

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON  
CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION COMPLETENESS**

Issued: August 6, 2019

**In the Matter of the Application of Three Waters Wind Farm, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 201 MW Three Waters Wind Project in Jackson County**

**PUC Docket Number(s):** IP7002/CN-19-154

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes August 20, 2019 at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period closes August 27, 2019 at 4:30pm

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**Topic(s) Open for Comment:**

- Is the certificate of need application complete?
- Does the certificate of need application contain the information required under Minn. R. 7849.0220, Subp. 1 and 2 and Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, Subd. 3?
- Are there any contested issues of fact made in the applications?
- Should the certificate of need be evaluated using the Commission's informal process or referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for contested case proceedings?
- Should a joint hearing be held with the yet-to-be filed site permit for the facility, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, Subd. 4?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

**Background:** On July 31, 2019, Three Waters Wind Farm, LLC (Three Waters) filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission an application for a Certificate of Need. Three Waters is proposing to construct an up to 201 megawatt (MW) Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Jackson County. The project would include up to 80 - 2.82 or 3.03 MW GE turbines; up to 100 MW of the proposed turbines may be located on a portion of the project site in Iowa. The project's energy production is proposed to be sold to Minnesota Municipal Power Agency through a 30-year power purchase agreement.

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