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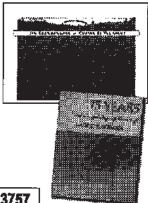
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If an adopted rule is identical to its proposed form as previously published, a notice of adoption and a citation to its previous *State Register* publication will be printed.

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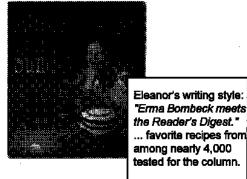
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Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Gull Lake Public Access Site

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 23, Number 24, pages 1378-1379, December 14, 1998 (23 SR 1378), are adopted as proposed.

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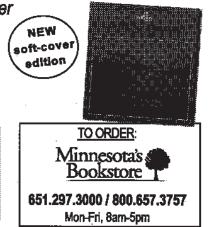
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Exempt Rules

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The second kind of exempt rule is one adopted where an agency for good cause finds that the rulemaking provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 14 are unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest. This exemption can be used only where the rules:

- (1) address a serious and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, or
- (2) comply with a court order or a requirement in federal law in a manner that does not allow for compliance with *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.14-14.28, or
- (3) incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation of law is required, or
- (4) make changes that do not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of the rules.

These exempt rules are also reviewed for form by the Revisor of Statutes, for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings and then published in the *State Register*. In addition, the Office of Administrative Hearings must determine whether the agency has provided adequate justification for the use of this exemption. Rules adopted under clauses (1) or (2) above are effective for two years only.

The Legislature may also exempt an agency from the normal rulemaking procedures and establish other procedural and substantive requirements unique to that exemption.

Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Exempt Permanent Rules Relating to Designated Experimental Waters and Designated Special Management Waters

6264.0300 DESIGNATED EXPERIMENTAL WATERS.

[For text of subps 1 to 59, see M.R.]

Subp. 60. Protected slot limits on brown trout streams. All brown trout in possession, regardless of where taken, must be less than 12 inches in length or greater than 16 inches in length while on or fishing in the following waters. All brown trout that are 12 to 16 inches in length, inclusive, must be returned to the water immediately.

Name	Location	County	End Date
A. North Branch Whitewater River	T.107, R.11, S.1,2,3 T.108, R.11, S.31,32,33,34 T.107, R.10, S.6 from the second low-water crossing upstream from Elba where state land begins to source, 10.8 miles	Wabasha, Olmsted, Winona	4/2005
B. West Indian Creek	T.109, R.11, S.16,21 from Wabasha County Road 4 crossing in Section 16, Highland Township, to source 3.3 miles upstream	<u>Wabasha</u>	<u>4/2005</u>
C. Camp Creek	T.102, R.10, S.5,8,17 from the confluence with the South Branch of the Root River, 3.5 miles upstream to a point that is posted above the first trail bridge in S.17	<u>Fillmore</u>	<u>4/2005</u>
D. Trout Run Creek	T.104, R.10, S.4,5,8,9,16,17, 20,21 T.105, R.10, S.18,19,30,31,32 entire 13 miles of stream	Fillmore, Winona	<u>4/2005</u>

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Exempt Rules =

Subp. 61. Minimum size limits on brook trout streams. All brook trout in possession, regardless of where taken, must be 12 inches or greater in length while on or fishing in the following waters. All brook trout less than 12 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately. A person's possession limit may not include more than one brook trout over 12 inches in length.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	County	End Date
A. Trout Valley Creek	T.108, R.9, S.5,8,17,20 T.109, R.9, S.31 entire 7	Winona	
	miles of stream	<u>Wabasha</u>	4/2005
B. Cold Spring Brook	T.110, R.13, S.30,31 T.110, R.14, S.25,36 entire 2.2 miles of stream	<u>Wabasha</u>	<u>4/2005</u>

6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.

[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

Subp. 3. Winter trout stream season. These waters are open to angling during a winter trout season from January 1 through March 31. The following restrictions apply to the winter season. While on or fishing in these waters, angling for trout shall be limited to catch and release only, whereby any trout caught must be immediately returned to the water. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any trout while on or fishing in these waters. All legal methods of taking trout are allowed, except that barbed hooks are prohibited. A hook from which the barb has been removed by crimping or filing is allowed.

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[For text of items A to F, see M.R.]

