

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: October 10, 2018

In the Matter of the Application of Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 260 MW Nobles 2 Wind Project and Associated Facilities in Nobles County, Minnesota

PUC Docket Number(s): IP6964/CN-16-289

OAH Docket Number: 71-2500-35110

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes October 25, 2018 at 4:30pm

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Issue: What actions should the Commission take, if any, regarding the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources September 27, 2018 comments?

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- What procedural steps should the Commission undertake prior to a decision on the merits of the certificate of need petition?
- Should the Commission proceed with a review of the certificate of need application?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: On September 27, 2018, the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (DOC DER) filed comments on the certificate of need application stating it is no longer able to recommend that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approve Nobles' petition. DOC DER indicated the Commission should not grant a certificate of need for the project unless and until Nobles is able to explain its actions to the Commission's satisfaction, or otherwise able to resolve the issues identified in the 9-27-18 filing. The substance of Attachment A is under review in a separate Commission Docket (18-545). The Commission requests clarification from the parties to identify their positions, evaluate the effect of the filing and develop a process going forward.

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