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# Power Plant Siting Act Annual Hearing

OAH Docket No. 5-2500-38717  
MPUC Docket No. E999/PR-22-18

November 9, 2022

# Introduction

- **Administrative Law Judge: Jim Mortenson**
- The **Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH)** is an independent state agency that provides fair and impartial hearings.
- The **Public Utilities Commission (PUC)** requested that an administrative law judge from OAH preside over this hearing.
- **Hearing Authority:** Minn. Stat. § 216E.07 and Minn. R. 7850.5400

Administrative Law Judge  
Jim Mortenson



# Objectives of Today's 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.
- To advise the public of the permits issued by the Commission in the past year. This may include a description of the projects initiated or completed this year, as well as projects currently pending or anticipated in the near future.

# Role of Administrative Law Judge

- Preside over the public hearing
- Prepare a report summarizing the public comments for the Commission
- Issue a report within 60 days
  - No action on the report is required by the Commission
  - The purpose of the report is to inform the Commission

# Agenda for Today's Hearing

➤ **Introduction** – Jim Mortenson, Administrative Law Judge

➤ **Overview of Programs**

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission - Energy Facilities Permitting Unit

Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) - Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA)

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

**Project Review**

Projects initiated in 2022 and projects permitted in 2022

➤ **Public Questions and Comments** – Moderated by the Administrative Law Judge

# Guest Speakers

- Craig Janezich, PUC
- Raymond Kirsch, EERA
- Kate Fairman, DNR



# Public Questions and Comments

## How to Indicate You Want to Speak at Today's Hearing

- **By Webex:** Click on the **Chat** icon and send a message indicating that you would like to speak
- **By telephone:** Press **\*3** on your telephone to add yourself to the comment queue
- To speak again, do the same





# Presentation of Comments

- Each person who wants to comment at today's hearing will have an opportunity to speak.
- Speaker comments will alternate between those present and those participating remotely. Those speakers participating remotely will be called on in the order they joined the queue.
- When it is your turn to speak, we will **call on you by name or phone number.**
- We will then unmute your line (telephone) or permit you to unmute and turn on your video (Webex)
- If you are joining by Webex, we encourage you to turn on your camera.

# Presentation of Comments

- State and spell your first and last name.
- Speak **loudly** and **clearly** so that the court reporter can hear you.
- To ensure everyone is heard, please limit your initial comments to **ten minutes**.
- If there is time after everyone has been heard, you can add yourself to the queue to speak again.



# How to Comment

**Comment period closes December 2, 2022 at 4:30 PM**

- Provide **oral comments** at today's hearing
- **Email:** [publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us)
- **eFile:** [mn.gov/puc/consumers/public-comments](https://mn.gov/puc/consumers/public-comments)
- **Mail:** Public Advisor  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Ste. 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

# Administrative Law Judge's Report

Within **60 days** of the close of the comment period, the Judge will file his report on eDockets.


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- Comments made in this docket regarding a particular project, program, or case will not be added to the hearing record for that particular program, project, or case.
- This is a separate docket and comments submitted in this action remain in this docket only.
- Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's website. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.
- The Comment Period closes on **December 2, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.**

# Public Questions and Comments

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# Thank you!

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