

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Issued: June 3, 2016

In the Matter of the Application of Xcel Energy for a Site Permit for the 215 MW Black Dog Unit 6 Project in Burnsville, Minnesota

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Numbers: E002/GS-15-834

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 60-2500-33474

Date: June 16, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Burnsville City Hall
100 Civic Center Parkway
Burnsville, MN 56001

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Project Description

Xcel Energy proposes to:

- Build a 215 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired combustion turbine at the existing Black Dog Generating Plant in Burnsville, MN
- Use natural gas as the sole fuel source

The project would be located in Burnsville, Dakota County.

The project was selected in a competitive resource acquisition process by the Minnesota PUC (Docket# 12-1240). Xcel Energy stated that the Project is designed to provide power directly to customers in the Twin Cities Metro Area and its surroundings.

Public Hearing Information

- The Public Hearing starts 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 will preside over the public hearing.

- Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce and Xcel Energy staff will be available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.
- You may offer verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record.

The purpose of the hearing is to compile the record for the Commission to consider in making a final decision on the site permit application. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1405. Regarding any issue on which Chapter 1405 is silent, the provisions of Minnesota Rules 1400.5010 to 1400.8400 shall apply. The applicable statutes and rules are available on the Office of the Revisor of Statutes webpage at: <https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us>.

The hearing will continue until all persons have had the opportunity to offer testimony and ask questions. The administrative law judge may elect to recess the hearing early or may set additional days for hearing, if necessary.

Submit Comments

Topics for Public Comment:

- Should the Public Utilities Commission issue a site permit for the project?
- What are the costs and benefits of the proposed project?
- What are the environmental and human impacts of the project and how can these impacts be addressed?
- Should any specific permit conditions be placed on this project?
- Are there other project-related issues or concerns?

Comment Period: Comments accepted through June 30, 2016

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 (15-834) 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

Before the project can be built, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must approve a site permit. The Commission accepted Xcel Energy's site permit application at a December 2015 meeting, meaning 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 prepared 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 impacts. The environmental assessment was issued on May 26, 2016.

Judge LaFave will summarize the public hearing, including written comments and comments received at the public hearing, to write a summary report for the Commission. After receiving the Judge's summary, the Commission will review all of the information in the record, including the environmental assessment and all comments received. The Commission's final decision on the site permit for this project is expected by September 2016.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34314>

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Full Case Record: All documents filed in this docket are available via the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (*15*) and the docket number (*834*), select *Search*.

Public Libraries: The site permit application and environmental assessment will be available at the following locations:

- Burnsville City Hall – 100 Civic Parkway, Burnsville, MN
- Burnhaven Library – 1101W County Road 42, Burnsville, MN

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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