

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Katie Sieben
Dan Lipschultz
Matthew Schuerger
John Tuma
Valerie Means

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Commissioner
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In the Matter of the Application of Dodge County Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Dodge County Wind Project and Associated Facilities in Dodge, Steele, and Olmsted Counties, Minnesota

MPUC Docket No.
IP-6981/CN-17-306

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OAH Docket No. 5-2500-35668

DODGE COUNTY WIND, LLC'S
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FOR A ROUTE PERMIT

Dodge County Wind, LLC (“DCW”) respectfully requests to withdraw its route permit application for the 345 kilovolt high-voltage transmission line associated with the Dodge County Wind Project (“Project”), and requests that the Executive Secretary approve this withdrawal pursuant to his delegated authority under Minn. R. 7829.0430.

On August 9, 2019, DCW withdrew its MISO interconnection queue position no. J441, because of the significant interconnection costs associated with that position. Accordingly, DCW does not plan to build the transmission line as proposed in the route permit application at this time, and will be reevaluating the interconnection options for the Project. DCW will make any necessary filings or route permit applications related to the Project's interconnection with the Commission at a future date following identification of a revised interconnection plan for the Project.

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.0430, subp. 1, the Commission has delegated to the Executive Secretary the authority to approve the withdrawal of a filing if the following conditions are met:

- A. the party that submitted the filing has requested that the filing be withdrawn and has served notice on the persons listed on the official service list;
- B. no person has expressed opposition to the withdrawal of the filing within 14 days of service of the notice; and
- C. no commissioner or commission staff person has identified a reason that the matter should not be withdrawn.

Through this filing, DCW is serving notice of its request to withdraw the route permit application on all persons listed on the official service list. Approval of the withdrawal by the Executive Secretary is warranted if no opposition is noted within the next fourteen days, and if no commissioner or commission staff has identified a reason that the matter should not be withdrawn. Accordingly, DCW respectfully requests that the Executive Secretary approve this request to withdraw DCW's application for a route permit if the required conditions are met.

DCW has also conferred with the Department of Commerce and Commission staff, and will proceed with the site permit and certificate of need applications. Therefore, concurrent with this filing, DCW is filing with the Administrative Law Judge a motion to suspend the schedule

for the site permit and certificate of need applications to allow the parties time to develop a revised schedule for the proceedings and to allow DCW to make any necessary filings related to those applications.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of **Dodge County Wind, LLC’s Request to Withdraw Application for a Route Permit** has been served today by e-mail and/or U.S. Mail to the following:

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