<u>G</u> .	South Branch Root River	T.103, R.9, S.7,18; T.103, R.10, S.13; and T.102, R.12, S.13,23,24 from the confluence of the North and South branches of the Root River 3 miles to the dam and from the historic bridge (Meighen's Store) in Forestville state park upstream 3.8 miles to park boundary	<u>Fillmore</u>
<u>H</u> .	North Branch Creek	T.102, R.12, S.13 from the confluence with South Branch of the Root River to 1 mile upstream on that portion of the stream within Forestville state park	Fillmore
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<u>J.</u>	East Beaver Creek	T.103, R.6, S.5,6,8, 17 entire stream 2.4 miles	<u>Houston</u>
<u>K</u> .	Camp Creek	T.102, R.10, S.5,8,17 from the confluence with the South Branch of the Root River 3.5 miles upstream to a point that is posted above the first trail bridge in S.17	Fillmore
<u>L.</u>	Duschee Creek	T.103, R.10, S.23,24,25, 26,36 from the confluence with the South Branch of the Root River 5.5 miles upstream	<u>Fillmore</u>
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[For text of subp 4, see 22 SR 1907 4/27/98]
[For text of subps 5 to 9, see M.R.]

[For text of subps 10 to 14, see 22 SR 1907 4/27/98]

Subp. 15. Mississippi River special regulations. The possession limit for smallmouth bass taken from the following waters is three fish. All smallmouth bass in possession while on or fishing in these waters must be less than 12 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All smallmouth bass that are 12 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be returned to the water immediately. Not more than one smallmouth bass in possession may be over 20 inches in length.

Name
Location
County

Mississippi River
T.121, R.23, S.10,14 from the upstream side of the bridge at Highway 101 in Elk River upstream to the downstream side of the bridge at Highway 24 near Clearwater Township T.34, R.30, S.22,23

Subp. 16. Minnesota River, Minnehaha Creek, and Mississippi River pool two. While on or fishing in the following waters, angling for walleye, sauger, smallmouth bass, and largemouth bass shall be limited to catch and release only, whereby any walleye, sauger, smallmouth bass, or largemouth bass must be returned immediately to the water. Catch and release angling for walleye, sauger, smallmouth bass, and largemouth bass shall be legal continuously, year round. It shall be unlawful for anyone to have in possession or under control, regardless of where taken, any walleye, sauger, smallmouth bass, or largemouth bass, while being on or fishing in these waters.

	Name	Location	County
<u>A.</u>	Minnesota River	T.28, R.23, S.Various downstream from Mendota Bridge	<u>Dakota,</u> <u>Hennepin,</u> <u>Ramsey</u>
<u>B.</u>	Minnehaha Creek	T.28, R.23, S.17,18 downstream from Minnehaha Falls	<u>Hennepin</u>
<u>C.</u>	Mississippi River Pool Two	T.26,27,28,115, R.17,18,21,22,23,S.Various between the Hastings and Ford Dams, including all backwater and connecting waters except:	Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington
<u>(1)</u>	Crosby Lake	T.28, R.23, S.14,15, 22,23	Ramsey
<u>(2)</u>	Pickerel Lake	T.28, R.23, S.12,13,14	Dakota, Ramsey
<u>(3)</u>	Upper Lake	T.28, R.23, S.22	Ramsey
<u>(4)</u>	Little Pig's Eye Lake	T.28, R.22, S.23	Ramsey
<u>(5)</u>	Unnamed (North Star 23 Steel) Lake	T.28, R.22, S.14	Ramsey

EFFECTIVE DATE. Minnesota Rules, part 6264.0400, subpart 3, is effective March 1, 1999.

KEY: PROPOSED RULES SECTION — <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to existing rule language. <u>Strike outs</u> indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material." **ADOPTED RULES SECTION** — <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to proposed rule language. <u>Strike outs</u> indicate deletions from proposed rule language.

Commissioners' Orders

Various agency commissioners are authorized to issue "commissioner's orders" on specified activities governed by their agency's enabling laws. See the *Minnesota Statutes* governing each agency to determine the specific applicable statutes. Commissioners' orders are approved by assistant attorneys general as to form and execution and published in the *State Register*. These commissioners' orders are compiled in the year-end subject matter index for each volume of the *State Register*.

