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**Public Hearing**

**Power Point Siting Act  
Annual Hearing**

OAH Docket No. 22-2500-39615

MPUC Docket No. 23-18

December 20, 2023



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## Introduction

- **Administrative Law Judge: Christa Moseng**
- **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  
Christa Moseng



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## 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.

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## 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

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## Agenda for Today's Hearing

- **Introduction** – Christa Moseng, Administrative Law Judge
- **Overview of Programs**
  - Minnesota Public Utilities Commission – Energy Facilities Permitting Unit
  - Minnesota Department of Commerce – Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA)
  - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- **Project Review**
  - Projects initiated in 2023, projects completed in 2023, and projects pending and anticipated
- **Public Questions and Comments** – Moderated by the Administrative Law Judge

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## Presenters

- Sam Lobby, PUC
- Ray Kirsch, Commerce
- Cynthia Warzecha, DNR



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## Role of Commerce - EERA

### Energy Environmental Review and Analysis

- Provide technical expertise and assistance the PUC including environmental review of proposed energy facilities.
- Identify and undertake research on potential impacts of energy facilities.
- Create guidance materials to ensure consistent analysis of potential impacts.

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## DOC Review of 2023

- Legislative changes that affect environmental review of energy facilities.
- Proposed substantial build-out of transmission line infrastructure (Tranche 1 transmission line portfolio)
- Environmental review of the first carbon dioxide pipeline in Minnesota.
- Reworking of the EERA website to improve useability.
- Research regarding the ecosystem benefits of solar farms.

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## MN Department of Natural Resources

- DNR Participation
- Interagency Coordination
- 2023 Highlights & Updates



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## 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
  - Press **\*3** again to remove yourself from the queue
- To speak again, do the same



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## Presentation of Comments

- Each person who wants to comment at today's hearing will have an opportunity to speak.
- Speakers will comment in the order they joined the queue, alternating with in-person commenters.
- 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.

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## 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.



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## How to Comment

**Comment period closes Friday, January 12, 2024 at 4:30 PM**

- Provide **oral comments** at today's hearing
- **Email:** [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.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  
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# Public Comment Deadline

## Comment period closes Friday, January 12, 2024 at 4:30 PM\*

\*Comments received after this deadline will not be considered or included in the Administrative Law Judge's Report.

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# Administrative Law Judge's Report

Within **60 days** of the close of the comment period, the Administrative Law Judge will file her 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 **Monday, January 12, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.**

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## Public Questions and Comments

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- Repeat if you want to speak again

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# Thank You!

- The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission values your input, thank you for attending this important annual meeting
- Thank you to Administrative Law Judge Christa Moseng for presiding over the hearing