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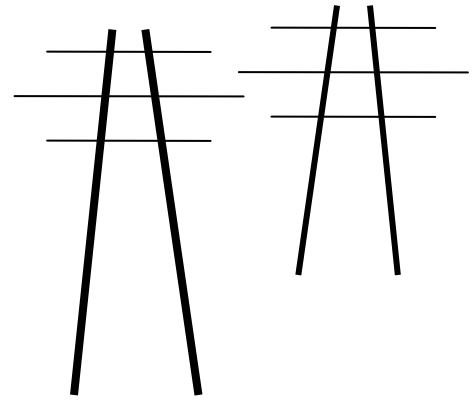
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Burl Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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RE: In the Matter of the Commission Investigation into Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems Permit Conditions on Setbacks and the Minnesota Department of Health Environmental Health Division's White Paper on Public Health Impacts of Wind Turbines.  
PUC Docket E-999/CI-09-845

Dear Dr. Haar:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on these important issues. I am submitting this comment as an individual, not representing any party at this time, and as an individual who has represented parties in multiple wind dockets before the Commission where setbacks and public health and safety have been an issue.

Substantive comments will follow prior to the September 16, 2009 deadline.

## **Request for broader distribution of Notice**

I hereby request broader distribution of the Notice. The Notice states that "... the Commission is soliciting comments from interested stakeholders on the existing permit conditions used for permitting LWECS and the MDH white paper." However, the service lists used were the ones for dockets 04-1616 and 03-869. These dockets are those for "multi-state tracking and trading system for RECs" and "electric utilities subject to Minn. Stat. §216B.1691" respectively.

Who made this notice distribution determination and how was it made?

## **"Interested Stateholder" is very narrowly defined and inappropriately limited**

This is a very narrow definition of stakeholders, and was inappropriately limited to only wind industry and utility representatives as "stakeholders," with the exception of myself and Amy Wasson,

who are both currently representing Safe Wind in Freeborn County. Only Kristen Eide-Tollefson, R-CURE and Nancy Kelley, Green Institute from activist organizations that do not have specific wind-oriented agendas, and neither of these parties has raised issues regarding wind-turbine siting in any docket.

**Notice was not sent to the very parties raising issues that triggered this docket**

Notice of this Comment opportunity was not sent to those on service lists for contentious wind projects where parties and members of the public have raised the vary issues in question. Not one individual raising the issues whose activism triggered the Dept. of Health White Paper was provided notice. This is unreasonable on its face. Further, this limited distribution puts the burden on individuals to do the state’s job of providing sufficient notice – I do not accept that burden, and ask that the Commission send broader notice.

At this time, I request that Notice be promptly sent to the participating individuals on service lists for wind projects, for example, those on these dockets:

enXco – Murray County	02-45
Stoneray	05-90
Kenyon Wind	06-1445
High Prairie	06-91; 06-1428; 06-1520
Bent Tree	07-1425; 08-573
Glacial Ridge	07-1073
Wapsipinicon	07-839
New Ulm	09-178
Noble Flat Hill	08-1134
Greenvale	09-722
EcoHarmony West	08-973
Lakeswind	08-1449
Sibley County	08-208
Establishing PUC General Wind Permit Standards	07-1102

Individuals who have raised issues in wind Certificate of Need, Power Purchase Agreement and Siting Dockets are “interested stakeholders” and worthy of being deemed

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. More will follow.

Very truly yours,



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