Public Utilities Commission

In the Matter of the Application of Lakefield Junction LLC for Certification of Its Southern Minnesota Independent Power Project

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Edward A. Garvey, Chair; Joel Jacobs, Commissioner; Marshall Johnson, Commissioner; LeRoy Koppendrayer, Commissioner; Gregory Scott, Commissioner

ISSUE DATE: February 16, 1999 DOCKET NO. IP-3/CN-98-1453

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING

Procedural History

On October 8, 1998, Lakefield Junction LLC¹ (Lakefield or the Company) filed a petition stating that it intended to submit an application for a certificate of need for the construction of a 540-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant in southern Minnesota. Lakefield is an independent power producer and has no retail customers; the Company intends to sell the plant's power to electric utilities for use in periods of peak or emergency demand.

The petition requested exemptions from specific data requirements in the certificate of need rules,² claiming Lakefield's status as an independent power producer either made them irrelevant or made Lakefield unable to comply with them. For most requirements, Lakefield proposed to file data from its utility-customers as that data became available.

After varying the rule setting the time for action on exemption requests, the Commission issued its ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTIONS FROM FILING REQUIREMENTS on November 30, 1998.

On January 4, 1999, Lakefield filed a certificate of need application for permission to construct a large energy facility as defined in *Minnesota Statutes* § 216B.2421, subd. 2(a).

On January 28, 1999, the Commission issued its ORDER EXTENDING PERIOD TO DETERMINE ADEQUACY OF FILING. In that Order, the Commission explained that the 30-day review period provided in *Minnesota Rules*, part 7849.0200, subp. 5, would not allow sufficient time in this case to determine the adequacy of the filing. The Commission therefore varied *Minnesota Rules*, part 7849.0200, subp. 5, to extend the period for Commission action on the completeness of the application for an unspecified but reasonable period of time.

On February 4, 1999, the Commission met to consider this matter.³

- ¹ At the February 4 hearing, Lakefield's representative noted that the Company may change its corporate entity from a Limited Liability Company (LLC) to another, as yet undetermined, corporate form. Lakefield will inform the Commission if it does so.
 - ² Minnesota Rules, parts 7849.0010 et seq.
- ³ At the hearing, the Commission found that the filing is substantially complete and delegated the filing of an environmental report on the application to the Department of Public Service. The Commission is issuing an ORDER ACCEPTING FILING AND DELEGATING PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT on the same date as this Order.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

I. JURISDICTION

The Commission has jurisdiction over applications for certificates of need for large energy facilities under *Minnesota Statutes* § 216B.243. The statute requires the Commission to hold at least one public hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act before acting on this or any other application for a certificate of need. *Minnesota Statutes* § 216B.243, subd. 4.

II. REFERRAL FOR CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDINGS

The Commission finds that it cannot satisfactorily resolve all issues raised by the Company's application on the basis of its filing and the single public hearing required under the statute. The Commission will therefore refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for contested case proceedings.

III. ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

Commissioners' Orders

Minnesota Statutes § 216B.243 and Minnesota Rules, parts 7849.0010-7849.0400, set forth criteria which must be met to establish need for proposed large energy facilities. Parties to this proceeding shall address whether the proposed facility meets these criteria.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Minnesota Statutes § 216B.243, subd. 4, encourages public participation in certificate of need proceedings. The statute requires at least one hearing to obtain public opinion on the application and requires the Commission to designate an employee to facilitate citizen participation in the hearing process.

The Commission has designated statistical analyst David L. Jacobson to facilitate and coordinate public participation in this proceeding. He may be reached by telephone at (651) 297-4562 and by FAX at (651) 297-7073. His address is 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147.

Members of the public need not become formal parties to participate in the hearing process. They are encouraged to attend the public hearings(s) and to submit testimony and exhibits. Persons who cannot attend the public hearing(s) and wish to comment may submit written comments to the Administrative Law Judge. The Commission will require the Company to publish notice of the public and evidentiary hearings, in the form of visible display ads, in relevant newspapers of general circulation at least ten days prior to the start of the hearings. The applicant shall obtain proofs of publication of such ads from the newspapers selected, and shall consult with Commission Staff on the timing, text, and distribution of such ads prior to publication.

