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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Issued: November 26, 2013

In the Matter of the 2013 Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: E999/M-13-965

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 65-2500-31078

Date: December 18, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

Hearing Information:

- The Commission and the Department of Commerce will provide an overview of the program and projects pending or completed in 2013.
- Citizens will have the opportunity to offer oral comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- The hearing will last until everyone has the opportunity to offer comments.

Topics for Public Comment:

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

Comment Period: The comment period continues after the public hearing. The comment period ends **January 31, 2014 at 4:30pm.**

Submit Public Comments: The Honorable Ann O'Reilly, Office of Administrative Hearings
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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....

Judge O'Reilly will use information gathered at the public hearing and during the comment period to write a summary report for the Commission.

Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Overview of Programs
 - A. Public Utilities Commission – Facilities Permitting Unit
 - B. Department of Commerce – Energy Environmental Review & Analysis
 - C. Role of Other State Agencies
- III. Projects Reviewed
 - A. Projects Completed in 2013
 - 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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