

## MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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To amend MN Chapter 7854 on siting Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems  
Docket E-999/R-18-518

### Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Does the petition for rulemaking meet the content requirements as set out in Minn. R. 1400.2040, Subp. 1?

Yes.

- Should the Commission initiate a rulemaking on siting standards for LWECs?

Yes. The site permits issued by the PUC are completely inadequate and deeply flawed. Current site permits fail to analyze or consider multiple factors. The PUC never adopted rules for facilities over 25 MW, and the rules for under 25 MW fail to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens - which citizens have pointed out to the Commission on numerous occasions on numerous dockets.

Due to my frequent participation commenting on numerous wind dockets and testifying in front of the Commission, and my repeated attempts to have the Commission improve its wind siting process, PUC staff recommended that I petition for rulemaking (DOC ID 20152-107152-01). Although I chose not to do so, I am fully supportive of this petition for rulemaking.

- If the Commission initiates a rulemaking, should it establish an Advisory Committee to advise it on the contents of possible rules as identified in Minn. Stat. §14.101, Subd. 2?

Yes. And I would like to be a member of the Advisory Committee. This Committee should have strong representation in the interest of the public. In the past financial interests of wind companies, wind lobbyists, faux-environmental groups and utilities have been over-represented, and nobody has represented or protected the public interest, rural citizens, or wildlife. This needs to change.

- Are there other related issues or concerns?

The whole of the Public Health Effects of Wind Turbine open docket (09-845) should be considered in this rule writing process. In addition, the PUC should use this rulemaking process to fulfill the multiple promises the Commission has made to the public in the 09-845 docket and in multiple other wind siting permits processes related to the negative health effects from low-frequency noise emissions. Also, this should include testimony at the Legislative Energy Commission on October 18, 2017.

Other issues of concerns are loss of property values, loss of the use and enjoyment of private property, real wildlife effects, induces voltage, ice-throw road safety, loss of land line phone usage, loss of TV signal, inability to monitor and enforce an audible noise standard, a cost-benefit analysis based on hard data, and enforceable decommissioning plans.

Thank you.

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