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EQB MONITOR

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS

EAW Comment Deadline: October 7, 2009

Project Title: U.S. Highway 10 Reconstruction and Preliminary Design, City of Anoka, Anoka County.

Description:
The project involves the conservation of Trunk Highway 10 from an expressway to a freeway between western Anoka city limit to the west side of the W. Main Street interchange. As of this time, project funding has not been identified. Right of way acquisition, construction and other project implementation activities will occur as funds become available.

Copies of the EA/EAW, which documents the purpose and need of the project, along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, are available for public review beginning September 7th, 2009, at the following locations:

- Mn/DOT Metro District Offices, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville, MN
- Anoka County Highway Department, 1440 Bunker Lake Boulevard, Andover, MN
- Rum River Library, 4201 6th Avenue, Anoka, MN
- Anoka City Hall, 2015 First Avenue North, Anoka, MN

To afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the EA/EAW, a public hearing/open house meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2009 from 6 to 8 PM at Anoka City Hall, 2015 1st Avenue North, Anoka, MN. Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting, should contact Mn/DOT Project Manager or the Minnesota Relay Service at the telephone numbers listed below.

The *EQB Monitor* is a biweekly publication of the Environmental Quality Board that lists descriptions and deadlines for Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements, and other notices. The *EQB Monitor* is posted on the Environmental Quality board home page at http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/.

Upon request, the *EQB Monitor* will be made available in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print, or audio tape. For TTY, contact Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and ask for Department of Administration. For information on the *EQB Monitor*, contact:
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board
658 Cedar St., 300 Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155-1388
Phone: 651-201-2480
Fax: 651-296-3698
http://www.eqb.state.mn.us

The EA/EAW can be made available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling Mark Lindeberg, Project Manager, at 651-234-7722 or to individuals who are hearing or speech impaired by calling the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 or 651-296-9930 TTY.

Copies of the EA/EAW are being distributed to agencies on the current MEQB list and others. The comment period will begin on September 7, 2009. Comments will be accepted through October 9, 2009.

Project Proposer: City of Anoka

RGU: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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EIS NEED DECISIONS

The responsible governmental unit has determined the following projects do not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- City of Tower, The Harbor at Tower Project, August 24, 2009 (November 3, 2008)
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, UPM Blandin ATV/OHM Trail Project, August 25, 2009 (May 18, 2009)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Strobel Farms – Jungbloet Site & Buecksler Site, August 31, 2009 (June 29, 2009)

SCOPING DECISION DOCUMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Project Title: Zavoral Mine and Restoration Project

Description: The City of Scandia, Minnesota intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project. The proposed project includes operation of a gravel mine and

processing operation on a dormant, un-reclaimed gravel mine site. The site was mined by multiple operators before it was taken out of production in the 1980's. The previous mining activity was not subject to environmental review. The 114-acre site is located along St. Croix Trail North (State TH 96) near its intersection with State TH 97. A portion of the site is located in the St. Croix River District Zone. The application proposes reclamation activities within the Riverway Zone, and mining and processing activities near the Riverway Zone.

On April 21, 2009, the Scandia City Council approved the Final Scoping Decision Document (SDD) for the Zavoral Mine and Reclamation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This decision followed the review of the EAW for the proposed project, and the City's declaration of a positive need for an EIS for the project on March 3, 2009. The City prepared the Draft Scoping Decision Document (Draft SDD), and a notice was published in the March 23, 2009 issue of the EQB *Monitor* informing the public of the availability of and public comment period for the Draft SDD under the environmental rules established by the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB). The City received comments on the Draft SDD at a public meeting held on April 7, 2009.

In addition to describing the project purpose, the Final SDD identifies four project alternatives that will be evaluated in the EIS. (1) The Build Alternative will evaluate Tiller Corporation's proposed operation of aggregate mining, processing and reclamation activities on the site. (2) The No-Build Alternative will evaluate the potential impacts and outcomes if the existing land uses on the Zavoral site were to continue. (3) Alternative #3 will evaluate the impacts of proposed Washing activities on the site, particularly the potential impacts to groundwater and groundwater-dependent resources on the site. (4) Alternative #4 will evaluate the impacts of processing activities at the site and review options for scheduling these activities to avoid times of impacts to recreational use and resources in the area of project impact.

