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## STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON THE BEAR CREEK SITE PERMIT REVOCATION

*Issued: November 27, 2013*

**In the Matter of** the Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit of Bear Creek Wind Partners, LLC in Todd and Otter Tail Counties

**PUC Docket Number:**        **IP-6629/WS-07-297**

**Comment Period:**    Initial comment period closes December 13, 2013 at 4:30pm.  
                                 Reply comment period closes December 20, 2013 at 4:30pm.

**Topic/s Open for Comment:**

- Should the Commission revoke the Bear Creek Wind Project's Site Permit?
- Should the Commission take some other action?

**Project Background:** On May 19, 2009, the Commission issued a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) Site Permit to Bear Creek Power Partners, LLC (Bear Creek).

On September 28, 2011, the Commission granted Bear Creek a two year extension to commence construction and to obtain a power purchase agreement (or other enforceable mechanism).

On November 7, 2013, the Commission issued notice to Bear Creek to submit compliance filings by November 21, 2013 or revocation proceedings would be initiated. No response was received from the Bear Creek Project developers.

The Commission may revoke an LWECS site permit at any time if the Commission determines that any of the following has occurred:

- A. the applicant knowingly made a false statement in the application or in accompanying statements or studies required of the applicant, if a true statement would have warranted a change in the Commission's findings;
- B. the applicant has failed to comply with a material condition or term of the permit;
- C. the permitted LWECS endangers human health or the environment and the danger cannot be resolved by modification of the permit or LWECS; or
- D. the permittee has violated other laws that reflect an inability of the permittee to comply with the permit.

**Submit Public Comments:** E-mail to [PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us](mailto:PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us).

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