

NOTICE OF POWER PLANT SITING ACT ANNUAL HEARING

Issued: *October 18, 2019*

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Numbers: E999/PR-19-18
Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 82-2500-36333

Date: November 19, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Public Utilities Commission
Large Hearing Room
121 7th Place East, 3rd Floor
St. Paul, MN 55101

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Background

Under Minn. Stat. §216E.07, the Commission holds an annual public hearing in order to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any issues, concerns, or recommendations for improvement relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and the routing of high-voltage transmission lines.

Hearing Information

- Public hearings start on time.
- Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- Administrative Law Judge Barbara Case will preside over the meeting.
- Commission and Department of Commerce staff will provide an overview of the program and projects initiated, pending, and completed in 2019 and will be available to answer general questions about the Power Plant Siting Act.
- Members of the public will have the opportunity to offer oral or written comments, or both, into the record.
- The hearing will last until everyone has had the opportunity to offer comments.
- Judge Case will use the information gathered at the public hearing and during the comment period to write a summary report for the Commission.

AGENDA

- I. Introductions
- II. Overview of Programs
 - a. Minnesota Public Utilities Commission – Energy Facilities Permitting Unit
 - b. Department of Commerce – Energy Environmental Review and Analysis
 - c. Role of Other State Agencies
- III. Projects Reviewed
 - a. Projects initiated in 2019
 - b. Projects Completed in 2019
 - c. Pending and Anticipated Projects
- IV. Public Questions and Testimony
- V. Adjourn

Submit Comments

Comment Period: Accepted through **December 6, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.**

Please include the Commission’s Docket number (19-18) and OAH Docket Number (82-2500-36333) in all communications.

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

Topics for Public Comment:

- Any matters related to the siting and routing of large energy facilities

Note – No comments on specific projects or dockets will be considered at the annual hearing

Comments may be submitted via:

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

Email Comments can be emailed to publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us.

eFiling Visit mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

U.S. Mail Public Advisor, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

Important Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission’s website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

Learn More

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.).

Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (19-18), your name, mailing address and email address.

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website - mn.gov/puc, select "Search eDockets," enter the year (19) and the docket number (18), select "Search."

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Contacts

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