



Energy Facility Permitting
85 7th Place East, Ste 500
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

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MPUC Docket No. ET-6133/MC-06-1458

**Notice of Application by Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA) for Approval of a
Minor Alteration to the Faribault Energy Park Facility in Rice County Minnesota**

On October 2, 2006, Avant Energy Services submitted an application on behalf of MMPA to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for a Minor Alteration to add a nominal 25 MW duct burner to the combined cycle portion of the Faribault Energy Park facility (FEP) currently under construction.

On July 10, 2003, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission granted the issuance of a Certificate of Need ("CON") for the FEP generation project in Rice County, Minnesota. The Order Granting Certificate of Need was issued on August 13, 2003. On May 20, 2004 the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) issued a Site Permit for a Large Electric Power Generating Plant (LEPGP) to MMPA for the construction and operation of a 250 MW combined cycle power plant.

MMPA maintains that the project as proposed constitutes a Minor Alteration. A Minor Alteration is a change in an existing LEPGP that does not result in significant changes in the human or environmental impact of the facility. In accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 4400.3820, the MPUC is providing notice to the public that MMPA has applied for approval of this project. The MPUC will decide after close of the public comment period whether to authorize the Minor Alteration, or determine that the alteration is not minor and requires a full permitting decision.

COMMENT PERIOD

The public has until 4:30 p.m. on November 3, 2006, to submit written or fax (651-297-1959) comments on this request for a minor alternation. Please include the docket number (i.e., ET-6133/MC-06-1458) along with any comments submitted. Comments should be directed to: Sharon Ferguson, Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place Ease, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198 or by e-mail to: sharon.fergusone@state.mn.us

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce project manager: Bill Storm, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55155. Tel: 651-296-9535; e-mail: bill.storm@state.mn.us

Information about this project may also be obtained on the Facility Permitting section of the PUC web site: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=5803>