

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: November 2, 2017

In the Matter of the Application of Flying Cow Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 152 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number(s): IP6984/CN-17-676

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes November 22, 2017 at 4:30pm
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Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Does the Application contain the information required under Minnesota Rules 7849.0240, 7849.0250, and 7849.0270 to 7849.0340?
- Should the Commission find the Application complete?
- What procedural treatment should the Commission direct for review of the application?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: Flying Cow, LLC is proposing to construct an up to 152-megawatt large wind energy conversion facility, known as the Bitter Root Wind project, in Yellow Medicine County. On September 11, 2017, Flying Cow Wind, LLC filed a Request for Exemption from certain certificate of need application content requirements pursuant to Minn. Rule 7849.0200, Subp. 6. On November 1, 2017 the Commission issued an order granting the request.

On October 19, 2017, the applicant filed an application for a certificate of need with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for an up to 152-megawatt (MW) wind project in Yellow Medicine County.

The Project falls under the definition of a “large energy facility” in Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2(1) because it has a combined capacity of 50,000 kilowatts or more. Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, Subd. 2, no large energy facility can be sited or constructed without the issuance of a certificate of need (CN) by the Commission. The operative rules for this application are found in Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7849.

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