

Section 2:

Publication of Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

ABSTRACT

This Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) describes modifications that have been made to the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project since the publication of the *Central Corridor Alternative Analysis and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS)* in April 2006 and the adoption of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in June 2006. This Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) is the latest step in providing a framework for local decision-making as the Central Corridor LRT project is advanced. Its purpose is to inform the public, resource agencies and local governments of changes proposed to the project since publication of the Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS) in April 2006 and refinements proposed and analyzed during preliminary engineering.

The Central Corridor LRT Project is an approximately 11-mile LRT line that would serve the Minneapolis and St. Paul downtown areas, as well as the University of Minnesota (U of M) and the State Capitol complex. In Downtown Minneapolis, it will integrate with the successful Hiawatha LRT line, establishing a seamless regional transit system.

For the past 20 years, the Central Corridor has consistently been identified as a location where mobility and capacity should be improved. It has been the focus of several studies to determine the feasibility of various mass transit technologies and their potential alignments. Each of these studies identified the Central Corridor as the region's priority corridor for mass transit investment. Because the Central Corridor is the physical spine of the overall regional transportation network, its high transit ridership potential represents one of the region's best opportunities for a significant capital investment—an investment that can be leveraged to increase ridership and have a positive impact the region's transit system.

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A public comment period has been established for this document. Comments may be submitted in writing or may be made orally at the public hearing(s). Written comments should be submitted directly to Ms. Kathryn L. O'Brien at the address above by August 25, 2008. Information on the public hearing(s) can also be obtained from Ms. O'Brien.

Johnson drop structure. The applicant proposes to construct: (1) An inflatable weir spanning the width of the canal; (2) an intake structure with trash rack and radial gate or stop-log shut off; (3) a buried, 60-inch-diameter, 900-foot-long steel or polyethylene penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing one Francis or propeller (Reaction) turbine and one generator with a rated output of 700 kW; (5) a tailrace about 11.25 feet long, returning flows to the canal; (6) a switchyard; (7) a 0.5-mile-long, 69-kV transmission line interconnecting with an existing powerline; and (8) a powerhouse access road. Average annual generation would be 1.7 GWh.

The proposed A-Drop Project would be built at the Greenfields Main Canal's Greenfield drop structure. The applicant proposes to construct: (1) An inflatable weir spanning the width of the canal; (2) an intake structure with trash rack and radial gate or stop-log shut off; (3) a buried, 96-inch-diameter, 570-foot-long steel or polyethylene penstock; (4) a powerhouse containing one Francis or propeller (Reaction) turbine and one generator with a rated output of 1,000 kW; (5) a tailrace returning flows to the canal; (6) a switchyard; (7) a 0.1-mile-long, 12-kV transmission line interconnecting with an existing powerline; and (8) an approximately 570-foot-long powerhouse access road. Average annual generation would be 2.5 GWh.

m. Copies of the applications are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access each of the documents. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filings/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Scoping Process

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the projects in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.¹ The EA will

consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed actions.

Commission staff does not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, the staff will solicit comments, recommendations, information, and alternatives in the Scoping Document (SD).

Copies of the SD outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

o. The tendering notice issued April 14, 2008, incorrectly stated that the application for the A-Drop Project was filed on April 1, 2008. The correct filing date for the A-Drop Project application is March 31, 2008.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements.

Filed 06/30/2008 through 07/02/2008. Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20080259, Draft EIS, AFS, WY, Spruce Gulch Bark Beetle and Fuels Reduction Project, Proposes to Implement Bark Beetle Related Salvage and Suppression Vegetative Treatments and Hazardous Fuels Abatement Treatments, Laramie Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, Albany and Carbon Counties, WY, Comment Period Ends: 08/25/2008, Contact: Melissa M. Martin 307-745-2371. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/projects/foresthealth>.

