

NOTICE OF THE POWER PLANT SITING AND TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTING PROGRAM ANNUAL HEARING

Issued: December 5, 2016

In the Matter of the 2016 Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing

PUC Docket Number: E999/M-16-18

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 65-2500-34007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public hearing to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any matters relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and routing of high-voltage transmission lines.

Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Time: 9:30 a.m.

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

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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 Ann O'Reilly will preside over the hearing.
- Commission and Department of Commerce staff will provide an overview of the program and projects pending or completed in 2016 and will be available to answer questions about the Power Plant Siting Act.
- Citizens will have the opportunity to offer oral comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- The hearing will last until everyone has had the opportunity to offer comments.
- Judge O'Reilly will use 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. Public Utilities Commission – Facilities Permitting Unit
 - B. Department of Commerce – Energy Environmental Review & Analysis
 - C. Role of Other State Agencies
- III. Projects Reviewed
 - A. Projects Completed in 2016
 - B. Pending and Anticipated Projects
 - C. Electric Facilities Subject to Power Plant Siting Act
 - 1. Generating Plants
 - 2. Transmission Lines
 - D. Electric Facilities Not Subject to Power Plant Siting Act
 - 1. Wind Plants
 - 2. Pipelines
- IV. Public Questions and Testimony
- V. Adjourn

Written Comment Period

Comment Period: Written comments will be accepted through **January 20, 2017 at 4:30pm**. Please include the Commission's Docket Number (16-18) **and** OAH Docket Number (65-2500-34007) in all communications.

Topics for Public Comment: Any matters related to the site permit process for large electric generating power plants and routing of high-voltage transmission lines. Note – No decisions on specific projects are made at the annual hearing.

Comments may be submitted via:

Online: Visit mn.gov/puc, select Speak Up!, find this docket (16-18), and add your comments to the discussion.

Comments in Speak Up! must be submitted in the Open Discussion entitled, “2016 Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing, PUC Docket No. E999/M-16-18 and OAH Docket No. 65-2500-34007.” Comments filed in other dockets or on other Speak Up! discussion boards will not be considered as part of this proceeding.

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

Important: Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered. Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission’s and the Department of Commerce’s websites, except in limited circumstances, consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

Process Information

The annual hearing is required by Minnesota Statute § 216E.07, which provides that:

The commission shall hold an annual public hearing at a time and place prescribed by rule in order to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any matters relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and routing of high-voltage transmission lines. At the meeting, the commission shall advise the public of the permits issued by the commission in the past year....

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Learn More

Full Case Record: The documents filed in this matter are available at: mn.gov/puc, select *eDockets*, enter the year (16) and the docket number (18), select *Search*.

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