

Attachment B

PUC Letter to EQB – Notice of Decision

February 13, 2020

NO FINAL ORDER AND RECORD OF DECISION ATTACHED

NO FINAL ORDER OR RECORD OF DECISION HAS BEEN FILED



February 13, 2020

Katrina Hapka, Environmental Review Planner
Environmental Quality Board
520 Lafayette Road North
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for Freeborn Wind

Dear Ms. Hapka:

Enclosed is the Public Utilities Commission's response to the January 3, 2020 petition requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Freeborn Wind Project.

At its February 6, 2020 Agenda Meeting, the Commission made the following decision:

Deny the petition on the merits pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.1100, subp. 6, and 4410.1700, subp. 7.

Deny the petition pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.4300, subp. 3(D), and 7854.0500, subp. 7.

Authorize the Executive Secretary to issue a Record of Decision on the matter based on the enclosed draft version, incorporating any Commission modifications or technical corrections by staff.

Pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.1100, subp. 8, this letter serves as notice that the Commission has declined the request to prepare an EAW. The Commission will memorialize its decision and set forth its rationale by written order, and maintain a record of its decision on the need for an EAW.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Lehtinen for". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary



Cc:

Carol Overland – Association of Freeborn County Landowners (e-Service)

Christina Brusven - Project Proposer's Representative (e-Service)

Lisa Agrimonti - Project Proposer's Representative (e-Service)

Matthew Harris - Xcel Energy (email)

Denise Wilson, Director - Environmental Review Program, MN EQB (email)

EQB Monitor (online submittal - <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/eqb-monitor>)

Commission Docket Nos. E-002/WS-17-410 and E-002/TL-17-322