



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Notice of Annual Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will hold the annual public hearing on the Power Plant Siting and Transmission Line Routing Program at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2011 in the Large Hearing Room at the Commission's offices, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101. Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman will preside.

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.

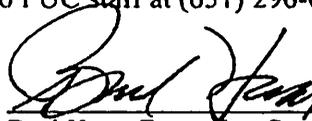
While the Commission grants permits for many different types of energy facilities, this hearing will focus on the process for siting large electric power plants and the routing of high-voltage transmission lines. Also, please be advised that any comments made in this proceeding will not be part of the record in any other Commission docket. Accordingly, if you have comments as to a specific project that is now under review, please be sure to submit those items during the comment period for that docket.

The agenda for the Annual Hearing is available on the Commission's website at www.puc.state.mn.us under Upcoming Events. The Honorable Eric L. Lipman will take oral or written statements from any person at the Annual Hearing. Written comments may also be submitted until 4:30 PM, February 1, 2012. Please refer to docket number E999/M-11-324 in all correspondence. Comments should be submitted directly to Judge Lipman at:

The Honorable Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
PO Box 64620 St. Paul, Minnesota, 55164-0620
Fax: 651-361-7936 Email: Eric.Lipman@state.mn.us
Web: www.puc.state.mn.us, click on "Comment on An Issue"

At the close of the written comment period, Judge Lipman will provide a written summary of testimony given at the hearing and comments received during the comment period to the Commission.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to PUC staff at (651) 296-0406 or via email at consumer.puc@state.mn.us.


Burl Haar, Executive Secretary
December 2, 2011

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
2011 Annual Public Hearing on the Power Plant Siting Act Program

Thursday, December 29, 2011 1:00 PM

121 7th Place East

St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

3rd Floor, Large Hearing Room

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 2011
 - 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

To Recipients: This notice is being mailed to all persons whose names appear on all project notice lists for dockets which have been active during 2011. The Department of Commerce maintains the project lists, and has provided an aggregated list for use by the Commission. It includes lists for projects for which final Commission decisions are either pending or issued.