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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF THE POWER PLANT SITING AND TRANSMISSION LINE  
ROUTING PROGRAM ANNUAL HEARING**

*Issued: December 4, 2012*

**Notice is Hereby Given** that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold the annual public hearing on the Power Plant Siting and Transmission Line Routing Program on:

**Friday, December 21, 2012  
1:00 PM at the Public Utilities Commission – Large Hearing Room  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101**

The annual hearing is required by Minnesota Statute § 216E.07, which provides that:

*The commission shall hold an annual public hearing at a time and place prescribed by rule in order to afford interested persons an opportunity to be heard regarding any matters relating to the siting of large electric generating power plants and routing of high-voltage transmission lines. At the meeting, the commission shall advise the public of the permits issued by the commission in the past year....*

The Agenda for the Hearing is available below and on the Commission's website at [www.puc.state.mn.us](http://www.puc.state.mn.us). Administrative Law Judge Ann O'Reilly will preside. The Judge will take oral or written statements from any person at the Annual Hearing. In addition, written comments may be submitted until **4:30 PM on Friday, February 1, 2013**. Please refer to Commission Docket No. E-999/M-12-360 and OAH Docket No. 65-2500-30183 in the subject line of all correspondence.

Comments should be submitted directly to Judge O'Reilly at:

**The Honorable Ann O'Reilly  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
PO Box 64620  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620  
Email: [routecomments.oah@state.mn.us](mailto:routecomments.oah@state.mn.us) or Fax: 651-361-7936**

At the close of the comment period, Judge O'Reilly will provide the Commission with a written summary of the hearing testimony and the written comments received during the comment period.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Commission staff at (651) 296-0406, Option 1 or via email at [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us).

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Please be advised any comments made in this proceeding will not be part of the record in any other Commission docket. Accordingly, comments on a specific project currently under review should be submitted during the comment period for that specific docket.

The Commission hearing rooms have wheelchair access. If other reasonable accommodations are needed to enable you to fully participate in a Commission meeting (i.e., sign language or large print materials), please call 651-296-0406 (voice) or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the meeting. Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call us through Minnesota Relay at 1-800-627-3529 or by dialing 711.

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**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
Annual Public Hearing on Power Plant Siting Act Program**

**1:00PM, Friday, December 21, 2012**

121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350

St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor LARGE HEARING ROOM

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MEETING AGENDA

- I. Introductions
- II. Overview of Programs
  - A. Public Utilities Commission – Facilities Permitting Unit
  - B. Department of Commerce – Energy Facilities Permitting Unit
  - C. Role of Other State Agencies
- III. Projects Reviewed
  - A. Projects Completed in 2012
  - B. Pending and Anticipated Projects
  - C. Electric Facilities Subject to Power Plant Siting Act
    - 1. Generating Plants
    - 2. Transmission Lines
- IV. Public Questions and Testimony
- V. Adjourn