

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Freeborn Wind Energy LLC for a Route Permit for the Freeborn Wind Transmission Line in Freeborn County, Minnesota

FIRST PREHEARING ORDER

On April 2, 2018, a prehearing conference was held before Administrative Law Judge Jim Mortenson at the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 350 Metro Square Building, 121 Seventh Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Lisa Agrimonti, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., represents Freeborn Wind Energy, L.L.C., and appeared with Dan Litchfield, Freeborn Wind Energy, L.L.C. (Applicant).

Andrew Levi, Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Commerce) appeared on behalf of Commerce.

Michael Kaluzniak and Charley Bruce, Public Utilities Commission (Commission) staff, appeared on behalf of the Commission.

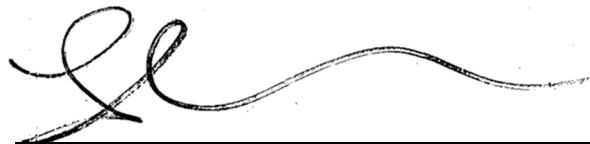
Based upon the record and the discussion among the participants at the prehearing conference,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. On or before May 11, 2018, Commerce will serve and file its environmental assessment (EA).
2. No later than May 15, 2018, the Commission will issue the public hearing notice (Notice). Applicant will work with the Commission to draft the Notice and will arrange for publication in a local newspaper when the transmission line is proposed to be built.
3. By May 24, 2018, Applicant will serve and file any additional comments to the application.
4. A public hearing on the application and proposed route will be held at **6:00 p.m.** on **May 31, 2018**, at the Riverland Community College, 2200 Riverland Drive, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

5. A transcript of the public hearing will be filed no later than **June 7, 2018**.
6. On **June 11, 2018**, the period for public comment will close.
7. No later than **June 14, 2018**, Applicant will serve and file proposed findings of fact, permit conditions, maps, and replies to public comments.
8. No later than **June 28, 2018**, Commerce will serve and file comments and recommendations to the proposed findings of fact and permit conditions.
9. No later than **July 26, 2018**, the Administrative Law Judge will issue the requested report setting forth findings, conclusions, and recommendations on the merits of the proposed project and alternatives to the proposed project, and provide comments and recommendations, if any, on the conditions and provisions of the proposed permit.

Dated: April 4, 2018

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JIM MORTENSON
Administrative Law Judge

April 4, 2018

See Attached Service List

**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Freeborn Wind Energy LLC for a
Route Permit for the Freeborn Wind Transmission Line in Freeborn
County, Minnesota**

**OAH 5-2500-35036
MPUC Docket No. IP6946/TL-17-322**

To All Persons on the Attached Service List:

Enclosed and served upon you is the Administrative Law Judge's **FIRST
PREHEARING ORDER** in the above-entitled matter.

If you have any questions, please contact my legal assistant Sheena Denny at
(651) 361-7881 or sheena.denny@state.mn.us, or facsimile at (651) 539-0310.

Sincerely,



JIM MORTENSON
Administrative Law Judge

JRM:sd

Enclosure

cc: Docket Coordinator

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Sheena Denny, certifies that on April 4, 2018 she served the true and correct **FIRST PREHEARING ORDER** by eService, and U.S. Mail, (in the manner indicated below) to the following individuals:

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