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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: November 27, 2013

In the Matter of the Applications of Pleasant Valley Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need and a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 301 MW Pleasant Valley Wind Project in Dodge and Mower Counties

PUC Docket Numbers: IP-6828/CN-09-937 (Certificate of Need)
IP-6828/WS-09-1197 (Site Permit)

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes December 12, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
Reply comment period closes December 19, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Topics Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission amend Pleasant Valley Wind LLC's certificate of need to specify a reduced nameplate capacity for the project?
- Should the Commission amend Pleasant Valley Wind LLC's site permit to specify a different type of wind turbine model, a different total number of turbines, and a different preliminary turbine layout?

Project Background: On October 27, 2010, the Commission issued a certificate of need and a site permit to Pleasant Valley Wind, LLC for an up to 301 megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) in Dodge and Mower counties.

On November 25, 2013, Pleasant Valley Wind petitioned the Commission to change its certificate of need and site permit as follows:

- Amend the certificate of need to specify a reduced nameplate capacity of 200 MW for the project.
- Amend the site permit to specify a different type of turbine, a different total number of turbines, and a different preliminary turbine layout.

According to the petition, the requested changes are a result of a purchase and sale agreement with Xcel Energy for 200 MW of power rather than the up to 301 MW identified in the certificate of need and site permit.

Submit Public Comments: Email to PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us. Persons without email access may send by U.S. mail to: Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101-2147. Please include the PUC Docket Numbers (*09-937 or 09-1197*) in all communications.

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