V. PROCEDURAL OUTLINE

A. Administrative Law Judge

The Administrative Law Judge assigned to this case is Richard C. Luis. His address and telephone number are as follows: Office of Administrative Hearings, Suite 1700, 100 Washington Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2138; (612) 349-2542.

B. Hearing Procedure

Hearings in this matter will be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.57-14.62; the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.5100 to 1400.8400; and, to the extent that they are not superseded by those rules, the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 7829.0100 to 7829.3200. Copies of these rules and statutes may be purchased from the Print Communications Division of the Department of Administration, 117 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, (651) 297-3000.

Under these rules parties may be represented by counsel, may appear on their own behalf, or may be represented by another person of their choice, unless otherwise prohibited as the unauthorized practice of law. They have the right to present evidence, conduct cross-examination, and make written and oral argument. Under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.7000, they may obtain subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

Any party intending to appear at the hearing must file a notice of appearance (Attachment A) with the Administrative Law Judge within 20 days of the date of this Notice and Order for Hearing. Failure to appear at the hearing may result in facts and issues being resolved against the party who fails to appear.

Parties should bring to the hearing all documents, records, and witnesses necessary to support their positions. They should take note that any material introduced into evidence may become public data unless a party objects and requests relief under *Minnesota Statutes* § 14.60, subd. 2.

Any questions regarding discovery under *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.6700 to 1400.6800 or informal disposition under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.5900 should be directed to Megan Hertzler, Assistant Attorney General, 700 NCL Tower, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, MN 55101, (651) 296-0413.

The times, dates, and places of public and evidentiary hearings in this matter will be set by order of the Administrative Law Judge after consultation with the Commission and intervening parties.

C. Parties and Intervention

Current parties to this proceeding are Lakefield and the Department of Public Service.

Other persons wishing to become formal parties to this proceeding shall promptly file petitions to intervene with the Administrative Law Judge. They shall serve copies of such petitions on all current parties and on the Commission. *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.6200.

D. Prehearing Conference

Commissioners' Orders =

A prehearing conference will be held in this matter on Thursday, March 4, 1999, at 1:00 P.M. in the Small Hearing Room at the Commission offices, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147.

Persons intending to intervene in the matter should attend the conference, prepared to discuss time frames and scheduling. Other matters which may be discussed include the locations and dates of public hearings, discovery procedures, and similar issues.

E. Time Constraints

Under *Minnesota Statutes* § 216B.243, subd. 5, the Commission is required to act on the Company's application within six months of receipt of a substantially complete filing. The Commission asks the Administrative Law Judge to conduct contested case proceedings in light of these time constraints. Parties should note the six-month statutory time frames at the outset and be prepared for the expedited hearing schedule that time frame requires.

F. Application of Lobbying Provisions

The lobbying provisions of the Ethics in Government Act, *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 10A.01 *et seq.*, apply to certificate of need proceedings. Persons appearing in this proceeding may be subject to registration, reporting, and other requirements set forth in that Act. All persons appearing in this case are urged to refer to the Act and to contact the Minnesota Ethical Practices Board, telephone number (651) 296-1720, with any questions.

G. Ex Parte Communications

Restrictions on *ex parte* communications with Commissioners and reporting requirements regarding such communications with Commission staff apply to this proceeding from the date of this Order. Those restrictions and reporting requirements are set forth at *Minnesota Rules*, parts 7845.7300-7845.7400, which all parties are urged to consult.

ORDER

- 1. A contested case proceeding shall be held on the Company's certificate of need application.
- 2. The contested case proceeding shall begin with a prehearing conference on Thursday, March 4, 1999, at 1:00 P.M. in the Small Hearing Room, Public Utilities Commission, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147.
- 3. The Department of Public Service shall initiate an investigation to determine the reasonableness of granting a certificate of need to the applicant. Lakefield shall facilitate the Department's investigation in every reasonable way.
- 4. At least one public hearing shall be held in this matter at a time and place determined by the Administrative Law Judge after consultation with the Commission.
- 5. All parties to this proceeding may serve information requests on any other party. Information requests shall be answered within ten days of receipt.
- 6. Lakefield shall publish notice of the public and evidentiary hearings, in the form of visible display ads, in relevant newspapers of general circulation at least ten days prior to the start of the hearings. The applicant shall obtain proofs of publication of such ads from the newspapers selected, and shall consult with Commission Staff on the timing, text, and distribution of such ads prior to publication.
- 7. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION Burl W. Haar Executive Secretary

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio tape) by calling (651) 297-4596 (voice), (651) 297-1200 (TTY), or 1-800-627-3529 (TTY relay service).

