

NOTICE OF POWER PLANT SITING ACT ANNUAL HEARING

Issued: *October 27, 2020*

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: E999/PR-20-18

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 65-2500-37109

Public Hearing Information

Under Minn. Stat. §216E.07, the Commission holds an annual public hearing in order to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any issues, concerns, or recommendations for improvement relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and the routing of high-voltage transmission lines.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission has suspended in-person meetings and hearings. The Commission is using remote-access technology to conduct meetings and hearings to ensure continued public participation and information sharing opportunities. The remote access public hearing will be held on the following date and time:

Date: Friday, November 20, 2020

Time: 10 AM

Location: Remote-Access (telephone and/or internet)

To find out if a meeting is canceled call 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc. You can participate in the meeting multiple ways. To listen to the meeting and provide verbal comments follow the directions below to access the meeting over the telephone. **You must join the meeting by telephone if you are interested in listening to the meeting or in providing verbal comments on the proposed project.** To view the speaker's presentations, follow the directions below to access the meeting over the internet. If you wish to listen to the meeting while watching the presentations, you must join the meeting by both telephone and internet.

Join by telephone	Join by internet (video only – no audio)
Phone: 1-866-609-6127 Conference ID: 4449079 An operator will assist you.	Navigate on your computer to: https://minnesota.webex.com Event Number: 146 311 2620 Password, if needed: PPSA2020

Please join the meeting 5-10 minutes prior to the start time. Have the Conference ID available when you call. Contact Cezar Panait at 651-201-2207 or cezar.panait@state.mn.us if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the meeting.

Background

- Administrative Law Judge Ann O'Reilly will preside over the meeting.
- Commission and Department of Commerce staff will provide an overview of the program and projects initiated, pending, and completed in 2020 and will be available to answer general questions about the Power Plant Siting Act.
- Members of the public will have the opportunity to offer oral or written comments, or both, into the record.
- The hearing will last until everyone has had the opportunity to offer comments.
- Judge O'Reilly will use the 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. Minnesota Public Utilities Commission – Energy Facilities Permitting Unit
 - b. Department of Commerce – Energy Environmental Review and Analysis
 - c. Role of Other State Agencies
- III. Projects Reviewed
 - a. Projects initiated in 2020
 - b. Projects Completed in 2020
 - c. Pending and Anticipated Projects
- IV. Public Questions and Testimony
- V. Adjourn

Submit Comments

Comment Period: Accepted through **December 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.**

Please include the Commission's Docket number (20-18) and OAH Docket Number (65-2500-37109) in all communications.

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Topics for Public Comment:

- Any matters related to the siting and routing of large energy facilities.
- Please note that no comments on specific projects or dockets will be considered at the annual hearing.

Comments may be submitted via:

- Email** Comments can be emailed to publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us.
- eFiling** Visit mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.
- U.S. Mail** Public Advisor, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101
- Important** Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

Learn More

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.).

Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (20-18), your name, mailing address and email address.

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website - mn.gov/puc, select "eDockets," enter the year (20) and the docket number (18), select "Search."

Subscribe to a docket: Receive email notification when new documents are filed in this matter at mn.gov/puc, select *Submit Comments*, and follow the prompts.

Contacts

Questions about this docket or Commission process and procedure? Contact Michael Kaluzniak, at mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us or 651-201-2257.

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language or large print materials), please contact the Office of

Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7000 (voice) or 651-361-7878 (TTY) at least one week in advance of the meeting.

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