

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Notice of Annual Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the staff of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will convene the annual public hearing on the Power Plant Siting and Transmission Line Routing Program from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2008, in the Small Hearing Room at the Commission's offices on the third floor of the Metro Square Building, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101.

The annual hearing is intended to advise the public of matters relating to the siting of large electric power generating plants and routing of high voltage transmission lines and to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any aspects of the Commission's activities, duties, or policies pursuant to the Power Plant Siting Act, Minnesota Statutes section 216E.001-.18, or its Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Rules, Minnesota Rules chapter 7849.5020 to 7849.6500.

The Commission has prepared an Agenda for the meeting, available on its webpage at www.puc.state.mn.us.

At the hearing the public will be afforded an opportunity to be heard through the presentation of oral or written statements. Written statements may also be submitted for inclusion in the annual hearing record by delivery to the Commission's offices at the address above by the close of business on January 31, 2008. The staff recognizes that the time and location makes it difficult for all interested persons to attend, and emphasizes that written comments are encouraged and will be given equal consideration.

Direct all inquiries and written comments regarding the annual hearing to: Bob Cupit, Phone 651-201-2255, email: bob.cupit@state.mn.us.

AGENDA

Tuesday, December 30, 2008

10:00 AM start time

Utilities represented: Electricity, Energy Facilities, Natural Gas

Public Hearing

Annual Review of Energy Facilities Permitting Programs

3rd Floor Small Hearing Room

121 7th Place East

St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

AGENDA

I. Introductions

II. Overview of Programs

A. Public Utilities Commission – Facility Permitting Unit

B. Department of Commerce – Energy Facility Permitting Unit

C. PUC and DOC coordination of authorities and processes

III. Projects Reviewed

A. Projects completed in 2008

B. Pending and anticipated projects

Electric Facilities Subject to Power Plant Siting Act

1. Generating Plants

2. Transmission Lines

Other Jurisdictional Energy Facilities

1. Wind Projects

2. Pipelines

IV. Public Questions and Comments

V. Adjourn