

## NOTICE OF THE POWER PLANT SITING ACT ANNUAL HEARING

Issued: *November 20, 2017*

**PUC Docket Number(s):** E999/M-17-18

**OAH Docket Number:** 8-2500-34843

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public hearing to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any matters relating to the siting and routing of Large Energy Facilities.

**Date:** Friday, December 22, 2017

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
St. Paul, MN 55101

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### Hearing Information

- Public hearings start on time.
- Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman will preside over the hearing.
- Commission and Department of Commerce staff will provide an overview of the program and projects pending or completed in 2017 and will be available to answer questions about the Power Plant Siting Act.
- Citizens will have the opportunity to offer oral comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- The hearing will last until everyone has had the opportunity to offer comments.
- Judge Eric L. Lipman will use information gathered at the public hearing and during the comment period to write a summary report for the Commission.

### Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Overview of Programs
  - A. Public Utilities Commission – Energy Facilities Permitting Unit
  - B. Department of Commerce – Energy Environmental Review & Analysis
  - C. Role of Other State Agencies
- III. Projects Reviewed
  - A. Projects Completed in 2017
  - B. Pending and Anticipated Projects
  - C. Electric Facilities Subject to Power Plant Siting Act
    1. Generating Plants
    2. Transmission Lines
  - D. Electric Facilities Not Subject to Power Plant Siting Act
    1. Wind Plants
    2. Pipelines
- IV. Public Questions and Testimony
- V. Adjourn

## Written Comment Period

**Comment Period:** Written comments will be accepted through **January 19, 2018 at 4:30pm**. Please include the Commission’s Docket Number (17-18) **and** OAH Docket Number (8-2500-34843) in all communications.

**Topics for Public Comment:** Any matters related to the siting and routing of large energy facilities.

Note – No decisions on specific projects are made at the annual hearing.

### Comments may be submitted via:

**Online:** Visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *Speak Up!* or click [HERE](#) to find this docket (17-18), and add your comments to the discussion.

Comments in *Speak Up!* must be submitted in the Open Discussion entitled, “2017 Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing, PUC Docket No. E999/M-17-18 and OAH Docket No. 8-2500-34843.” Comments filed in other dockets or on the *Speak Up!* discussion board will not be considered as part of this proceeding.

**U.S. Mail:** Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101

**Important:** Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered. Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission’s and the Department of Commerce’s websites, except in limited circumstances, consistent with the Minnesota

Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

## Process Information

The annual hearing is required by Minnesota Statute § 216E.07, which provides that:

*The commission shall hold an annual public hearing at a time and place prescribed by rule in order to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any matters relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and routing of high-voltage transmission lines. At the meeting, the commission shall advise the public of the permits issued by the commission in the past year....*

Judge Lipman will use information gathered at the public hearing and during the comment period to write a summary report for the Commission.

## Learn More

**Full Case Record:** See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website at [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (17) and the docket number (18), select *Search*.

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