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Dan Wolf  
Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
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St. Paul, MN 55101

Dockets 17-410 and 17-322

**Is there sufficient information in the record to determine that the new permittee can comply with the conditions of the permits?**

I am a daycare provider of over 20 years, in the footprint of the Freeborn Wind Farm Project. I have followed this project for over 2 years, attended the contested case and voiced concerns via e-mail and on the dockets.

In June 2017 I met with the project manager in my home, and at that time heard I would have shadow flicker and noise near the Minnesota noise standard.

Also at that time I found out the turbines would be as close as 1,600 feet, and would be putting in 2 V116 Vestas near my home/daycare.

I closed daycare to attend the contested case. The Administrative Law Judge recommended to deny the permit due to inability to prove they would be under the Minnesota noise standard. Her recommendation was ignored and the permit approved despite this. After all this, a private deal was made with Freeborn Wind, despite AFCL, a party to this, not being involved.

Now I have learned the turbines next to me are planned to be even larger, a 120 model. I have concerns with the noise of the project. First, I and others are close to or over on shadow flicker and noise. Then numbers got switched up to allow more noise. Now turbines are planned that are even larger, causing more noise and flicker. Also they are still lacking all the land needed.

I have been in contact different times with Xcel. I have shared my concerns to no avail. I had asked them to take out turbines numbers #20 and #21. The answer was no. I asked for an analysis for effects to my business. Again the answer no.

I thank you for your time,

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----- Original message -----

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Date: 7/9/19 3:16 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: [sue\\_madson@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_madson@hotmail.com)

Subject: RE: Freeborn Wind Farm

Hi Sue

Thanks for the email. You are correct that Xcel Energy is now the owner of the Freeborn Wind Project. We look forward to working with you and becoming part of the local community.

As the new project owner, we hope to increase the project's energy output and efficiency by upgrading turbines to the Vesta V120 model. Both turbines 20 and 21 are proposed to be upgraded to the new V120 model. The V120 blade will have an increased length of 2 meters when compared to the previously approved V116 turbine. The project will maintain noise and shadow flicker levels required under the existing Site Permit approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC).

Xcel Energy will make an application to the MPUC requesting a Site Permit Amendment to accommodate the proposed turbine technology change. The MPUC will make the final determination on utilization of the more efficient turbines.

We also plan to hold a construction open house to provide more information to landowners about the purposed turbine technology change, the construction process and the project in general. I don't yet have details for date and location of the open house, but I will be sure to extend you an invite when it has been determined. In the meantime, please feel free to let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best, Trisha

**Trisha A. Duncan**

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