



## STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### Notice of Annual Hearing

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will convene the annual public hearing on the Power Plant Siting and Transmission Line Routing Program at **10:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, December 28, 2010** in the Large Hearing Room at the Commission's offices, 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101.

The annual hearing is required by Minnesota Statute §216E.07, which provides that:

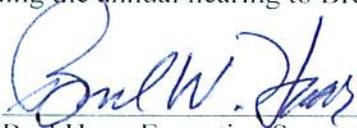
*The commission shall hold an annual public hearing at a time and place prescribed by rule in order to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any matters relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and routing of high-voltage transmission lines. At the meeting, the commission shall advise the public of the permits issued by the commission in the past year.*

While the Commission has multiple statutory authorities for the permitting of several types of energy infrastructure, the scope of the annual hearing is limited to the above cited statute and associated administrative rules in Minn. Rule 7850. The purpose of the hearing is not to take testimony regarding open dockets before the Commission.

The Commission has prepared an Agenda for the meeting, which is available on its webpage at [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us) (click on December 28 under Upcoming Events). Docket number E999/M-10-222 has been opened for creation of a record in this matter.

At the hearing the public will be afforded an opportunity to be heard through presentation of oral or written statements. Written statements and relevant exhibits may also be submitted for inclusion in the annual hearing record by eFiling (see PUC website link above) or by delivery to the Commission's offices at the address above by the close of business on February 1, 2011. The staff recognizes that the time and location may make it difficult for all interested persons to attend and emphasizes that written comments are encouraged and will be given equal consideration. The 2009 Annual Hearing Report is available in edockets in Docket 09-1351.

Please direct all inquiries and written comments regarding the annual hearing to Bret Eknes at (651) 201-2236 or via email at [bret.eknes@state.mn.us](mailto:bret.eknes@state.mn.us).

  
Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
December 7, 2010

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**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
Annual Public Hearing on the Power Plant Siting Act Programs**

**Tuesday, December 28, 2010 10:00 AM**

**121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East**

**St. Paul, Minnesota 55101**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Large Hearing Room**

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**AGENDA**

- I. Introductions
- II. Overview of Programs
  - A. Public Utilities Commission – Facility Permitting Unit
  - B. Office of Energy Security – Energy Facility Permitting Unit
  - C. Role of Other State Agencies
- III. Projects Reviewed
  - A. Projects completed in 2010
  - B. Pending and anticipated projects
    - Electric Facilities Subject to Power Plant Siting Act
      - 1. Generating Plants
      - 2. Transmission Lines
- IV. Public Questions and Testimony
- V. Adjourn