

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: September 13, 2019

In the Matter of the Applications of Dodge County Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need, a Site Permit, and a Route Permit for the 170 MW Dodge County Wind Project and Associated 345 kV High-Voltage Transmission Line in Dodge, Olmsted, and Steele Counties

PUC Docket Numbers: IP-6981/CN-17-306, WS-17-307, and TL-17-308

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes September 27, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.
Reply comment period closes October 4, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Topics for Comment:

- What action should the Commission take on Dodge County Wind, LLC's (DCW) August 14 Request to Withdraw Application for a Route Permit?
- Does the Commission have the authority to consider a certificate of need application for a proposed electric power generating plant that does not include associated transmission lines necessary to interconnect the plant to the transmission system (*see* Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2(1))?
- What procedural actions should the Commission take concerning the revised certificate of need and site permit applications?
 - Are the revised certificate of need and site permit applications, filed by DCW on September 6, 2019, still considered substantially complete?
 - Is the current draft environmental impact statement still the appropriate review document or should it be an environmental report or other?
 - What is the appropriate procedural process for reviewing the revised applications? Continue the joint contested case proceeding when appropriate? Authorize review of the revised certificate of need application under the informal process? Restart the application review process, and if so, at what stage

(application completeness, public information and scoping meeting, or public hearing)?

- What action should the Commission take on Laborers District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota's (LIUNA) September 5 Request to Consider Motions to Compel Discovery and Reverse Prohibition on Representation of LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota by a Non-Attorney?

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Background: On June 29, 2018, DCW filed separate applications for a certificate of need, site permit, and route permit to construct and operate a 170 megawatt wind farm and an associated 21 to 26 mile 345 kV high-voltage transmission line to be located in Dodge, Steele, and Olmsted counties (Proposed Project).

On August 14, 2019, DCW filed: (1) a request to withdraw its application for a high-voltage transmission line route permit; and (2) a motion to suspend the procedural schedule for its Proposed Project.

On August 30, 2019, at the request of the Commission, the ALJ assigned to the matters issued an order that suspended the contested case proceeding and certified the certificate of need, site permit, and route permit applications back to the Commission.

On September 6, 2019, DCW filed a revised certificate of need application and a revised site permit application.

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