



NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON SITE PERMIT APPLICATION COMPLETENESS

Issued: September 9, 2016

In the Matter of the Application of Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 200 Megawatt Blazing Star Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number: IP-6961/WS-16-686

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes September 23, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.
Reply comment period closes September 30, 2016, by 4:30 p.m.

Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered. Please include the docket number (16-686) in all communications.

Topics for Comment:

- Does the site permit application contain the information required under Minnesota Rules Chapter 7854?
- Are there any contested issues of fact with respect to the representations made in the application?
- Should the application be referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case proceeding?
- Should the site permit application be processed jointly with the certificate of need application, i.e., joint information meetings and public hearings?

Project Background: Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC, has filed a site permit application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for an up to 200 megawatt large wind energy conversion system. The proposed large wind energy conversion system would be comprised of 57 to 100 wind turbines ranging from 2 to 3.5 megawatts in size with associated facilities that include a project substation, an operation and maintenance building, access roads, meteorological towers, light range or sonic range detecting units, underground communication and electrical collection lines, transformers, and an approximately 1,000 foot long transmission line. The project would interconnect at the new Brookings to Lyon County 345 kilovolt transmission line. The proposed project footprint would occupy approximately 37,200 acres of land located in Hansonville, Hendricks, and Marble townships in Lincoln County, Minnesota.

Submit Comments: Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!*, find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion or:

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Full Case Record: The **site permit application** and other documents filed in this matter are available at: mn.gov/puc, select *eDockets*, enter the year (16) and the docket number (686), select *Search*.

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