

June 1, 2017

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: **Response Comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources to Dodge County Wind, LLC's Reply Comments on the Notice Plan Petition for the Application of Dodge County Wind, LLC for Certificate of Need for the 200-MW Large Wind Energy conversion System and an Associated 345-kV Transmission Line in Dodge County, Minnesota.**
Docket No. IP6981/CN-17-306

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On May 16, 2017, Dodge County Wind, LLC (Applicant or DCW) filed reply comments to the Department's May 10, 2017 comments on the Notice Plan Petition for the Application of Dodge County Wind LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 200-MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System and an associated 345-kV Transmission Line in Dodge County, Minnesota. The Applicant agreed to the Department's recommendations and responded to the Department's request that DCW fully justify its request to forgo notice publication in newspaper of general circulation throughout the state, as required by Minnesota Rules 7829.2500, subp. 5. In its reply comments, the Applicant stated that this requirement would be satisfied by publishing a notice in the *Star Tribune*.

The Department considers complete and thorough public notice to be crucial in ensuring that the public is aware of, can participate in, and affect the outcome of a CN proceeding. With respect to this case, Dodge County Wind has indicated that it would publish the notice in a newspaper of general circulation *i.e.*, *Star Tribune*. Therefore, the Department recommends the following:

- approve the Applicant's proposed Notice Plan, as modified by the Applicant's reply comments, with the clarification that the Notice Area will encompass the entire width of DCW's proposed route alternatives; and
- grant the Applicant a variance to Minnesota Rules 7829.2550, subp. 6 to allow implementation of the Notice Plan within 2 to 4 weeks prior to filing of the CN petition.

The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ BEN KAMARA
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce
Response Comments
Docket No. IP6981/CN-17-306**

Dated this **1st** day of **June 2017**

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