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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

In the Matter of the Certificate of Need Application for the Nobles 2 Wind Project

PUC Docket Number: IP6964/CN-16-289

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff has completed an Environmental Report (ER) for the proposed project. The ER analyzes the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives to the project.

The ER, and all material constituting the official record for the certificate of need, can be found on the eDockets system at: <https://www.eDockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>; search on the year "16" and number "289."

Electronic versions of the ER and selected other documents relevant to this matter are available for viewing on the Department's energy facility permitting website:

<https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/resource.html?id=34736>

Project Description. On October 13, 2017, Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC (Nobles 2) submitted applications to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to construct and operate a large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) in Nobles County. In order to construct the Nobles 2 Wind Project, the applicant must be granted a certificate of need and a site permit from the Commission.

The proposed project would entail construction of between 65 to 82 wind turbines for a combined nameplate capacity of up to 260 megawatts (MW) in Bloom, Larkin, Leota, Lismore, Summit Lake, and Wilmont townships in Nobles County. Facilities associated with the project include underground electrical collection and communication lines, a project substation and interconnection switchyard, an operations and maintenance building, and permanent meteorological towers and gravel access roads.

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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
Notice of Availability of Environmental Report**

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Dated this 31st day of May 2018

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