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RLMC adds new exercise equipment

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Heart patients at Rainy Lake Medical Center have a new exercise machine to try out, thanks to a donation from the RLMC Auxiliary.

A \$5,000 donation to the hospital was used to purchase a BioStep 2 semi-recumbent elliptical machine, which will allow cardiac rehabilitation patients access to better equipment. A release said many patients prefer the elliptical motion over other machines as it is easier on their



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary gather around the exercise equipment their donation allowed the hospital to buy.

joints.

“We are thankful for all that the RLMC Auxiliary does for our patients and facility,” RLMC Chief Executive Officer Dan Odegaard said in a release. “They are a true

asset to Rainy Lake Medical Center.”

The RLMC Auxiliary raises money each year for RLMC through its gift shop, annual bake sale, and other fundraising efforts.

Business expansion fuels statewide growth

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The release of second quarter investment plans in Minnesota will result in creating nearly 950 jobs in the state, according to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

According to the DEED report, companies plan to invest \$241 million in 22 expansion projects that are expected to create nearly 950 jobs.

Andersen Corp. announced one of the biggest projects in the quarter, unveiling plans for an \$18 million expansion project that will create 100 full-time jobs at its manufacturing facility in Bayport. The company, the largest window and door manufacturer in North America, has been operat-

ing in Minnesota for more than 100 years.

Cardio-vascular Systems Inc., a New Brighton medical device manufacturer, plans to create the most jobs among the announced projects, expanding its workforce by 205 in the next two years at a new \$30 million headquarters.

“Minnesota had a strong second quarter, with corporate investments nearly triple the investments in this year’s first quarter,” DEED Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben said in a release. “It is great to see so much private investment com-



Katie Clark Sieben

ing into the state, in addition to the nearly half of this quarter’s projects utilizing the state’s new Job Creation Fund.”

Among other highlights in the second quarter report:


- Eleven of the projects were in Greater Minnesota, including Capital Safety in Red Wing and Jostens in Owatonna. Both companies plan to add 100 jobs in those communities.
- Fifteen of the 22 projects were in manufacturing.
- Four projects were announced by professional services firms.
- Three of the projects involved investments by foreign firms: China-based WuXi AppTec, Canada-based Edmonton Trailer and Germany-based Wurth Adams Nut & Bolt.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Issued: September 10, 2014

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Certificate of Need for the Great Northern Transmission Line.

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: E-015/CN-12-1163
Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 65-2500-31196



Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Minnesota Power proposes to build approximately 220 miles of 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Manitoba, Canada – Minnesota border to its Blackberry Substation in Itasca County and to expand its Blackberry Substation. The proposed project would be located in Beltrami, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, and Roseau counties.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

- The meeting starts on time.
- Plan to arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce, and Minnesota Power staff will be available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.
- Citizens will have the opportunity to offer oral comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- Citizens who do not wish to speak may submit questions or comments in writing.
- The meeting will last until everyone at the meeting has the opportunity to speak, or until the scheduled end time, whichever comes first.
- The same information will be presented at each meeting.
- Learn more about attending a public hearing at mn.gov/puc/aboutus/index.html

SUBMIT COMMENTS

Topics Open for Public Comment:

- Is the proposed project needed and in the public interest?
- What are the costs and benefits of the proposed project?
- What are the environmental and human impacts of the proposed project and how can these impacts be addressed?
- Are there other project-related issues and concerns?

Note: Minnesota Power’s route permit application for this project is being handled separately, in PUC Docket Number E-015/TL-14-21 and OAH Docket Number 65-2500-31637. Comments on the route permit application and the proposed routes should be submitted to these dockets.

Comment Period: September 9, 2014 through December 3, 2014 at 4:30pm.

Submit Public Comments:

The Honorable Ann O'Reilly
Office of Administrative Hearings
Email: RouteComments.OAH@state.mn.us | Fax: 651-539-0300
PO Box 64620 | 600 North Robert Street | St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

Please include the PUC Docket Number (CN-12-1163) in all communications.

Important: Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission’s and Department of Commerce’s websites, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

PROCESS INFORMATION

Before the project can be built, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must approve a certificate of need and a route permit. Minnesota Power submitted the certificate of need application in October 2013. The Commission’s decision-making process takes about twelve months.

Minnesota Power’s route permit application for this project is being handled separately, in PUC Docket Number E-015/TL-14-21.

The Department of Commerce prepared an environmental report for this project. The environmental report studied the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, as well as ways to address impacts. The environmental report was issued in July 2014.

Judge O'Reilly will use all the information in the record, including written comments and comments received at the public hearings, to write a report for the Commission. The report will include findings, conclusions, and recommendations about the need for this project. After receiving the Judge’s report, the Commission will schedule a meeting to make a final decision on the need for this project, expected by May 2015.

HOW TO LEARN MORE

Department of Commerce Project Website:
<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?id=33608>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.). Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (12-1163), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Full Case Record: All documents filed in this docket are available online at mn.gov/puc. Select “Search eDockets”, enter the year (12) and docket number (1163), select “Search.”

