

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Issued: February 20, 2018

In the Matter of Minnesota Power's Petition for Approval of Gas Plant Proposal

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Numbers: E-015/AI-17-568
E-015/RP-15-690

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 68-2500-34672

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Minnesota Power (MP) will hold a public hearing on its proposed purchase of a 48 percent share of capacity from the approximately 525 MW Nemadji Trail Energy Center (NTEC) combined-cycle, natural gas power plant, located in Superior, Wisconsin.

Date: **Public Hearing:** **February 28, 2018**

Time: **Public Hearing:** **4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

The public hearing may be extended, depending on the number of individuals wishing to provide comment.

Location: **The Inn on Lake Superior**
350 Canal Park Drive
Duluth, MN 55802

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The Honorable Jeanne M. Cochran, an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) with the Office of Administrative Hearings, will conduct this hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to ask questions and present comments or other concerns regarding the project. At the evidentiary hearing, parties shall examine and cross-examine witnesses.

Project Description

Minnesota Power requests approval of the affiliated interest agreements for its purchase of a 48 percent share (approximately 250 MW) of the capacity from the approximately 525 MW Nemadji Trail Energy Center.

This combined-cycle, natural gas power plant, located in Superior, Wisconsin, is being jointly developed by Minnesota Power's affiliate, South Shore Energy, LLC, and Dairyland Power Cooperative. The expected commercial operation date of the facility is 2024.

The development of the proposed natural gas facility was part of a package of resources arising out of MP's 2015 integrated resource plan (IRP). The NTEC 250 MW purchase was selected from a request for proposals (RFP) that would satisfy MP's identified need for approximately 250 MW of dispatchable capacity.

Subject to Commission affiliated interest approvals in this proceeding, Minnesota Power will take the lead to develop, construct, operate, and maintain NTEC.

Public 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 Jeanne M. Cochran presides over the meeting.
- You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record.

Submit Comments

Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions:

- Should the Public Utilities Commission approve MP's Petition for the NTEC power plant?
- What are the rate, environmental and human impacts of the project under consideration?
- Are there other project-related issues or concerns?

Comment Period: The public comment deadline is March 23, 2018.

Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date

Online Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!*, find this docket, and add your comments.

Email Comments can be sent via email to consumer.puc@state.mn.us.

U.S. Mail Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101.
Please include the Commission's docket number (17-568) in all communications.

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Important Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities 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 (17-568), your name, mailing address and email address.

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Questions about this docket or Commission process and procedure? Contact Commission staff, Sean Stalpes, at [651-201-2252](tel:651-201-2252) or sean.stalpes@state.mn.us.

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