EIS No. 20080260, Draft EIS, AFS, WI, Medford Aspen Project, To Implement a Number of Vegetation and Transportation Management Activities, Medford-Park Falls Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicolet

National Forest, Taylor County, WI, Comment Period Ends: 08/25/2008, Contact: Jane Darnell 715-748-4875. *EIS No. 20080261, Draft EIS, USA, CA,* PROGRAMMATIC—Brigade Combat Team Transformation Project, Restructure the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) to a Multi-Component (active duty/reserve) Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) and change/add several other organizations, Fort Irwin, CA, Comment Period Ends: 08/25/2008, Contact: Muhammad Bari 760-480-3410.

EIS No. 20080262, Draft EIS, SFW, NV, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Ash Meadows, Desert, Moapa Valley and Pahrangat National Wildlife Refuges, Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Clark, Lincoln and Nye counties, NV, Comment Period Ends: 08/25/2008, Contact: Cynthia Martinez 702-515-5450.

EIS No. 20080263, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, proposes construct and maintain the Feather River Levee Repair Project, Segment 2, Issuing 408 Permission and 404 Permit, Yuba County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 08/25/2008, Contact: John Suazo 916-557-6719.

EIS No. 20080264, Second Final Supplement, DOE, NV, Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada—Nevada Rail Transportation Corridor (DOE/EIS-0250F-S2D), Wait Period Ends: 08/11/2008, Contact: Dr. Jane R. Summerson 702-794-1493.

EIS No. 20080265, Second Final EIS (Tiering), DOE, NV, Rail Alignment for the Construction and Operation of a Railroad in Nevada to a Geologic Repository (DOE/EIS-0369D) at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV, Wait Period Ends: 08/11/2008, Contact: Dr. Jane R. Summerson 702-794-1493.

EIS No. 20080266, Final Supplement, DOE, NV, Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste, Construction, Operation, Monitoring and Eventually Closing a Geologic Repository (DOE/EIS-0250F-S1D) at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV, Wait Period Ends: 08/11/2008, Contact: Dr. Jane R. Summerson 702-794-1493.

EIS No. 20080267, Draft Supplement, BLM, CA, Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Line Project, New Information, Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment, Construction and Operation of a New 91-mile 500

¹ One EA will be prepared for the Woods Project (FERC No. P-12540), Johnson Project, (FERC No. P-

12545), Greenfield Project (FERC No. P-12548) and A-Drop Project (FERC No. P-12549).

kilovolt (kV) Electric Transmission Line from Imperial Valley Substation (in Imperial Co. near the City of El Centro) to a New Central East Substation (in Central San Diego County) Imperial and San Diego Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: 08/25/2008, Contact: Lynda Kastoll 760-337-4400.

EIS No. 20080268, Draft Supplement, FTA, MN, Central Corridor Project, New Information on the 11 miles Light Rail Transit between downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul, Minnesota, Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, MN, Comment Period Ends: 08/25/2008, Contact: Marisol Simon 312-353-2789.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20070536, Draft EIS, AFS, 00, ~VOIDED~ National Forest System Lands in Utah Wild and Scenic River Suitability Study for 86 Eligible River Segments for Inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System, Ashley, Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-LaSal, Uinta, Wasatch-Cache National Forests in Utah and Portions of National Forests in Colorado and Wyoming, Comment Period Ends: 02/15/2008, Contact: Catherine Kahlow 435-783-4338.

This DEIS was inadvertently refilled and published in 12/28/2007 FR. The Correct DEIS #20070508 was published in 12/07/2007 FR.

EIS No. 20080106, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, Long Draw Reservoir Project, Re-Issue a Special-Use-Authorization to Water Supply and Storage to Allow the Continued Use of Long Draw Reservoir and Dam, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, Grand and Larimer Counties, CO, Comment Period Ends: 07/11/2008, Contact: Ken Tu 970-295-6623. Revision of FR Notice Published 03/28/2008: Extending Comment Period from 06/11/2008 to 07/11/2008.

Dated: July 8, 2008.

