



# Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

December 6, 2004

The Honorable Katherine Sheehy  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
100 Washington Square  
Suite 1700  
Minneapolis, MN 55401-2138



Re: Comments on the Cannon Falls Energy Center  
EQB Docket No. 04-85-PPS-Cannon Falls EC

Dear Judge Sheehy:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) respectfully submits these comments into the record. The MPCA is required to participate in this public hearing in accordance with Minn. Stat. §116C.61, subd. 3, which states:

**State agency participation.** State agencies authorized to issue permits required for construction or operation of large electric power generating plants or high voltage transmission lines shall participate during routing and sitting at public hearings and all other activities of the board on specific site or route designations and design considerations of the board, and shall clearly state whether the site or route being considered for designation or permit and other design matters under consideration for approval will be in compliance with state agency standards, rules, or policies.

MPCA staff has drafted an air emission permit for the Cannon Falls Energy Center (CFEC). The draft permit and accompanying technical support document demonstrate that CFEC will comply with all applicable state and federal standards, rules, and policies. Even though a date has not been set, it is expected that the permit will begin its 30-day public notice period in the late December/early January timeframe. The MPCA will make a final determination on issuance of CFEC's air emissions permit after reviewing comments received during the public comment period.

If you have questions regarding the air emissions permit, please call Marshall Cole at (507) 280-2992.

Sincerely,

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Technical Representative to the Environmental Quality Board

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cc: Bill Storm, EQB (300 Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul 55155)  
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