

May 21, 2021

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OAH 60-2500-37376

MPUC Docket No. IP-7013/CN-19-408

Docket No. IP-7013/WS-19-619

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Docket No. IP-7014/CN-19-486

Docket No. IP-7014/GS-19-620

To All Persons on the Attached Service List:

Enclosed and served upon you is the Administrative Law Judge's **SCHEDULING ORDER** in the above-entitled matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 361-7874, michelle.severson@state.mn.us, or via facsimile at (651) 539-0310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Severson". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Michelle" and last name "Severson" clearly legible.

MICHELLE SEVERSON
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Enclosure

cc: Docket Coordinator

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Michelle Severson certifies that on May 21, 2021, she served the true and correct
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This matter came before Administrative Law Judge James E. LaFave for a prehearing conference on April 12, 2021.

Christina Brusven and Halley Waller-Pitts, Fredrickson & Byron, appeared on behalf of Big Bend Wind, LLC, and Red Rock Solar, LLC.

Valerie T. Herring, Taft, Stettinius, & Hollister, LLP, appeared on behalf of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Richard Dornfeld, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis Unit (DOC EERA).

Peter J. Rademacher, Hogan Adams, PLLC, appeared on behalf of the Lower Sioux Community in the State of Minnesota.

Leif Rasmussen, General Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Upper Sioux Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

Cezar Panait and Charley Bruce appeared on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission staff.

Based upon the submission of the parties and the hearing record,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The following schedule is adopted in these proceedings:

Procedural Schedule

Date		Milestone
May 5, 2021		Applicant Comments on Suggested Alternate Routes
May 21, 2021		Proposed EA Scope and Preliminary Draft Site Permit Submitted
June 3, 2021		Commission Considers EA Scope and Preliminary Draft Site Permit
June 23, 2021		EA Scope and Draft Site Permit Order Issued
July 30, 2021		Intervention Deadline
October 1, 2021		Applicant's Direct Testimony Filed
October 29, 2021		EA and Notice of Public Comment Period Issued

Date		Milestone
November 10, 2021		Intervenor Direct Testimony Filed
November 30, 2021		Rebuttal Testimony Filed
December 7, 2021		Surrebuttal Testimony Filed
December 13, 2021		Joint Public Hearings
December 15, 16, 17, 2021		Evidentiary Hearing
December 24, 2021		Public/Contested Case Comment Period Closes
January 7, 2022		All Parties File Initial Briefs and Applicant files Proposed Findings
January 21, 2022		All Parties File Reply Briefs and Revised Findings Submitted by Intervening Parties
March 7, 2022		Administrative Law Judge Report
March 22, 2022		Exceptions to Administrative Law Judge Report
		Commission Decision

Dated: May 21, 2021


 JAMES E. LAFAVE
 Administrative Law Judge