The Final SDD also describes the subjects that will be evaluated in the EIS and the degree to which they will be addressed. It also identifies those subjects that were adequately addressed in the EAW and will not require additional evaluation in the EIS. Key issues that will be evaluated in the EIS include the reclamation plan, potential economic impacts, impacts to fish wildlife and ecologically-sensitive resources, impacts to surface and groundwater resources, potential impacts of traffic and air emissions, odors, noise and dust, visual impacts, and cumulative impacts.

As a result of public comments, some amendments were made to the Draft SDD prior to publication of the Final SDD. The Final SDD and all other documents relating to the EAW and EIS Scoping Process are available on the City's website at: http://www.ci.Scandia.mn.us.

RGU: City of Scandia

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF FAA APPROVAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of New Ulm has completed a State Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal to extend Runway 15/33, relocate and extend the crosswind runway, and associated improvements at the New Ulm Municipal Airport in New Ulm, MN.

The proposed project includes:

- Extending Runway 15/33 and parallel taxiway approximately 1000 feet to an overall length of 5,400 feet
- Decommissioning, relocating, and extending existing crosswind runway 4/22 to a 9/27 orientation from 2,477 feet to an overall length of 3,000 feet
- Installing Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Sequenced Flashing Lights
- Acquiring 90.7 acres in fee simple and 63.2 acres in aviation easements

The EIS responds to timely substantive comments on the Draft EIS, which was made available for public review and comment from April 6, 2009 to May 24, 2009. The EIS document was prepared to also meet Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) requirements.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has announced an approved Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the above airport improvements. The FONSI indicates the project is consistent with existing environmental policies and objectives as set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

In accordance with current Council on Environmental Quality, copies of the FONSI and supporting documentation (the Final Federal EA and State EIS) will be available for review at the following locations during regular business hours through September 23, 2009: Federal Aviation Administration, Airports District Office, 6020 28th Ave S, Room 102, Minneapolis, MN; Minnesota Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics, 222 E. Plato Blvd, St. Paul, MN; City Engineering at City of New Ulm, 100 North Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073; and the New Ulm Public Library, 17 N Broadway St, New Ulm, MN.

Comments on the Final EIS will be accepted by the City through September 23, 2009. Following the close of the Final EIS comment period, the City of New Ulm, as the Responsible Government Unit, will then make a determination of the adequacy of the EIS.

Contact Person:
Ms. Kandice Krull, Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration
Airports District Office
6020 28th Avenue South, Rm 102
Minneapolis, MN 55450-2706

EIS ADEQUACY DECISION

Project Title: Central Corridor Light Rail Transit System

Description: As the Responsible Governmental Unit for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit project, the Metropolitan Council has determined that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared for the proposed project is adequate under Minnesota law.

As described in Minnesota Rules 4410.2800, subpart 4, an FEIS shall be determined adequate if it:

A. Addresses the potentially significant issues and alternatives raised in scoping so that all significant issues for which information can be reasonably obtained have been analyzed in conformance with part 4410.2300, items G and H;
B. Provides responses to the substantive comments received during the Draft EIS review concerning issues in scoping; and
C. Was prepared in compliance with the procedures of the act and part 4410.0200 to 4410.6500.

All conditions specified above have been satisfied. Copies of the Adequacy Determination are being distributed pursuant to Minnesota Rules 4410.2800 Subp. 6.

U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center Parking Lot #43 and Road Upgrade VAMC, Minneapolis, Minnesota

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the preparation and availability of a document titled "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) for the proposed construction associated with the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Parking Lot #43 and Road Upgrade Project at the VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The FONSI has been prepared as a result of an Environmental Assessment accomplished in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 1508.13.

For further information and /or a copy of the FONSI or Environmental Assessment, please contact the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Mr. Allyn Mogil, Engineering Technician; Engineering Service (138); One Veterans Drive, BR-145; Minneapolis, MN 55417; 612-467-2650.

NOTICES

Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Notification of Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

File Number	Company	Crop	Project	County
09-NO-081	Syngenta	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Goodhue
09-NO-082	Syngenta	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Goodhue
09-NO-083	Syngenta	Corn	Insect Resistance	Goodhue
09-NO-084	Syngenta	Corn	Insect Resistance	Goodhue
09-NO-085	Syngenta	Corn	Herbicide Tolerance	Goodhue

For more information contact Mary Hanks, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert St N., St.Paul, MN 55155, 651/201-6277, mary.hanks@state.mn.us .