ATTACHMENT A

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

100 Washington Square, Suite 1700 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2138

FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

121 Seventh Place East Suite 350 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

In the Matter of the Application of Lakefield MPUC Docket No. IP-3/CN-98-1453 Junction LLC for Certification of Its Southern OAH Docket No.

Minnesota Independent Power Project NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Name and Telephone Number of Administrative Law Judge:

Richard C. Luis (612) 349-2542

TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

You are advised that the party named below will appear at the above hearing.

NAME OF PARTY:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PARTY'S ATTORNEY OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE:

OFFICE ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY:_____

DATE:

Revenue Notices

The Department of Revenue began issuing revenue notices in July of 1991. Revenue notices are statements of policy made by the department that provide interpretation, detail, or supplementary information concerning a particular statute, rule, or departmental practice. The authority to issue revenue notices is found in *Minnesota Statutes* §270.0604.

Department of Revenue

Revenue Notice # 99-02: Sales and Use Tax - Publications in Alternative Media

The following position of the Department of Revenue is being taken in response to the Minnesota Tax Court case, *Tellus Consultants, Inc. v. Commissioner of Revenue*, (Minnesota Tax Court Docket No. 6890) decided September 30, 1998.

Introduction

Minnesota Statutes, § 297A.25, subdivision 10, creates an exemption from sales tax for certain publications. *Minnesota Rules*, part 8130.5600, provides guidance for applying this publication exemption.

This Revenue Notice will define "written or printed matter" for purposes of applying the above statute and rule.

Written or Printed Matter

Minnesota Rules, part 8130.5600, subpart 2, states that "[t]he word "publication" encompasses only written or printed matter, . . ." The Department of Revenue interprets "written or printed matter" to include publications on computer disks, cd-roms, floppy disks and audio tapes, as well as paper. If a communication constitutes a publication under the above law and rule, the form of the publication or the media upon which it is printed is irrelevant.

Dated: 22 February 1999

Terese Koenig, Director Appeals, Legal Services and Criminal Investigation Division

Official Notices

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101, an agency must first solicit comments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rule-making proposal under active consideration within the agency by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

The State Register also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Board of Animal Health

Notice of Quarterly Meeting of the Board

The Board of Animal Health will hold its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board offices in the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Building at 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association

Notice of Meeting of the Actuarial Committee

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association's (MCHA), Actuarial Committee will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 1999. The meeting will take place at Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN, RiverPark Bldg., 3400 Yankee Drive, conference room "B", Eagan, MN.

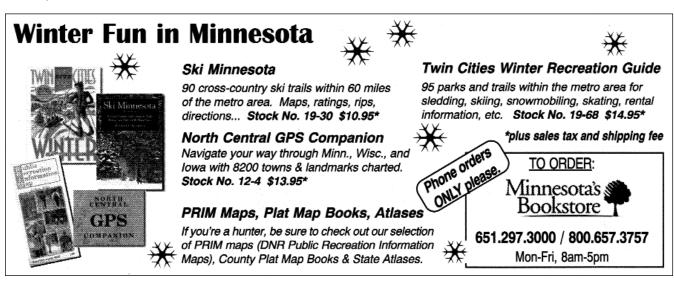
For additional information, please call Lynn Gruber at (612) 593-9609.

Executive Council State Board of Investment Land Exchange Board Investment Advisory Council

Notice of Meetings

The Executive Council, State Board of Investment and the Land Exchange Board will meet on Wednesday, March 3, 1999 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 125, State Capitol, Saint Paul, MN.

The Investment Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at 2:00 P.M. in Suite 105, 55 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul, MN.



Metropolitan Airports Commission

Notice of Adoption Metropolitan Airports Commission Ordinance No. 88: Airport Auto Rental Fees

Please take notice that on the 16th day of February, 1999, at a regular meeting, the Metropolitan Airports Commission adopted Ordinance No. 88.

