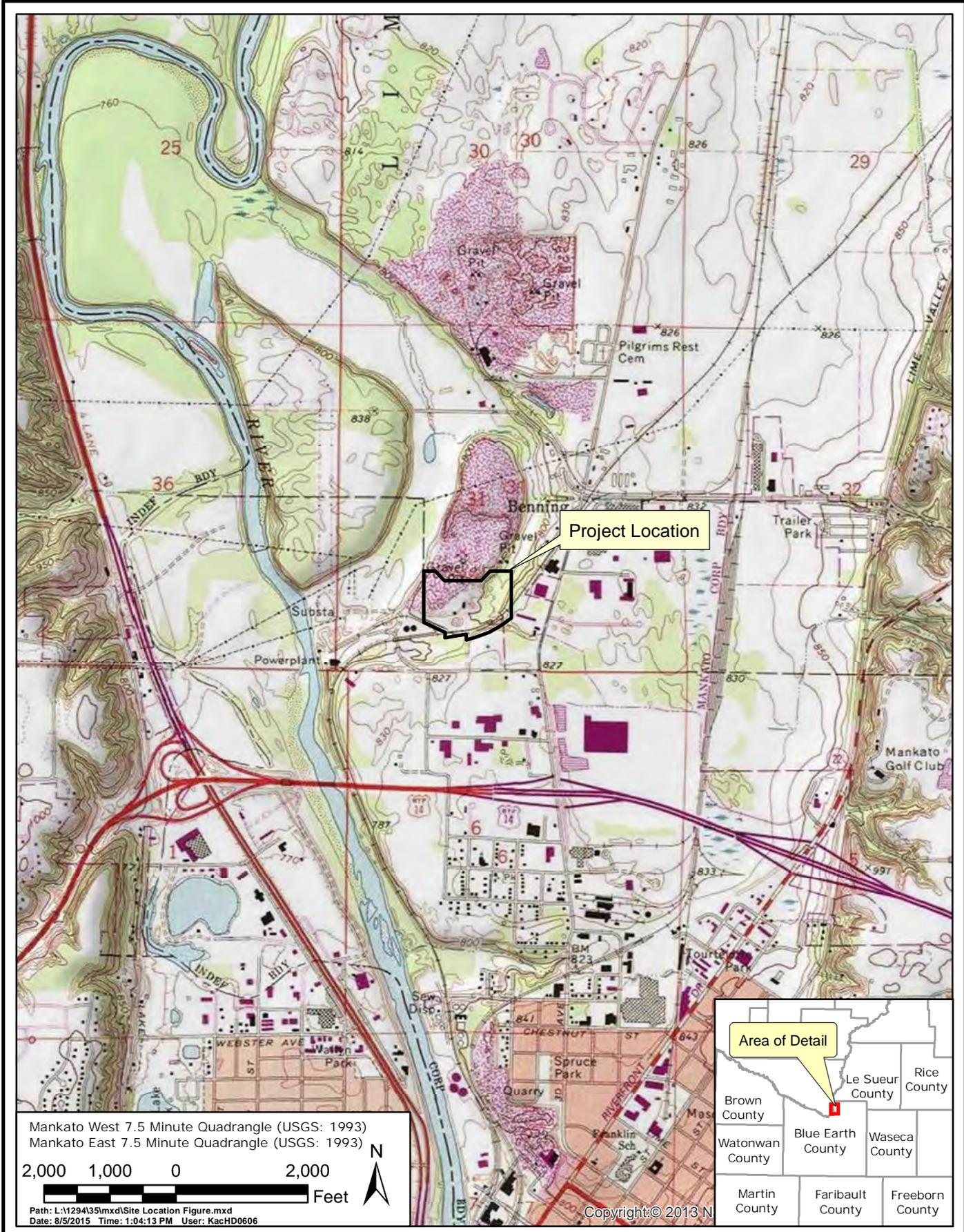
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If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language, foreign language interpreter, large print materials), please contact the Commission at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the meeting.



MANKATO ENERGY CENTER
Site Location Map



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