

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON
SITE AND ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION COMPLETENESS**

Issued: *November 28, 2017*

In the Matter of the Application of Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 200 Megawatt Blazing Star 2 Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number(s): IP-6985/WS-17-700

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes December 11, 2017 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes December 18, 2017 at 4:30pm

Issue: Should the Commission accept the application as complete?

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Does the site permit application contain the information required under Minnesota Rules Chapter [7854.0500](#) and if not, what deficiencies exist?
- 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?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: Blazing Star Wind Farm 2, LLC has filed a site permit application (see Doc. ID [201711-137419-02](#)) with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for an up to 200 megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system (LWECS or Blazing Star 2 Project). The proposed LWECS would be comprised of between 57 to 100 wind turbines between 2.0 to 3.5 MW.

Associated facilities are proposed to include a project substation, an operation and maintenance building, access roads, up to four meteorological towers, light or sonic range detecting units, a temporary batch plant and staging or laydown areas, above ground and below ground communication and electrical collection lines, transformers, above ground electrical feeder line, an approximately 7-mile, 115-kV transmission line. Additionally, the project would need to install a new autotransformer next to the Blazing Star collector substation and a short (1000-foot) 345-kV transmission line to connect to the Brookings-Hampton 345-kilovolt transmission line.

Blazing Star 2 will be filing a separate Route Permit application with the Commission in Docket TL-17-701.

The proposed project footprint would occupy approximately 57,800 acres of land located in Diamond Lake, Drammen, Ash Lake, Shaokatan, Royal, Hendricks and Marble Townships.

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