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Public Information Meeting on Environmental Review Process

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) was charged in the 2009 legislative session with preparing an Environmental Review Streamlining Report to the Legislature.

From H.F. 2123
Sec. 65. **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STREAMLINING REPORT.**
By February 15, 2010, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, in consultation with staff from the Environmental Quality Board, shall submit a report to the environment and natural resources policy and finance committees of the house and senate on options to streamline the environmental review process under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116D. In preparing the report, the commissioner shall consult with state agencies, local government units, and business, agriculture, and environmental advocacy organizations with an interest in the environmental review process. The report shall include options that will reduce the time required to complete environmental review and the cost of the process to responsible governmental units and project proposers while maintaining or improving air, land, and water quality standards.

As part of preparing this report, the MPCA will hold a Public Information Meeting to share data and solicit ideas for streamlining the environmental review process while also maintaining or improving environmental quality. The meeting will take place on September 29, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the MPCA's central office, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul.

This meeting is an opportunity to share information that the MPCA and other state agencies have gathered in order to prepare this report. Participants may also present and discuss their own ideas that would streamline the environmental review process while also maintaining or improving environmental quality. The purpose of the meeting is to share information and ideas. The meeting is not for the purpose of taking public testimony, i.e.

there will not be written or recorded documentation of the discussion. Participants are encouraged to submit their ideas in writing. Only written submissions will be included in the report. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or until October 14, 2009. All written comments received will be included, at a minimum, in an appendix to the report. Attendance at the meeting is not a prerequisite to submit comments. Anyone wishing to submit ideas in writing is encouraged to do so by October 14, 2009.

The preliminary agenda for the meeting is:

1. Introductions – purpose of the meeting
2. History of changes to Environmental Review programs and streamlining procedures already implemented
3. Suggestions from past studies and workgroups
4. Identified delays in the process
5. Data on environmental review for the last two fiscal years
6. Opportunity for informal discussion
7. Adjourn

The MPCA is requesting people interested in attending this meeting to call or email Susan Heffron, 651-757-2417 susan.heffron@state.mn.us, Craig Affeldt, 651-757-2181 craig.affeldt@state.mn.us, or Joe Henderson, 651-757-2424 joe.henderson@state.mn.us. Materials may be sent out to respondents ahead of time. Other questions about this meeting, please also contact Susan Heffron, Craig Affeldt, or Joe Henderson.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

RECLAMATION PROJECTS PLANNED FOR LAKES - DNR DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is planning two lakes and up to five walleye rearing pond reclamation projects this fall. The projects involve the application of rotenone or antimycin, federal and state registered pesticides, to eliminate or reduce less desirable fish species. Following treatment ponds will be stocked with walleye fry. Endangered or threatened species are not present in any of the lakes or ponds. Project goals include improved fish habitat, expanded angling opportunities, and increased walleye fingerling production. Specifics regarding the projects are as follows:

Snowshoe Lake, Cass County. This lake has been managed for stream trout since 1959 after being reclaimed for trout management in 1958. A recent unwanted yellow perch introduction has negatively impacted the brook trout fishery. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat during the fall. Lakewide target concentration is 3 ppm. Following treatment, the lake will again be stocked with brook trout. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Tim Brastrup, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN 55401

Pavelgrite Lake, Cass County. This is a shallow lake immediately adjacent to Snowshoe Lake. During lake surveys in 1984 and 1987, yellow perch, golden shiner, fathead minnow, and northern redbelly dace were the only fish captured. Pavelgrite will be reclaimed at the same time as Snowshoe Lake in order to prevent reintroduction of unwanted fish species. Rotenone distribution will be done by boat during the fall. Lakewide target concentration is 3 ppm. Comments or questions on this project should be addressed to Tim Brastrup, Area Fisheries Supervisor, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN

Walleye rearing pond reclamations. Up to four ponds are proposed to be treated in the fall for the purpose of removing existing bullhead or other unwanted fish populations. This alteration will allow the ponds to be used for raising walleye fingerlings, which will later be stocked into local fishing lakes. Rotenone will be used with a target concentration of 3.5 ppm.

