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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions on Xcel Energy's High Bridge Repowering Project: Environmental Assessment Adequacy; Site Designation and Site Permit.

At a meeting on August 11, 2005, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) determined that the Environmental Assessment for the High Bridge Repowering Project was adequate. The Commission also designated a site and issued a Site Permit for the proposed large electric power generating plant (LEPGP). The site is located in Township 28 north, Range 23 west, Sections 1 and 12 in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

The project is part of the Metropolitan Emission Reduction Proposal which was reviewed and approved by the PUC in Docket E002/M-02-633. The proposal consists of replacing the existing 270 MW coal fueled plant (i.e., the High Bridge Plant) with a new, 480-665 megawatt, natural gas-fired, combined cycle plant. The conversion of the High Bridge Plant is exempted from the Certificate of Need requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 216B.243.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the 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