

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: May 13, 2022

In the Matter of the Application of Freeborn Wind Energy LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 84 MW Freeborn Wind Farm in Freeborn County

PUC Docket Number: IP-6946/WS-17-410

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes **May 27, 2022**, at 4:30 p.m.
Reply comment period closes **June 3, 2022**, at 4:30 p.m.
Supplemental comment period closes **June 10, 2022**, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Topics for Comment:

- What if any actions should the Commission take concerning the February 1, 2022 Post-Construction Noise Monitoring Study for the Freeborn Wind Project and the May 2, 2022 Compliance Review by the Department of Commerce?

Background: On February 1, 2022, Xcel Energy filed the Post Construction Noise Monitoring Study for the Freeborn Wind Project pursuant to the conditions of the site permit.¹ On May 2, 2022, the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis unit (EERA) filed its review of the study.² EERA concluded that there were no exceedances of the Minnesota state noise standard and no violation of relevant permit conditions. EERA recommended that the three turbines (T-11, T-13, and T-14) temporarily curtailed during compliance review resume full operation. Xcel Energy resumed full turbine operation on May 3, 2022.

¹ Xcel Energy. Post-Construction Noise Monitoring Study. February 1, 2022 (Document IDs [20222-182341-02](#) and [20222-182341-03](#)).

² Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis. Post-Construction Noise Monitoring Compliance Review. May 2, 2022 (Document ID [20225-185479-01](#)).

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Dated this 13th day of May, 2022

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