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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON PETITION FOR EAW

Issued: May 6, 2013

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Boswell Energy Center Unit 4 Environmental Retrofit Project

PUC Docket Number: E-015/M-12-920

Comment Period: Comment period on the petition for EAW closes **May 20, 2013 at 4:30pm.**

Topics Open for Comment:

- Whether an EAW is mandatory, exempt, or discretionary under Minn. Stat. § 216D, Minn. Rules, Chapter 4410, and any other relevant statutes and rules.
- If an EAW is discretionary, whether the Commission should require one.

Project Background: On September 4, 2012, Minnesota Power (MP) filed its Boswell Energy Center Unit 4 Environmental Improvement Plan pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§216B.1692 et seq. On March 1, 2013, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency filed its assessment and recommendation in its Review of Minnesota Power's Boswell Unit 4 Environmental Improvement Plan. On March 7, 2013, MP filed a petition for approval of a rider to recover the costs of the plan.

On April 24, 2013, the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) petitioned, on behalf of a group of Minnesota citizens, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for completion of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) prior to any governmental action to approve Minnesota Power's petition in the above docket. On May 1, 2013, the EQB determined that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is the appropriate governmental unit to decide the need for an EAW. The MCEA petition and EQB letter have been entered into eDockets.

Submit Public Comments: E-mail to PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us.

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