



April 3, 2013

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Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

INITIAL COMMENTS OF NEW ERA WIND FARM, LLC TO COMMISSION ORDER
OF MARCH 20, 2013 -- LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM (LWECS) SITE
PERMIT AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXTENSION FOR THE 78 MW AWA GOODHUE,
LLC WIND FARM IN GOODHUE COUNTY

DOCKET NO. IP6701/WS-08-1233

Dear Dr. Haar:

New Era provides these limited initial comments to the Commission's March 20, 2013 Order.

In Section V of its March 20, 2013 Order, the Commission noted that "... New Era's purchased power contracts with Xcel play a key role in this case..." The Commission further stated "Those contracts are apparently being renegotiated." Finally, the Commission noted that "Any new terms, especially pricing terms of in-service dates, could clearly affect this certificate of need determination."

In its Order, the Commission further instructed New Era as follows: "New Era Wind Farm and Xcel Energy shall file any amended purchased power contracts as soon as they are finalized, specifically highlighting any new in-service date(s) they may contain..."

Accordingly, in recognition of the value of the time of the Commissioners, the Staff, the Respondents and all parties hereto, New Era respectfully requests that the deadline for reply comments and further action in these matters be delayed pending resolution of the New Era proposals.

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New Era believes that an extension of 30 days may be adequate for resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,

New Era Wind Farm, LLC

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Peter Mastic