Ken Mittelholtz,

Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-8583-6]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 11, 2008 (73 FR 19833).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20080077, ERP No. D-COE-K36149-CA, San Diego Creek Watershed Special Area Management Plan/Watershed Streambed Alteration Agreement Process (SAMP/WSAA Process), Protecting and Enhancing Aquatic Resource and Permitting Reasonable Economic Development, Orange County, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about impacts to resources and requested additional information on the reasonableness of the alternatives, and why specific Nationwide Permits are proposed for revocation while others would be retained. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080135, ERP No. D-COE-E39072-TN, PROGRAMMATIC—Hydropower Rehabilitations, Dissolved Oxygen and Minimum Flow Regimes at Wolf Creek Dam, Kentucky and Center Hill and Dale Hollow Dams, Tennessee, Implementation.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality and stream flow impacts, and recommends the identification of the improvement program and schedule, monitoring protocols, and adaptive management decision-making process in the Final EIS. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080156, ERP No. D-NRC-E06026-GA, GENERIC—License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 34 to NUREG-1437, Regarding Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 1 and 2 (VEGP) near Waynesboro, GA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about tritium and requested additional information on actions to mitigate or lessen the release

of tritium to the Savannah River. Surface water withdrawal impacts and impacts to aquatic species during drought conditions are also a concern. Rating EC1.

EIS No. 20080159, ERP No. DA-NOA-A91061-00, Atlantic Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish, Fishery Management Plan, Amendment No. 10, Develop a Rebuilding Program that Allows the Butterfish Stock to Rebuild in the Shortest Amount of Time Possible, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the U.S. Atlantic Coast.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposed action. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20080180, ERP No. DC-FTA-L40205-00, South Corridor Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project, Proposal to Develop Light Rail Transit in Final Segment, Connecting Downtown Portland, OR, the City of Milwaukie and north Clackamas and Multnomah Counties, OR and Clark County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality impacts within waterbodies that are 303(d) listed for temperature, mercury, bacteria, and other criteria. The project has the potential to disturb contaminated sites and to release hazardous substances. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20080185, ERP No. DS-FSA-A65173-00, PROGRAMMATIC—Expansion of the Emergency Conservation Program, To Restore Farmland (Cropland, Hayland and Pastureland) to a Normal Productive State after a Natural Disaster.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed action. Rating LO.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20080017, ERP No. F-COE-K39098-CA, San Clemente Dam Seismic Safety Project, Increase Dam Safety to Meet Current Design Standards, Monterey County, CA.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about habitat impacts and steelhead recovery following dam removal. EPA supported the two dam removal alternatives and noted continuing concerns with all other alternatives.

EIS No. 20080141, ERP No. F-TVA-E08022-TN, Rutherford-Williamson-Davidson Power Supply Improvement Project, Proposes to Construct and Operate a New 500-kilovolt (kV) Rutherford Substation, a New 27-mile 500-kV Transmission Line and Two New 9- and 15 mile 161-kV Transmission Lines, Rutherford, Williamson, and Maury Counties, TN.



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EQB MONITOR

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: August 13, 2008

Project Title:

Project Title: Lookout Hill

Description: Lookout Hill is a four-lot single-family residential development, located between Childs (Chicks) Lake and Child Lake Road in Hudson Township, Douglas County. The residential lots range from 4 ½ to 63 acres in size. Driveway accesses to the lot will be from Childs Lake Road.

RGU: Douglas County Land & Resource Management Department

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The *EQB Monitor* is a biweekly publication of the Environmental Quality Board that lists descriptions and deadlines for Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements, and other notices. The *EQB Monitor* is posted on the Environmental Quality board home page at <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/>.

Upon request, the *EQB Monitor* will be made available in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print, or audio tape. For TTY, contact Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and ask for Department of Administration. For information on the *EQB Monitor*, contact:

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
658 Cedar St., 300 Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
Phone: 651-201-2480
Fax: 651-296-3698
<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us>

EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- Cass County Planning Commission, Pine Way project, May 27, 2008 (March 24, 2008)
- Richmond City Council, Sunrise Estates project, June 19, 2008 (April 21, 2008)

PETITION FILED

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Chisago County, Buberl Composting Facility project

FINAL AUAR ADOPTED

Project Title: EXCELSIOR CROSSINGS

The Hopkins City Council adopted the 2008 Update to the Excelsior Crossings AUAR Mitigation Plan and Response to Comments for the Excelsior Crossings Corporate Office Campus development at the City Council meeting on June 17, 2008, pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Section 4410.3610, Subpart 5.E.

