



Supportive Letter Drive – Transmission Line Permit

Between now and June 11th, the Minnesota Public Utility Commission is accepting public comments regarding the Freeborn Wind Farm's Transmission Line Route Permit. Supporters of the project are encouraged to submit letters to the Commission to give them a sense of the many positive impacts the project will have on the state and local community. The Commissioners are the decision-makers who would approve the Minnesota permit an approximately 7-mile long, 161-kilovolt high-voltage transmission line (HVTL) designed to connect the proposed Freeborn Wind Farm to an existing substation near the city of Glenville. The Freeborn Wind Farm is being developed by Invenergy (Chicago-based) and will be constructed and operated by Xcel Energy (Minnesota-based). This is a vital permit to the Freeborn Wind Farm.

What You Can Do:

Write a letter that includes information about yourself (i.e. your name, if you're a resident in Freeborn or Worth County, etc.) and why you support the project by talking about benefits like:

- ❖ **Jobs** – the Freeborn Wind Farm will generate as many as 200 jobs during construction and employ approximately 10 full-time operations and maintenance (O&M) staff.
- ❖ **Economic development**– over \$70 million in landowner payments and over \$40 million in local tax revenue over the project life span.
- ❖ **Benefits for local communities** – increased tax base for townships and counties within the project footprint.
- ❖ **Additional income to support farming families** - provides a hedge against commodity prices.

Mail or email your letter to the Commission via Dan Wolf, Executive Director:

- ❖ E-mail Option: send your electronic letter to publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us.
- ❖ Mail Option: send your letter to...

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- ❖ **Subject:** all letters must include the subject line, “Regarding PUC Docket TL-17-322”
- ❖ **Letter length & style:** letters should be one-page or less in length; hand-written or typed letters are acceptable.
- ❖ **Deadline:** please send your letter as soon as possible, but no later than June 11, 2018.

How to Contact Invenergy for Questions: Contact us at the information listed below, or feel free to swing by our local consultant's office (Good Steward Consulting) at 137 North Broadway Avenue in Albert Lea, MN. We'll have envelopes and stamps available for you to use in sending your important letter to the Commission!

On behalf of our Freeborn Wind Farm team, we look forward to working with you and thank you for your support!