

*Issued: March 8, 2018*

## **Notice of Environmental Assessment Scoping Decision**

In the Matter of the Application of  
Freeborn Wind Energy LLC for a Route Permit for the  
Freeborn Wind Transmission Line in  
Freeborn County, Minnesota

***eDockets No. IP-6946 / TL-17-322***

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Commerce) issued the *Scoping Decision* for the environmental assessment (EA) to be prepared for the proposed Freeborn Wind Transmission Line Project in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff will prepare the EA, which will address the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project. The *Scoping Decision* identifies the issues and route alternatives that will be studied in the EA, as well as those issues and alternative routes that will not be addressed.

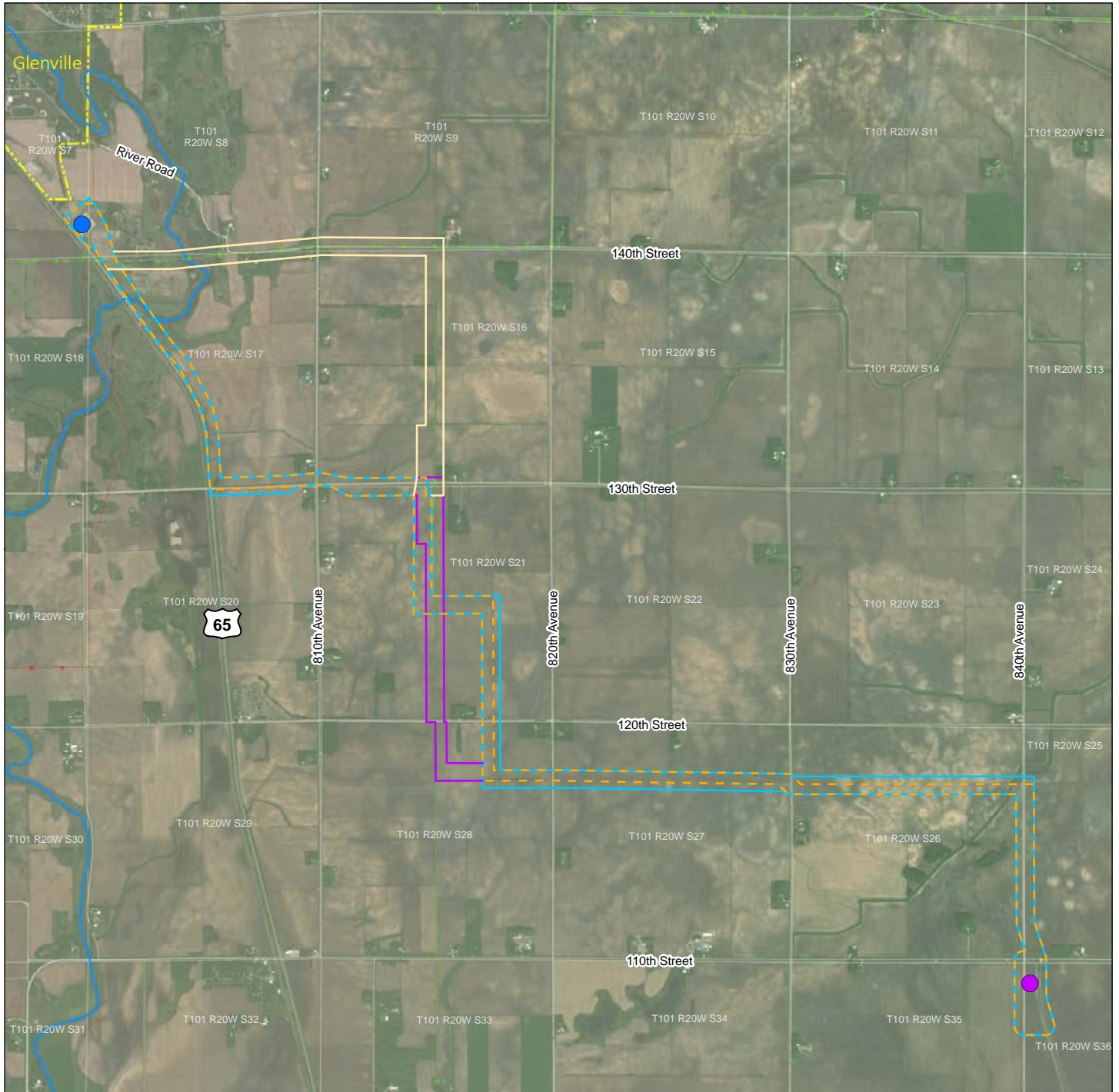
The *Scoping Decision* and other relevant documents are available on the State of Minnesota eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year “17” and the number “322”) or the EERA website: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?id=34748>.

The EA is scheduled to be completed in May 2018. A public hearing will be held in the vicinity of the project area after completion of the EA.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the EERA Environmental Review Manager Andrew Levi (651-539-1840 or [andrew.levi@state.mn.us](mailto:andrew.levi@state.mn.us)) or the Commission Public Advisor Charley Bruce (651-201-2251 or [publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us)).

To place your name on the project mailing list contact [docketing.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:docketing.puc@state.mn.us) or 651-201-2204 and provide the docket number (17-322), your name, email address, and mailing address. Please indicate how you would like to receive notices—by email or U.S. mail.

This notice and the *Scoping Decision* can be made available in alternative formats, that is, large print or audio, by calling 651-539-1530 (voice).



TEAL Route	Proposed Wind Farm Substation
ORANGE Route	Glenworth Substation
GOLD Route Segment	Existing 161 kV Transmission Line
PURPLE Route Segment	Existing 69 kV Transmission Line
	Shell Rock River State Water Trail

1 inch = 3,333 feet

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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sharon Ferguson, hereby certify that I have this day, served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, certified mail, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Department of Commerce  
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**Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018**

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