

NOTICE OF POWER PLANT SITING ACT ANNUAL HEARING

Issued: November 30, 2021

PUC Docket Number: E999/PR-21-18

OAH Docket Number: 65-2500-37832

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold the annual public hearing on the Power Plant Siting Act.

Date: Monday, December 20, 2021
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Commission's Large Hearing Room
121 7th Place East, 3rd Floor
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Health and safety information. Please read before attending the hearing in-person:
https://mn.gov/puc-stat/documents/pdf_files/Attending%20an%20Agenda%20Meeting.pdf

Alternatively, the public may attend the annual public hearing online via WebEx, a videoconferencing platform. To obtain a link to the webcast and to obtain more information about attending a hearing using WebEx, please see the following webpages:

- The link to the WebEx login information is available on the Commission's calendar at: <https://mn.gov/puc/about-us/calendar/>. Select the date of the hearing (*December 20, 2021 and Viewing Instructions*) and follow the instructions for joining the hearing using your computer, tablet, or smart phone. Call-in directions will also be provided for those who wish to attend by audio only using a standard telephone connection.
- General information about attending a hearing using the WebEx platform can be found at: <https://mn.gov/puc/activities/meetings/webex/>.

Individuals who appear via WebEx video will have the same opportunity to present oral comment as those appearing in person at the hearing. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, you can attend the hearing via telephone, although you will only have an audio connection and will not be able to comment. You will, however, be able to hear those who do present or submit public comment.

To find out if a meeting is canceled due to bad weather or other call 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc.

Hearing Information

Under Minnesota Statute § 216E.07, the Commission is required to hold an annual public hearing 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.

The Honorable Ann O'Reilly, Administrative Law Judge with the Office of Administrative Hearings, will preside over the hearing and will provide the Commission with a written summary of the hearing after the close of the comment period.

At the hearing, staff from the Commission and the Department of Commerce will provide an overview of the program including a summary of projects initiated, pending, and permitted in 2021. Interested persons will have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of agency staff; and (2) offer oral and written comments into the record. In addition, written comments may be submitted during the comment period following the hearing using the methods described in this notice. The hearing will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment, and all other business has been concluded. Please note that no comments or questions on specific projects or dockets will be considered at the annual hearing.

Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Overview of Program
 - a. Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Energy Facilities Permitting
 - b. Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis
 - c. Participating State Agencies
- III. Projects Reviewed
 - a. Projects Initiated in 2021
 - b. Projects Permitted in 2021
- IV. Public Questions and Testimony
- V. Adjourn

Written Comment Period

Written comments will be accepted through **January 10, 2022, by 4:30 p.m.** Please include the PUC Docket Number (21-18) and OAH Docket Number (65-2500-37832) in all communications.

Please focus your comments on:

- Any matters related to the siting and routing of large energy facilities.

Comments may be submitted:

Online mn.gov/puc/consumers/public-comments
Email publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us
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 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.

Additional Information

Full Case Record. See all documents filed in this matter on the Commission’s website at: mn.gov/puc/edockets, select *Go to eDockets Project Database*, enter the year (21) and the docket number (18), and select *Search*.

Subscribe to the Docket. To receive email notification when new documents are filed in this matter visit: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling> and select *Subscribe to Dockets*.

Questions about these dockets or Commission process and procedure? Contact Commission staff, Scott Ek at scott.ek@state.mn.us or 651-201-2255.

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in this hearing, please contact the Commission at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the hearings.

To request this document in another format such as large print or audio, call 651-296-0406 (voice). Persons with a hearing or speech impairment may call using their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service or email consumer.puc@state.mn.us for assistance.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Chrishna Beard, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dated this 30th day of November, 2021

/s/ Chrishna Beard