## MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## **Revised** Decision Options

- A. Should the Commission issue a preliminary draft site permit for the Three Waters Wind Project?
  - Issue the draft site permit proposed by the Department of Commerce, including the minor editorial changes proposed by staff (for example on the cover page and in sections: 2 Project Description, Section 2.2 Project Location, Section 3 Designated Site, and the site maps attached to the permit) to account for the project design changes as per revised information provided in the Applicant's June 3, 2020 direct testimony and the letter with recommendations filed by EERA on June 8, 2020.
  - 2. Deny the issuance of a draft site permit for the Three Water Wind Project.
  - 3. Take some action deemed more appropriate.
  - 4. Authorize Commission staff to modify the draft site permit to correct typographic and formatting errors, improve consistency, and ensure agreement with the Commission's final order in the matter.

## B. <u>Should the Commission require additional information regarding the recently</u> <u>announced changes to the project?</u>

- <u>Require the applicant to file a stand-alone amendment to the site permit application</u> that provides clarity with respect to the changes made to the project. Applicant shall serve the filing on other appropriate state agencies, local governments and be made available to the public to allow for further record development and to complete the associated environmental review of the proposed project. The amendment should describe in detail the proposed revisions to the project, and shall address all components of the site permit application that are affected by the proposed changes.</u>
- <u>Require the applicant to file updated maps with its amendment filing that detail and clarify the locations of the turbines, wind right setbacks, property only boundaries and sensitive receptors (including residences & cemeteries). Applicant shall work with EERA in the development of the appropriate detailed maps that provide the detail necessary
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to fully evaluate the human and environmental impacts of the proposed project. When all of the necessary information and appropriate maps have been filed, EERA shall submit a letter with the Commission indicating its agreement that the materials have been made a part of the record. These materials must be provided to affected landowners, the project contact list, and the public generally for a minimum of 21 days before the public hearing(s) on the project is held.

3. <u>Take some other action deemed appropriate.</u>

Staff Recommendation: A1, A4, B1, and B2.