

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON THE MERITS OF THE APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Issued: December 6, 2016

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

PUC Docket Number: IP-6961/CN-16-215

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes February 6, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.
Reply comment period closes March 6, 2017, by 4:30 p.m.

Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered. Please include the docket number (16-215) in all communications.

Topics for Comment: The Commission will accept written comments on the merits of the proposed project, particularly whether there are any contested issues of fact with respect to the representations made in the application for a certificate of need.

Project Background: Blazing Star Wind Farm, LLC, has filed a certificate of need application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for an up to 200 megawatt large wind energy conversion system (LWECS). The proposed LWECS would be comprised of 57 to 100 wind turbines ranging from 2 to 3.5 megawatts in size. Associated facilities 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.

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