Project Title: ELK RUN

The Elk Run Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan was adopted by the Pine Island City Council at the City Council meeting held on June 17, 2008.

DRAFT AUAR AVAILABLE

Project Title: Johnson Family Property AUAR

Description: The subject property consists of 505 acres of land within sections 32 and 29, Township 128N, Range 37W, within the City of Alexandria, MN. The draft review document presents 3 scenarios. Scenario One and Two reflect the owner's vision for the future property, while Scenario Three is consistent with the current

City of Alexandria Comprehensive Plan. The document includes an identification and discussion of potential impacts, including “worst case”, with respect to natural, cultural, physical, municipal infrastructure, storm water management and traffic among others. It is anticipated that a specific Mitigation Plan will be developed as a result of the review process. The final AUAR document including the Mitigation Plan will be used as a tool to guide future development within the review area.

RGU: City of Alexandria

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SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT EIS AVAILABLE

Project Title: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit System

Description: The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) project proposes construction of a light rail system between Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. Based on findings from the Alternatives Analysis/DEIS and public and agency input received, the Metropolitan Council adopted a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Central Corridor on June 28, 2006. This Supplemental DEIS focuses on changes to the LPA based on AA/DEIS comments and subsequent preliminary engineering.

Comments on the Supplemental DEIS are being accepted through **August 25, 2008**. Written comments can be addressed to the contact person listed below. Comments can also be made at public hearings held during the week of August 4, 2008. All comments received during the comment period will be considered for inclusion in the Final EIS.

Document Availability: The Supplemental DEIS, including all appendices and information on the Section 106 cultural resources inventory, is available online at

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/centralcorridor.htm>

For those wishing to review a hard copy version of the document, it is available at the following area libraries and resource centers.

Metropolitan Council Library
390 N. Robert St.
St. Paul, MN 55101

Central Corridor Project Office
540 Fairview Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Mn/DOT Library
Transportation Building

Central Corridor Resource Center
1080 University Avenue

395 John Ireland Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155	St. Paul, MN 55014
Rondo Community Library 461 N. Dale St. Paul, MN 55102	St. Paul Central Library 90 West 4 th Street St. Paul, MN 55102
St. Anthony Park Branch Library 2245 West Como Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108	Merriam Park Library 1831 Marshall Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104
Rice Street Library 1011 Rice Street St. Paul, MN 55104	Hamline-Midway Library 1558 West Minnehaha Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104
Franklin Library 1314 East Franklin Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55404	Minneapolis Central Library 300 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55401
Southeast Library 1222 4 th Street SE Minneapolis, MN 55414	

Public Hearing Information:

Public hearings will be held at the following locations at these dates and times:

- Monday, August 4, Noon (12:00 p.m.), Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Parkway N., St. Paul
An open house will precede the hearing from 11:30 a.m. to noon
- Thursday, August 7, 6:00 p.m., Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Ave. S., Minneapolis
An open house will precede the hearing from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 9, 2:00 p.m., Goodwill Easter Seals, 553 Fairview Ave. N., St. Paul
An open house will precede the hearing from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

For people with special needs, please contact community outreach coordinator Dana Dellis for reasonable accommodations. Her contact information is dana.dellis@metc.state.mn.us or 651-602-1954.

RGU: Metropolitan Council

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NOTICES

Public Meeting Notices

West Central Regional Landscape Committee Minnesota Forest Resources Council

The East Central Regional Landscape Committee of the Minnesota Forest Resources Council (MFRC) will meet on Friday, July 25, 2008, from 9:00a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in Mora, Minnesota at Freddie's.