Ordinance No. 88:

An ordinance to promote and conserve the public safety, health, peace, convenience, and welfare; to establish uniform fees for on-Airport auto rental Customers to fund auto rental facilities at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport consistent with *Minnesota Statutes* § 473.651; establishing payment procedures; and prescribing the penalty for violation thereof.

Copies of Ordinance No. 88 as adopted will be on file with the Secretary of State and may be obtained from the Metropolitan Airports Commission offices.

Jeffrey W. Hamiel Executive Director Metropolitan Airports Commission 6040 - 28th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55450 (612) 726-8178 FAX: (612) 726-5306

Department of Public Service

Request for Comments on Planned Rules Governing Maintenance, Operation and Construction Where Telephone Wires, Power Wires or Other Electric Wires or Natural Gas Pipelines Cross or Parallel the Lines of Any Railroad, Interurban Railway or Any Other Similar Line of Any Public Service Corporation, *Minnesota Rules*, Part 7830.01, Et Seq

Subject of Rule. The Minnesota Department of Public Service requests comments on its planned rule governing the maintenance, operation and construction to be used where telephone, telegraph, electric light, power, or other electric wires of any kind, or any natural gas pipelines, cross or parallel the lines of any railroad, interurban railway, or any other similar public service corporation. The Department is considering adopting rules that cover each class of construction, maintenance and operation of such electric wire or natural gas pipeline crossing, or paralleling, and that take into account the various conditions likely to exist for such construction, maintenance and operation.

Persons Affected. The planned rule will likely affect telephone companies, telecommunications carriers, telegraph companies, cable companies, electric utilities, cooperative electric associations, municipal utilities, natural gas utilities, natural gas pipeline companies, railroads, interurban railways and any other similar public service corporation. The Department does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the planned rule but will establish a list of persons or groups who wish to receive notices pertaining to this rulemaking.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 237.04(a)(1998), requires the Department to adopt rules covering maintenance, operating and construction where electric wires or natural gas pipelines cross or parallel lines of railroads, interurban railways, or any other similar public service corporation.

Public Comment. The Department invites interested persons or groups to submit comments or information on these planned rules in writing or orally until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 1999. Interested persons or groups may also request to be included on the Department's list of persons who wish to receive notices pertaining to this rulemaking.

Rule Drafts. The Department has not yet prepared a draft of the planned rules. It is, however, likely that the Department will propose the adoption of rules identical to, or consistent with, the most recent edition of the National Electrical Code, also termed National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70, as well as the current Pipeline Safety Regulations part 192 published in the *Code of Federal Regulations*.

Official Notices =

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these planned rules should be addressed to: Nelson J. Updaw, Department of Public Service, 200 Metro Square, 121 7th Place East, St. Paul, MN 55101, at telephone number (651) 296-7603. TTY users may call the Department at (651) 297-3067.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this Request for Comments can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Rulemaking Record. Comments received in response to this Request for Comments will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed.

Dated: 25 January 1999

Ruth Grendahl Commissioner

Secretary of State

Request for Comments on Planned Amendment to Rules Governing the Minnesota Electronic Authentication Act, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 8275

Subject of Rules. The Secretary of State requests comments on its planned amendment to rules governing the Minnesota Electronic Authentication Act. The Secretary is considering rule amendments that set fees for certain digital signature services to be offered by her Office when performing the functions of a licensed certification authority and serving government employees.

Persons Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect government entities whose employees would apply for and receive a certificate from the Secretary, or those who would use verification services provided by the Secretary when performing the functions of a licensed certification authority.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 325K.04, authorizes the Secretary to adopt rules setting fees for the services provided by the Secretary pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 325K.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these planned rules in writing until a notice is published in the *State Register* that the Secretary intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Secretary does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the planned rules.

Rules Drafts. The Secretary has not yet prepared a draft of the planned rules amendments.

Agency Contact Person. Written or oral comments, questions, and requests for more information on these planned rules should be directed to: Katie Engler, Office of the Secretary of State, 180 State Office Building, 100 Constitution Avenue, St. Paul, MN, 55155-1299, telephone (651) 297-5163, FAX (651) 296-9073, and email: *katherine.a.engler@state.mn.us*. TTY users may call the Minnesota Relay Service at (651) 297-5353 and ask for Ms. Engler at (651) 297-5163.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this Request for Comments can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Note: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed.

