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Question 1. Should the Commission authorize a transfer of the site permit to Northern States Power Company (Xcel Energy) pursuant to Minn R 7854.1400 and section 14 of the site permit?

Ans: No, The project permit application process and review should be restarted from the beginning.

Question 2. Why is this necessary?

Ans: The proposed new owner should establish need for the project and the new owner's financials and other attributes should be subject to review by the parties. The new owner should evaluate sites in its own service territory and not inflict the projects negative environmental and health attributes on adjacent neighboring residents with no need for the project. Building the project in Xcel's service territory would eliminate the appearance of power production colonialism.

Question 3. Should the Commission authorize a transfer of the route permit to Xcel Energy pursuant to Minn R.7850.5000 and Section 11 of the route permit?

Ans: No, for the same reasons as stated in answers 1 and 2.

Question 4. Has Freeborn Wind Energy LLC (Freeborn Wind) provided the name and description of the entity to whom the permit is transferred, the reasons for the transfer, a description of the facilities affected and the requested date of the transfer?

Ans: No opinion. There should be a complete and thorough review of the need for these facilities by the entity to which the facilities are being transferred and the economic impact on its customers. Furthermore, the proposed transfer presents a new set of facts relative to this project and the current parties and potentially new parties who may be negatively impacted should have an opportunity to participate.

Question 5. Is there sufficient information in the record to determine that the new permittee can comply with the conditions of the permits?

Ans: The new entity to whom the permits are being transferred brings new fact issues and current parties and also potential new parties should have the opportunity to question and review all aspects of this proposed project.

Thank you for your consideration.

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