Lake Name	County	Township	Range	Section
Long (DOW 82-68)	Washington	32N	20W	27
Jellums Pond (DOW 82-52-02)	Washington	32N	20W	34
Carey Pond (DOW 17-0049)	Cottonwood	106N	38W	24,25
Fish (DOW 82-64)	Washington	32N	20W	28

For general information about any of these projects, contact John Hiebert, Warmwater Habitat Consultant, Box 20, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security

NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT
AND
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

In the Matter of the Sparks Energy, LLC, and Medin Renewable Energy, LLC, Application for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the Greenvale Wind Farm in Dakota County

LWECS Site Permit Application
PUC Docket Numbers: IP 6819, 6829/WS-09-722

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Office of Energy Security Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) staff will hold a public information on the application by Sparks Energy, LLC, and Medin Renewable Energy, LLC, (Applicants) to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a Site Permit for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) of approximately 11 megawatts (MW) to be located in Dakota County (Project).

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Tuesday, September 22, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
at
Greenvale Town Hall
31800 Guam Avenue
Northfield, MN
Preceded by an open house from 6:30 to 7:00 pm hosted by the Applicant

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The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information about the proposed Project and to take public comment and input on the Sparks Energy and Medin Renewable Energy site permit application and the draft site permit issued by the Commission. EFP staff will provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the draft site permit. Representatives from the Applicants will be present to answer questions about the Project.

Prior to the public information meeting, the Applicant will host an open house beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the same location.

Project Description

The Project would consist of up to 11 turbines, along with associated turbine access roads and underground electric collector lines. The Applicants propose to use an existing barn to house an operations and maintenance facility for the Project. Each turbine would be approximately 230 feet high (70 meters) and generate approximately 1 megawatt (MW)

The Project will not interconnect to the transmission system, but will, instead, be connected to the Dakota Electric distribution system through an underground 12.5 kV feeder line.

The Applicant anticipates that the Project will ultimately require between 10 and 15 acres for all the facilities. The Applicant expects to begin construction on the Project in late 2009 or early 2010 and to place it in operation in early 2010.

Project Review Process

Sparks Energy and Medin Renewable Energy filed an LWECS Site Permit Application with the Commission on July 6, 2009. The Commission accepted this application on August 4, 2009, and approved the issuance of a draft Site Permit on August 25, 2009. The application and draft site permit are available from the web site and contacts listed below. Landowners and governments within the site boundary have received an application directly from the Applicant.

The EFP staff is responsible for the public participation process for the Site Permit Application, and is now initiating the public participation process under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F) and the Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules Chapter 7836). Upon completion of the public participation process, the EFP staff will present the record of this matter to the Commission for a final permit decision.

Public Comments
Interested persons may comment orally at the public meeting on the application and the draft site permit and on the Project generally. In addition, written comments may also be submitted to the Office of Energy Security by the close of business **(4:30 p.m.) on October 7, 2009**. Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax, email, or directly on line at the PUC website maintained for this project (see below). Please include the project docket number (**IP 6819, 6820/WS-09-722**) on all written comments. All comments should be directed to Suzanne Steinhauer at the address below.

Contested Case Hearing Request
Any person may request a more formal contested case hearing on the site permit proceeding for the LWECS pursuant to Minnesota Rules part 7836.0900. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Ms. Steinhauer in writing by 4:30 p.m. on October 7, 2009. The person requesting the contested case hearing must list the issues sought to be addressed in the hearing and the reason why a contested case hearing is required to resolve those issues.

The Commission shall order a contested case hearing if it finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the contested case hearing will aid it in making a final decision on whether to authorize construction of the Project. Upon completion of the public participation and hearing process, the record created will be presented to the Commission for final decisions on the Applications.

Eminent Domain for Sparks Energy, LLC, and Medin Renewable Energy, LLC

The Applicants do not have the power of eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights for the Project. Wind and land rights necessary to build the facility must be in the form of voluntary easements or lease agreements between individual landowners and the Applicant(s).

Project Contacts and Information

For more information about the process, the Project or to place your name on the Project mailing list, contact the persons listed below. Other contact information: Toll-Free Tel: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891 or TTY: Minnesota Relay Service, 800-627-3529, and ask for the DOC.