Dated: 16 February 1999

Mary Kiffmeyer Secretary of State

State Grants & Loans

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the *State Register*, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself.

Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

Department of Human Services

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division

Notice of Availability of Funds to Provide Mental Health Services to Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind Persons and Their Families

The State of Minnesota, Department of Human Services (DHS) announces the availability of funding for two projects. The Department plans to fund one or more organization(s) to provide the following services:

Project #1: Psychological and social assessments to Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing children (age 0 - 21) and their family members in Greater Minnesota. (\$300,000)

Project #2: To provide mental health services to eligible Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing residents statewide. (\$200,000)

The total to be awarded for both projects is \$500,000 for a two-year grant cycle.

Applicants can apply for either Project #1 or Project #2 separately, or they can apply for both projects together. The projects funded will follow the state fiscal year and are anticipated to begin July 1, 1999 and would continue, based on satisfactory performance, until June 30, 2001. Grant contracts may be extended beyond the biennium based on approved funding from the Minnesota Legislature and satisfactory performance by the grantee(s).

This notice does not obligate the state to complete the projects. The state reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. Applications submitted must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, April 7, 1999. Interested parties should contact Lauren Hruska (651) 297-7696 V or (651) 296-7863 TTY at Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division for a complete copy of the Request for Proposals.

Department of Human Services

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division

Contract Available for Interpreter Referral Services

The State of Minnesota Department of Human Services Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals and organizations interested in providing regionally-based, statewide interpreter referral services used by deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind individuals and a variety of public and private human service agencies. The goal of the interpreter referral service is to manage statewide requests for interpreting services so that deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people are provided the best possible access to communication.

The primary activities of the interpreter referral service must include:

- 1. Filling of interpreting service requests by deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing consumers statewide.
- 2. Filling of interpreting service requests generated by the public and private sector throughout the state, with priority given to state and county human service agencies.
- 3. Filling of emergency interpreting service requests.
- 4. Maintaining a directory of qualified interpreters.
- 5. Matching interpreters to requests based on specifications of the request, consumer's needs and interpreter experience, skill level, training and certification.

Contract activities must also include evaluation of consumer satisfaction with interpreting services and interpreter referral services, providing reports to the state in the format specified and participation in quarterly evaluations of the interpreter referral service.

State Grants & Loans

The Department anticipates awarding a grant contract for a total amount not to exceed \$401,000 for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2001), pending approval of the legislature. While the intention is to select one vendor to provide this service, the Department reserves the right to award multiple contracts if doing so is in its best interest. Contract will be effective July 1, 1999, and continue for 12 months with an option to be renewed for up to a total of five years based on satisfactory performance of the provider and the needs of the state.

The full text of the Request For Proposal is available upon request. Inquiries should be directed to:

Jan Radatz, Program Planner Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Division 444 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155-3814 651-297-7154 voice or TTY

Proposals must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 7, 1999. No late proposals will be accepted. Anticipated award date is April 23, 1999.

Department of Labor and Industry

Workplace Safety Consultation Unit

Notice of Safety Grants for Employers

The Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) announces continuation of its safety hazard abatement matching grant program under *Minnesota Statutes*, section 79.253, and *Minnesota Rules*, parts 5203.0010 through 5203.0070. Employers covered by workers' compensation insurance, including those approved as self-insured employers, are eligible to apply for safety/health matching grants to abate safety hazards in their workplace. The safety/health hazards must have been identified in an on-site survey conducted by one of the following: 1) MNOSHA safety/health investigator, 2) DLI Workplace Safety Consultation safety/health consultant, 3) in-house employee safety/health committee, 4) workers' compensation underwriter, or 5) private safety/health consultant. The on-site safety/health survey must have resulted in specifically recommended safety practices or equipment designed to reduce the risk of injury to employees. Costs eligible for program participation are all or part of the cost of purchasing and installing recommended safety/health equipment, the cost of operating or maintaining safety/health equipment, and/or the cost of purchasing or renting real property, if necessary, to meet criteria established by the on-site safety/health survey. Program development, training and education, and employee costs will not be covered by this grant.

