

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON SITE PERMIT AMENDMENT

Issued: March 22, 2019

In the Matter of the Application of Lake Benton Power Partners, LLC for a Site Permit Amendment for the up to 100.2 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Pipestone County, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number: IP-6903/WS-18-179

Comment Period: Initial Comment period closes April 2, 2019 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes April 9, 2019 at 4:30pm

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Issue: Should the Commission approve the request to amend the Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC Site Permit?

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Are there any potential human and environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment to the site permit?
- Are there methods to minimize, mitigate, or avoid the potential impacts associated with the proposed amendment?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On March 14, 2019, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued an order granting an amended site permit to Lake Benton Power Partners II, LLC (Lake Benton II or Permittee) for the Lake Benton Wind II Repowering Project (Project), an up to 100.2 megawatt (MW) wind facility in Pipestone County. The Project would include construction of up to 44 wind turbines and associated facilities. Associated facilities include underground collection and feeder lines, crane walk paths, gravel access roads, two meteorological towers, four points of interconnection collector substations, temporary staging/laydown construction area, and an operations and maintenance building.

On March 18, 2019, the Permittee filed a request for an amendment to the site permit. In particular, Lake Benton II seeks approval to construct a new 34.5 kilovolt (kV) point-of-interconnect (POI) substation to replace an existing substation that is already part of the Project designated as the Golf Substation. The Golf Substation is being moved at the request of the current landowner who does not want to participate in the project going forward. The new substation location would be moved south approximately 500 feet from the northwest corner of County Road 18 and County Road 86 to the southeast corner of that intersection.

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