

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON APPLICATION COMPLETENESS

Issued: July 24, 2019

In the Matter of the Application of Buffalo Ridge Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 109.2 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Lincoln and Pipestone Counties, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number(s): IP7006/CN-19-309

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes August 13, 2019 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes August 20, 2019 at 4:30pm

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Does the Application contain the information required under Minnesota Rules 7849.0240, 7849.0250, and 7849.0270 to 7849.0340?
- Should the Commission find the application complete?
- What procedural treatment should the Commission direct for review of the application?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background Buffalo Ridge Wind, LLC is proposing to construct a 109.2-megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system, known as the Buffalo Ridge Wind Project. On May 7, 2019, Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy, LLC filed a petition for Exemption from certain certificate of need application content requirements pursuant to Minn. Rule 7849.0200, Subd. 6. On July 3, 2019 the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued an order granting the request.

On July 12, 2019, the applicant filed an application for a certificate of need with the Commission for the Buffalo Ridge Wind Project proposed to be located primarily in Lincoln County with a small portion of the project in Pipestone County.

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