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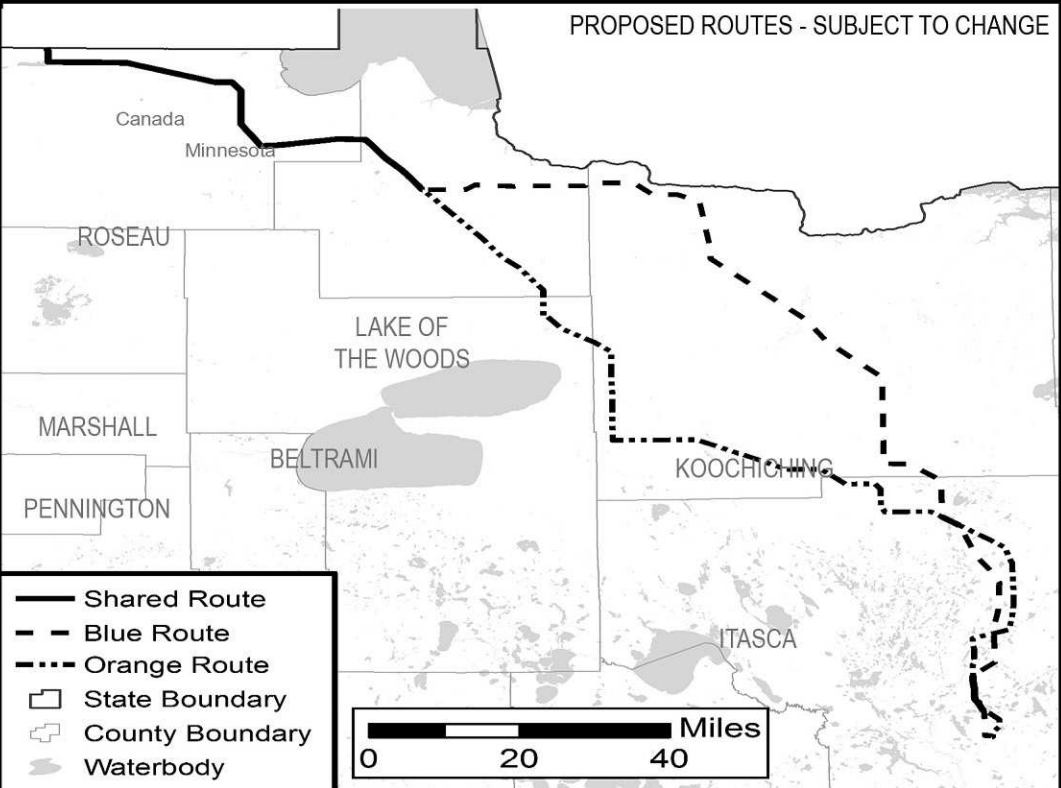
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COUNTY	CITY	MEETING LOCATION	DATE AND TIME
Roseau	Roseau	Roseau Civic Center 121 Center Street E	Tuesday October 7, 2014 11:00am – 3:00pm
Lake of the Woods	Baudette	Lake of the Woods School 236 15th Ave SW	Tuesday October 7, 2014 6:00pm – 10:00pm
Koochiching	Littlefork	Littlefork Community Center 220 Main St	Wednesday, October 8, 2014 11:00am – 3:00pm
Beltrami	Kelliher	North Beltrami Community Center Main Street W & Gould Avenue	Tuesday, October 14, 2014 11:00am – 3:00pm
Itasca	Bigfork	Bigfork School Edge Center 100 Huskie Blvd	Tuesday, October 14, 2014 6:00pm – 10:00pm
Itasca	Grand Rapids	Timberlake Lodge 144 SE 17th Street	Wednesday, October 15, 2014 11:00am – 3:00pm
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Bad weather? Find out if a meeting is canceled. Call (toll-free) 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc

PROPOSED ROUTES - SUBJECT TO CHANGE



PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The certificate of need application and environmental report are available at the following public libraries:

- Bagley
- Baudette
- Blackduck
- Bovey
- Calumet
- Coleraine
- Crookston
- Duluth
- Godel (Warren)

- Grand Rapids
- Great River (Clearwater)
- Greenbush
- Grygla
- Hallock
- International Falls
- Karlstad
- Lake Agassiz (Gonvick)
- Marble

- McIntosh
- Northome
- Red Lake Falls
- Roseau
- Thief River Falls
- Warroad
- Williams

Minnesota Power Project Information: www.greatnortherntransmissionline.com or 1-877-657-9934.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: The certificate of need application is being reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216B and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7849. Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

PROJECT CONTACT

Public Utilities Commission Public Advisor: Tracy Smetana at consumer.puc@state.mn.us, 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782

Public Utilities Commission Energy Facilities Planner: Michael Kaluzniak at mike.kaluzniak@state.mn.us or 651-201-2257

Department of Commerce Environmental Review Manager Bill Storm at bill.storm@state.mn.us, 651-539-1844 or 1-800-657-3794

Minnesota Power Project Contact: Jim Atkinson at jbatkinson@mnpower.com or 218-355-3561

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If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language or large print materials), please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7000 (voice) or 651-361-7878 (TTY) at least one week in advance of the meeting.