For more information, please contact Lindberg Ekola at (320) 256-8300 or go to the calendar on the MFRC website at <http://www.frc.state.mn.us>

RECLAMATION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR LAKES DNR – DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning four lakes and up to five walleye rearing pond reclamation projects this fall. The projects involve the application of rotenone or antimycin, federal and state registered pesticides, to eliminate or reduce less desirable fish species. Following treatment ponds will be stocked with walleye fry. Endangered or threatened species are not present in any of the lakes or ponds. Project goals include improved fish habitat, expanded angling opportunities, and increased walleye fingerling production. Specifics regarding the projects are as follows:

Snowshoe Lake, Crow Wing County. This lake has been managed for stream trout since 1959 after being reclaimed for trout management in 1958. A recent unwanted yellow perch introduction has negatively impacted the brook trout fishery. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat during the fall. Lakewide target concentration is 3 ppm. Following treatment, the lake will again be stocked with brook trout. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Tim Brastrup, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN 55401

Pavelgrite Lake, Crow Wing County. This is a shallow lake immediately adjacent to Snowshoe Lake. During lake surveys in 1984 and 1987, yellow perch, golden shiner, fathead minnow, and northern redbelly dace were the only fish captured. Pavelgrite will be reclaimed at the same time as Snowshoe Lake in order to prevent reintroduction of unwanted fish species. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat during the fall. Lakewide target concentration is 3 ppm. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Tim Brastrup, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN.

Diamond Lake, Cass County. This lake has been managed for stream trout since 1967 after being reclaimed for trout management in 1966. A recent black crappie introduction has negatively impacted the rainbow trout fishery. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat during the fall. Lakewide target concentration is 3 ppm. Following treatment, the lake will again be stocked with rainbow trout. Comments or questions on this project

should be addressed to Harlan Fierstine, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 7316 State Hwy 371 NW, Walker, MN 56484.

Fulda Lake, Murray County. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat, and drip station if necessary. Lakewide target concentration is 4.0 ppm. An electric weir has been placed at the outlet to prevent carp migration into the lake. Benefits of the project will be improved water quality, re-establishment of desirable aquatic vegetation, reduction of plankton algae, and improved habitat for fish and wildlife. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Bob Davis, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 175 County Road 26, Windom, MN 56101.

Walleye rearing pond reclamations. Up to five ponds are proposed to be treated in the fall for the purpose of removing existing bullhead or other unwanted fish populations. This alteration will allow the ponds to be used for raising walleye fingerlings, which will later be stocked into local fishing lakes. Rotenone will be used with a target concentration of 3.5 ppm. Antimycin will also be used at the outlet, inlet, and marsh areas on Tomash Lake, with a target concentration of 3.0 ppb.

Lake Name	County	Township	Range	Section
Long (DOW 82-68)	Washington	32N	20W	27
Green Acres (DOW 82-100)	Washington	29N	21W	4
Unnamed (Bohrer Pond (19-003)	Dakota	27N	27W	3
Praught (DOW 86-7)	Wright	121N	23W	33
Tomash (DOW 16-345)	Cook	62N	2;3W	6;1

For general information about any of these projects, contact Mike Halverson, Fisheries Habitat and Development Consultant, Box 20, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security
Energy Facilities Permitting

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REVISED

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SCOPING MEETING

In the Matter of the Application of Wapsipinicon Wind Project, LLC for a Certificate of Need for a Large Energy Facility, a 105 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) in Mower County, Minnesota (PUC Docket Number: IP-6670/CN-08-334)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 1, 2008, Wapsipinicon Wind Project, LLC (Applicant) filed an application for a certificate of need (CN) for the Wapsipinicon North Wind project, a large (105 MW) energy facility as defined under Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2(1). Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.243 a large energy facility cannot be constructed in Minnesota unless it receives a certificate from the Commission. The rules governing the review of this project are found in Minnesota Rules Chapter 7849.

A site permit for the Wapsipinicon project (Docket No. IP6646/WS-07-839) has already been reviewed and approved. The permit for the North Wind project area is being held pending a resolution of the CN process.

An Environmental Report (ER) on the project and alternatives to it is being conducted by the Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) unit of the Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES) under Minnesota Rule 7849.7010-7110. A public information and ER scoping meeting will be held at the time and location listed below:

**Tuesday, July 22, 2008
6:00 p.m.
Elkton Community Center Building
117 Main Street
Elkton, MN 55926**

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed Project and to take public comment and suggestions on the scope of the ER that will be prepared for the CN application. The public is invited to review the application, learn about the PUC review process, and make comments and ask questions.

