

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION REQUESTS

Issued: *May 16, 2019*

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

Public Utilities Commission Docket Numbers: **IP7006/CN-19-309**

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes on **May 28, 2019 at 4:30pm.**
Reply comments accepted through **June 4, 2019 at 4:30pm.**

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

Topics Open for Comment:

- *Should the Commission grant the Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy, LLC petition to be exempted from some of the information requirements for a certificate of need application?*
- *Are there any other project-related issues or concerns?*

Project Background: Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy, LLC is proposing to construct a 109.2-megawatt 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 information requirements pursuant to Minn. Rule 7849.0200, Subp. 6. Buffalo Ridge Wind asserts that the information requirements for which it is requesting exemption are not applicable to independent power producers or can be satisfied by submitting another document.

How to Submit Comments

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are **required** to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). All parties, participants and interested persons are encouraged to use eFiling: mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

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

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Important Comments will be made available to the public via the 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.

How to 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 (19-309), your name, mailing address and email address.

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