

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

Issued: November 10, 2015

In the Matter of the 2015 Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: E999/M-15-785

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 60-2500-32901

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Large Hearing Room
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint 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

- Public hearings start 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 hearing.
- Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce staff members are available to answer questions about the Power Plant Siting Act processes and the projects.
- You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- Learn more about participating at a public hearing at mn.gov/puc/aboutus/index.html
- Judge LaFave 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 related to the site permit process for large electric generating power plants and routing of high-voltage transmission lines.

Comment Period: November 3, 2015 through January 5, 2016 at 4:30pm.

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

Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered

Topics related to specific projects should be filed during open comment periods in their respective dockets. For more information about a specific docket, contact the Public Advisor.

Online Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!*, find this docket (15-785), 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.

Please include the Commission's docket number in all communications.

Filing Requirements: Utilities and state agencies are required to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling.

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.

Hearing 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 Permitted in 2015
 - 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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