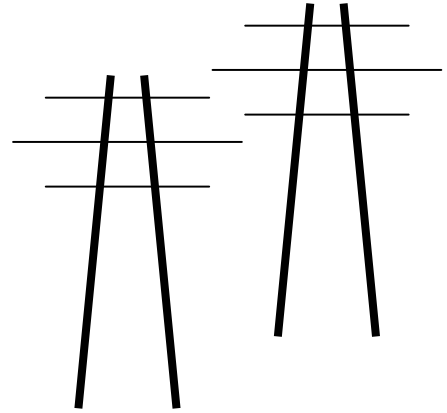


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RE: PROCESS ISSUES - Freeborn Wind, LLC
MPCU Docket: IP-6946/WS-17-410

Dear Mr. Kaluzniak:

Process issue: Requests for a Contested Case are to occur within the Comment Period on the Draft Permit. Minn. R. 7854.0900. Further, unlike Certificate of Need and PPSA siting/routing, under wind siting rules, landowners are not provided notice of a project until after the Application is accepted, which has yet to occur! Minn. R. 7854.0600. At this time, landowners in the project area have received no notice that this application has been filed, nor have they received notice of the opportunity to submit comments on completeness and material issues of fact. The Service List is only 6 names long – four are state employees and two are applicants.

Commerce comments raise this timing issue as a practical matter, and I'm raising this as a process issue expressly addressed in the rules.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require anything further.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Association of Freeborn County Landowners