

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON PETITION FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED
MODIFICATIONS AND SITE PERMIT AMENDMENTS**

Issued: October 2, 2017

**In the Matter of the Site Permit issued to Stoneray Power Partners, LLC Petition for the Stoneray
Wind Project in Pipestone and Murray Counties**

PUC Docket Number/s: IP6646/CN-13-193, WS-13-216

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes October 16, 2017 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes October 23, 2017 at 4:30pm

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission approve the petition for modifications to their certificate of need in-service date without rehearing or recertification?
- Should the Commission approve the requested site permit amendments relating to modified construction dates, turbine types, turbine layout, site boundary and permit expiration date?
- Should the Commission require a public meeting be held in the area relating to either the certificate of need or site permit?
- Any other project-related issues or concerns?

Project Background: In May 2014, the Commission issued a certificate of need and site permit to Stoneray Power Partners, LLC (Stoneray) for the 105-megawatt Stoneray Wind Project. The project was permitted to allow for the use of one of four approved turbine models and up to 62 turbines. On September 5, 2017, Stoneray petition the Commission for modifications to both their certificate of need authorization and site permit conditions.¹ On September 22, 2017, Stoneray filed a project update and revised turbine location maps.² Stoneray has acquired a county-permitted project adjacent to the existing Stoneray project boundary and it is seeking to incorporate that project into the existing Stoneray Site Permit. Stoneray has petitioned the Commission for modification to their certificate of need without rehearing or recertification and amendments to its Site Permit relating to modified construction dates, turbine types, turbine layout, site boundary and permit expiration. The project has obtained a long-term power purchase agreement with Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and needs additional flexibility to begin delivery of electricity in 2020.

¹ See Commission eDockets Doc. ID: [20179-135261-03](#)

² See Commission eDockets Doc. ID: [20179-135740-01](#)

The controlling statutes for the certificate of need are rules are found in Minn. Stat. [216B.243](#), Minn. Rule [7849.0400](#) Certificate of Need Conditions and Changes. The controlling statute and rules for the site permit amendment are found in Minn. Stat. [216F](#) and Minn. Rule [7854.1300](#).

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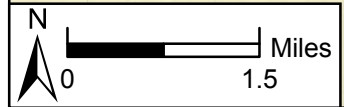
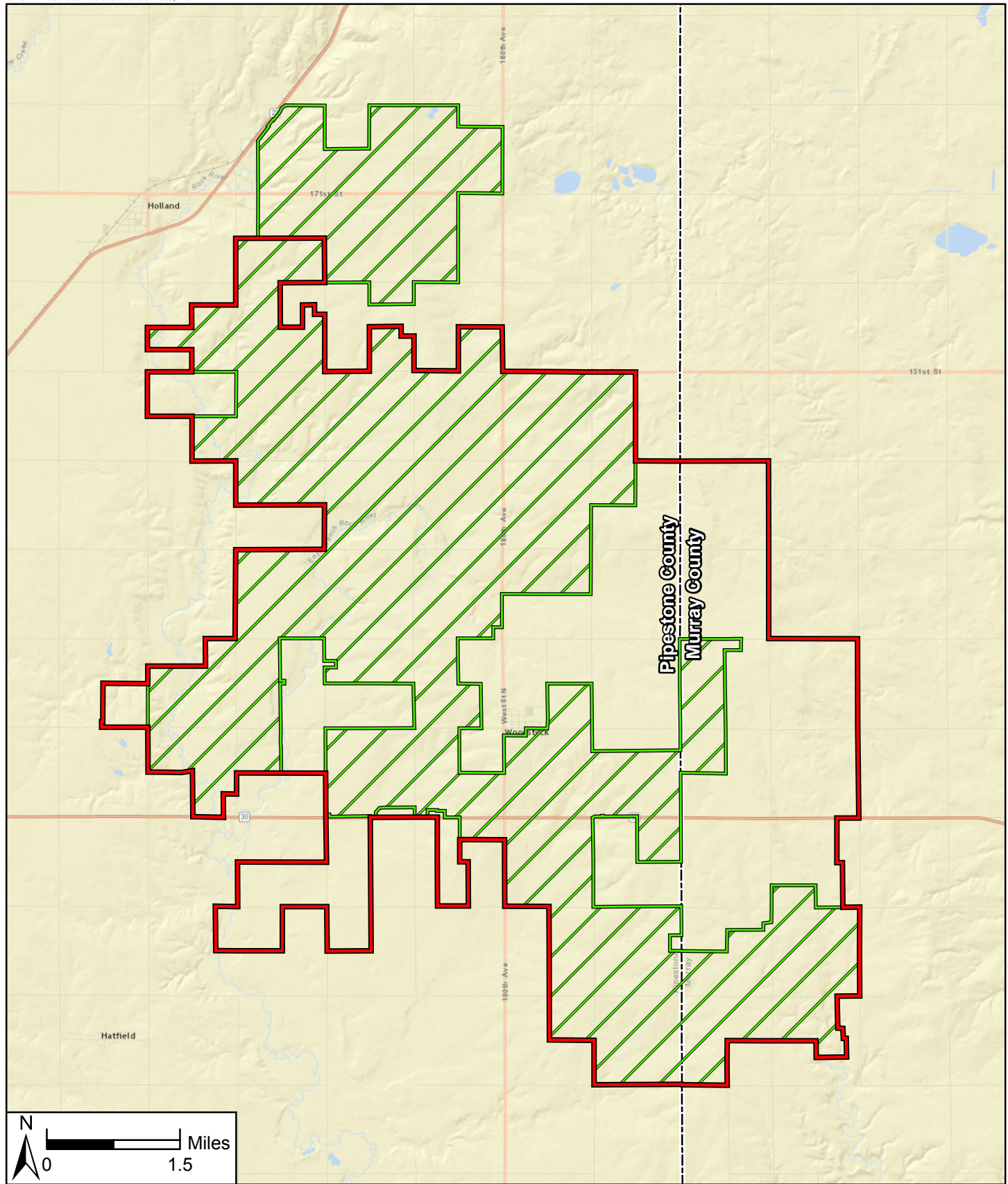
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

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Data Source(s): Westwood (2017); ESRI WMS Streets Basemap Imagery (Accessed 2017).

- Legend**
-  2014 Permit Project Boundary (29,586 Acres)
 -  2017 Revised Project Boundary (21,446 Acres)
 -  County Boundary

Stoneray Wind Project

Murray & Pipestone Counties, Minnesota

Site Location

Westwood
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