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suzanne.steinhauer@state.mn.us

OES Public Advisor
Deborah Pile
651-297-2375
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Minnesota Office of Energy Security
85 7th Place E., Suite 500
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198

The site permit application, draft site permit, and links to other OES guidance documents and agency rules guiding the review process are available on the PUC Energy Facilities Permitting Project website at:

http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=24613

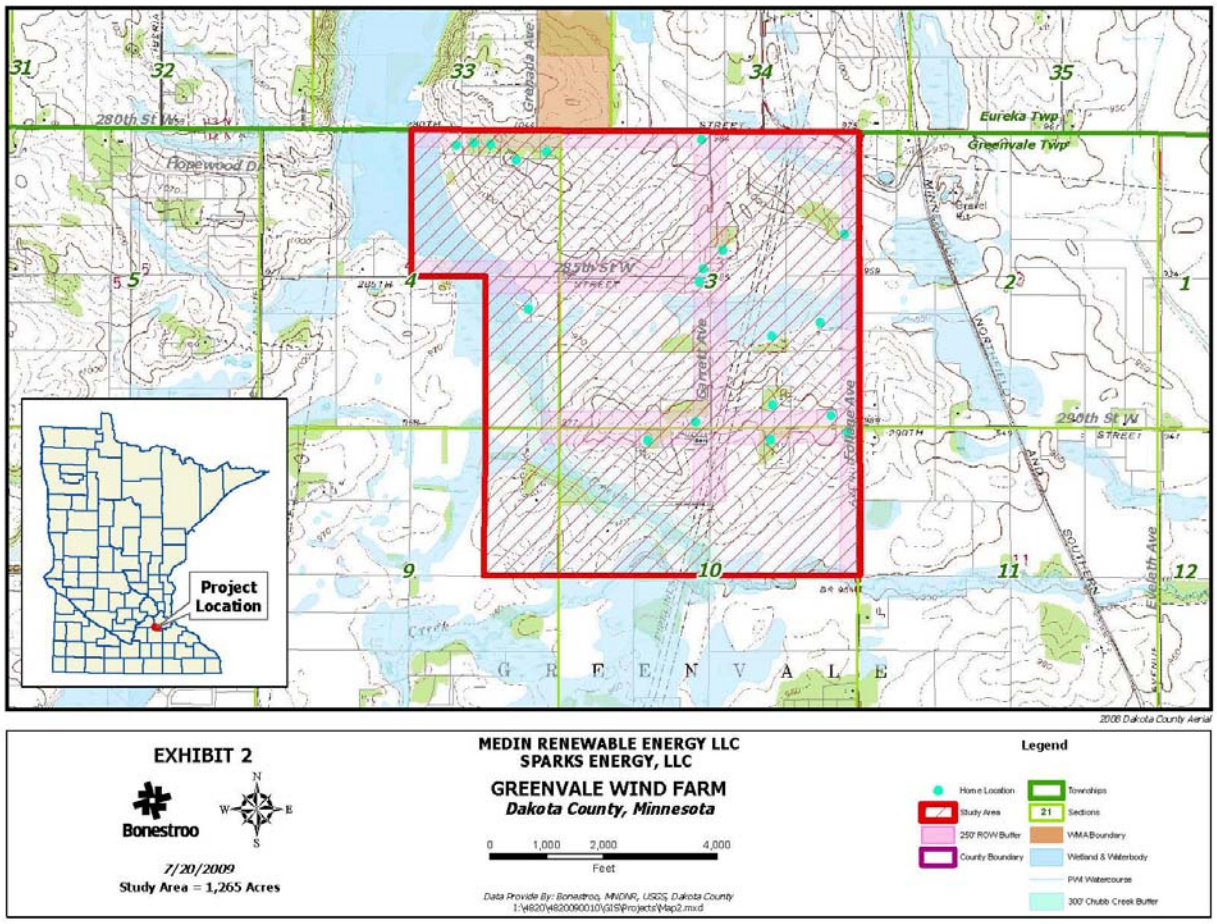
or on eDockets by entering "09" and "722" at:

https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp

The site permit application and draft site permit are also available for review at the Farmington branch of the Dakota County Library and the Northfield Public Library. Landowners and governments inside the LWECS Project boundary have been mailed a copy of the Site Permit Application directly from the Applicant.

Persons interested in adding their names to the project mailing list should contact the OES project manager or public advisor, or register online at the above PUC site.

Questions about the Project and site permit application can also be directed to Sparks Energy by contacting Anna Schmalzbauer at (612) 232-3207, or anna@sparksenergy.net; or to Medin Renewable Energy by contacting Leone Medin at (612)701-9283, or lmedin@ix.netcom.com .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Project Location
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SPARKS ENERGY, LLC
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