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Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON PETITION FOR SITE PERMIT
REVOCATION**

Issued: June 6, 2014

In the Matter of the Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit Issued to Bear Creek Wind Partners, LLC

PUC Docket Number/s: IP-6629/WS-07-297

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes June 20, 2014 at 4:30pm.
Reply comment period closes June 27, 2014 at 4:30pm.

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission revoke the site permit?
- Should the Commission take some other action?

Project Background: On May 19, 2009, the Commission issued a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit to Bear Creek Wind Partners, LLC (Bear Creek). On September 28, 2011, the Commission authorized Bear Creek a two year extension to commence construction and to obtain a power purchase agreement (or other enforceable mechanism).

On November 7, 2013, the Commission issued notice to Bear Creek to submit compliance filings by November 21, 2013 or revocation proceedings would be initiated. No response was received from the Bear Creek Project developers. On November 27, 2013, the Commission issued notice of this comment period to the Service List and Project Contact List. No comments were received during the open comment period. Inadvertently, relevant governmental agencies were not included on the Project Contact List at that time and therefore were not noticed of the open comment period.

According to Minn. Rule 7854.1200 if the permittee has not commenced construction of the project within two years after issuance of the site permit, the permittee must advise the Commission of the reasons construction has not commenced. In such event, the Commission may determine whether the permit should be revoked. No revocation of a permit for failure to commence construction may be undertaken except in accordance with part [7854.1300](#), subpart 4.

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