

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON  
REQUEST FOR SITE AND ROUTE PERMIT TRANSFERS**

Issued: Monday, July 8, 2019

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

**In the Matter of the Application of Freeborn Wind Energy LLC for a Route Permit for the 161 kV Freeborn Wind Farm Transmission Line and Associated Facilities in Freeborn County**

**PUC Docket Numbers:        IP-6946/WS-17-410    (Site Permit)  
   IP-6946/TL-17-322    (Transmission Line Route Permit)**

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes **July 22, 2019 at 4:30pm**

Reply comment period closes **July 29, 2019 at 4:30pm**

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

**Topics Open for Comment:**

- Should the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) authorize a transfer of the site permit to Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation (Xcel Energy) pursuant to Minn. R. 7854.1400 and Section 14 of the Site Permit?
- Should the Commission authorize a transfer of the route permit to Xcel Energy pursuant to Minn. R. 7850.5000 and Section 11 of the Route Permit?
- Has Freeborn Wind Energy LLC (Freeborn Wind) provided the name and description of the entity to whom the permit is to be transferred, the reasons for the transfer, a description of the facilities affected, and the requested date of the transfer?
- Is there sufficient information in the record to determine that the new permittee can comply with the conditions of the permits?

**Background:** On December 19, 2018, the Commission issued a Site Permit to Freeborn Wind for the 84 megawatt Freeborn Wind Farm Project in Freeborn County, Minnesota. The site permit was amended on May 10, 2019. Also on December 10, 2018, the Commission issued a Route Permit to Freeborn Wind for a 7-mile 115 kV high voltage transmission line in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

On July 2, 2019, the Commission issued an order denying reconsideration of its May 10, 2019 Order.

On June 18, 2019, the Commission received a request to transfer both the Site and Route Permits from Freeborn Wind to Xcel Energy (See Document ID [20196-153672-01](#)).

**Comments may be submitted:**

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