

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: *October 26, 2017*

### In the Matter of the Application of Nobles 2 Power Partners, LLC for a Certificate of Need for an up to 260-MW Nobles 2 Wind Farm in Nobles County

**PUC Docket Number(s):** IP6964/CN-16-289

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes **November 16, 2017** at 4:30pm  
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#### **Topic(s) Open for Comment:**

- Does the Application contain the information required under Minnesota Rules 7849.0240, 7849.0250, and 7849.0700 to 7849.0340, as modified by the Commission's May 25, 2016 Order?
- Should the Commission find the Application complete?
- What procedural treatment should the Commission direct for review of the application?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

**Background:** On April 5, 2016, Nobles 2 Power Partners LLC, a subsidiary of Tenaska Wind Holdings, II, LLC, an affiliate of Tenaska, Inc. (applicant) submitted a Request for Exemption from Certain Certificate of Need Application Content Requirements. On May 25, 2016, the Commission issued an order granting the request.

On October 13, 2017, the applicant filed an application for a certificate of need with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for an up to 260 megawatt (MW) wind project in Nobles County. The applicant filed an application with the Commission for a site permit for the project as Commission Docket IP6964/WS-17-597 on the same date.

The Project falls under the definition of a "large energy facility" in Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2(1) because it has a combined capacity of 50,000 kilowatts or more. Under Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, Subd. 2, no large energy facility can be sited or constructed without the issuance of a certificate of need (CN) by the Commission. The operative rules for this application are found in Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7849.

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