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Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF THE POWER PLANT SITING AND TRANSMISSION LINE
ROUTING PROGRAM ANNUAL HEARING**

Issued: December 5, 2014

In the Matter of the 2014 Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: E999/M-14-887

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 11-2500-32013

Date: December 19, 2014

Time: 9:30am

Location: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Large Hearing Room
121 7th Place East, 3rd Floor
St. Paul MN 55101

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Hearing Description

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....

Note – No decisions about specific projects are made at the annual hearing.

Public Hearing Information

- The 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 Barbara L. Neilson will preside over the hearing.
- Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce staff will be available to answer questions about the Power Plant Siting Act process and projects.
- Citizens will be able to add oral comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- Learn more about participating at a public hearing at mn.gov/puc/aboutus/index.html
- Judge Neilson will use information gathered at the public hearing and during the comment period to write a summary report for the Commission.

Submit Comments

Topics for Public Comment:

- Any matters relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and routing of high-voltage transmission lines.

Topics related to specific projects should be filed during open comments periods in their dockets. For more information about a specific docket contact the Public Advisor (see below).

Comment Period: December 5, 2014 through January 30, 2015 at 4:30pm.

Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date

Comments received after comment period closes will not be accepted

Online Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Comment on an Issue*, find this docket (14-887), and add your comments to the discussion.

U.S. Mail Persons without internet access may send comments by U.S. mail to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101.

Please include the Commission's docket number 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.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Overview of Programs
 - A. Public Utilities Commission – Facilities Permitting and Public Advisor
 - B. Department of Commerce – Energy Facilities Permitting Unit
 - C. Role of Other Agencies
- III. Projects Reviewed
 - A. Projects Completed in 2014
 - B. Pending and Anticipated Projects
 - C. Electric Facilities Subject to Power Plant Siting Act
 1. Generating Plants
 2. Transmission Lines
- IV. Public Questions and Testimony
- V. Adjourn

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Minnesota Statutes and Rules: The hearing is being conducted according to Minnesota Statute 216E.07. Minnesota Statutes are available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

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