Project Description

The Applicant would own, construct, and operate the Project. The Project would have a nameplate capacity of up to 105 MW and consist of up to seventy 1.5 MW wind turbine generators. The towers will be 80 meters (262.5 feet) in height. The rotor diameter will be 77 meters (252.6 feet), resulting in a maximum overall height of 118.5 meters (388.8 feet) when one blade is in the vertical position.

The electrical collector system will consist of underground 34.5 kV collection lines and facilities providing step-up transformation. The Applicant is also proposing to build a 161/34.5 kV project substation which will consist generally of 2 161/34.5 transformers, and associated

switching and protection equipment as well as metering equipment and a small control house. Power from the turbines will be collected at this substation and transmitted to the Pleasant Valley Substation located in section 19 of Pleasant Valley Township via approximately 6 miles of overhead 161 kV transmission line.

Other Project associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers and access roads.

Proposed Site Location

As shown on the accompanying map, The Project will be located in central Mower County, near the town of Dexter, in portions of Grand Meadow, Pleasant Valley, Dexter and Sargeant townships, and approximately 20 miles east of Austin, Minnesota. The Applicant has designated approximately 40 square miles as the Project area. The town of Dexter is adjacent to the Project site to the Southwest. Interstate 90 is the southern border of the Project area.

PUC Review Process

An LWECs project over 50 MW must obtain a Certificate of Need from the PUC. The Applicant filed its CN Application on April 1, 2008. On May 21, 2008, the PUC accepted the CN as complete, given the Applicant's filing of supplemental materials.

The OES EFP unit is responsible for conducting public meetings and environmental review of the CN Application under Minnesota Rule 4410.7030. OES will prepare an Environmental Report prior to the public hearing for the CN and the PUC's determination of need for Wapsipinicon North Wind Project. The ER will consider issues related to the CN for the Project, such as size, type, timing, voltage and system configurations and general environmental impacts of the Project. Under state law, the CN proceeding is the only time at which the "no-build" alternative and the size, type and timing of a new electrical generating facility can be considered.

The PUC will hold a public hearing on the CN application which will be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings. Notice of the CN public hearing will be published in local newspapers and mailed to persons who register their names on the project mailing list with the OES. Persons interested in adding their names to this mailing list should contact the OES project manager or register on the webpage cited below.

Public Comment Period

Interested persons may comment on the certificate of need application and items and alternatives to be evaluated in the ER at the public meeting or may submit written or faxed (651-297-7891) comments by 4:30 p.m. on **August 4, 2008. Please include the following docket number (IP6646/WS-08-334) on any written material submitted.** Written or faxed comments should be directed to: David Birkholz, Office of Energy Security, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198.

Eminent Domain

Wapsipinicon Wind Project, LLC, an independent power producer, does not have the power of eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights necessary for this Project. Wind and land rights necessary for the Project will be limited to voluntary easements or lease agreements between Wapsipinicon Wind Project, LLC, and individual landowners.

Project Contacts and Information

OES Staff. David Birkholz has been appointed to prepare the ER for the CN process. He can be contacted at: Tel: 651-296-2878 or e-mail: david.birkholz@state.mn.us or the mailing address above.

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Public Utilities Commission. Questions about the Certificate of Need proceeding for the Wapsipinicon North Wind Project may be directed to Bret Eknes, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tel: 651-201-2236 or e-mail: bret.eknes@state.mn.us.

Wapsipinicon Wind Project, LLC. Questions about the Wapsipinicon North Wind Project CN Application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Ian Krygowski at Tel: 612-746-0770 or e-mail: iank@enxco.com.

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Copies of the Wapsipinicon North CN Application have been distributed to affected landowners, and township, county and state officials. Copies of the application are available for review at the Auditor's Offices in Mower County, the city offices in Dexter and Elkton and the clerks in the townships of: Clayton, Marshall, Dexter, Grand Meadow, Pleasant Valley and Sargeant. Record documents in the case, including the CN application, are available on the PUC Web site identified below.

Information regarding the PUC proceedings on the CN applications is available on eDockets by entering 08-334 at:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>

Other relevant files, including documents concerning the site application, are available on the OES website at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19234>