Grants are limited to a total maximum match of \$10,000 per project and per state fiscal year if the same worksite submits more than one grant application in a given state fiscal year. The state fiscal year encompasses the time period of July 1 of one year through June 30 of the following year. The employer must provide at least \$1.00 (one dollar) in project costs for every dollar awarded. No grant will be awarded for more than half the amount of the approved project. Grant applications received by August 15, November 15, February 15, and May 15, respectively, will be reviewed and processed for the following quarter. A total of at least \$200,000 will be available during each quarter. Proposals will be reviewed by the department and awards made on an ongoing basis. Qualified projects having the greatest impact and feasibility will be given priority. Projects will be judged according to the criteria established by the rule. Eligible applicants who seek assistance must submit their proposals to: James Collins, OSHA Management Team Director, Workplace Safety Consultation Unit, 443 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

For further information or to request a grant application, please call Tracey Josephson, Grants Administrator, Workplace Safety Consultation Unit, at (651) 215-1097 or e-mail at *tracey.josephson@state.mn.us*

Professional, Technical & Consulting Contracts

Department of Administration procedures require that notice of any consultant services contract or professional and technical services contract which has an estimated cost of over \$10,000 be printed in the *State Register*. These procedures also require that the following information be included in the notice: name of contact person, agency name and address, description of project and tasks, cost estimate, and final submission date of completed contract proposal. Certain quasi-state agencies are exempted from some of the provisions of this statute.

In accordance with *Minnesota Rules* Part 1230.1910, certified Targeted Group Businesses and individuals submitting proposals as prime contractors shall receive the equivalent of a 6% preference in the evaluation of their proposal. For information regarding certification, call the Materials Management Helpline (651) 296-2600 or [TTY (651) 297-5353 and ask for 296-2600].

Department of Administration

Notice of Request for Proposals for Auctioneering Services for Surplus Property

The Department of Administration requests proposals to establish a contract or contracts for auctioneering services for the Materials Management Division, Surplus Services State Auction Program. The Department reserves the right to make multiple awards under this RFP. The Department intends to award one year contracts with the option of four one-year renewals for a total of five years duration for each contract.

Proposals are due at 2:30 P.M., March 15, 1999. Late proposals will not be considered.

Parties interested in obtaining the complete request for proposal (RFP) for auctioneering services, or with specific questions about the RFP should contact Sharen Dahm (651) 639-4024 or Ann Kitzman (651) 639-4025.

Department of Administration

Notice of Request for Proposal for the Possibility of Printing, Personalizing and Mailing Rebate Warrants Combined With a Self Mailer, and for Controlled Disbursement Banking Services

The Department of Administration, acting for the Departments of Revenue, Finance, the State Treasurer and the State Board of Investment is seeking proposals to produce, personalize and mail rebate warrants, and controlled banking services in the event a tax rebate is approved by the Legislature. This is a two part proposal. One for the production, personalization and mailing of the warrants, and the second for the controlled disbursement banking service.

Copies of the RFP may be obtained by contracting the State of Minnesota, Materials Management Division at (651) 296-2600 or at the office at

Room 112 Admin Bldg. 50 Sherburne Ave. St. Paul, MN 55155

A pre-proposal conference will be held on March 10, 1999 at the Department of Revenue. Times and location will be listed in the RFP. The proposal responses are due March 31, 1999 @ 2:00 P.M.

Colleges and Universities, Minnesota State (MnSCU)

Winona State University

Request for bids for EDAX Analyzer Upgrade Package

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Winona State University will receive sealed bids for an EDAX Analyzer Upgrade Package.

Bid specifications will be available February 22, 1999 from Sandra Schmitt, Purchasing Director, PO Box 5838, 205 Somsen Hall, Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987 or by calling (507) 457-5067.

Sealed bids must be received by Sandra Schmitt, PO Box 5838 or Somsen 205C, Business Office, Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987 by 2:00 PM, March 8, 1999.

Winona State University reserves the right to reject any or all bids or portions thereof, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in proposals received.

Professional, Technical & Consulting Contracts

Department of Corrections

Notice of Availability of Funds for Programs to Provide Electronic Monitoring and Transportation Services for Supervised Releasees

The Minnesota Department of Corrections, Community Services Division, announces the availability of funds for programs to provide electronic monitoring and transportation services for supervised releasees who are under the authority of the Commissioner of Corrections.

Public human service agencies, community corrections agencies, for profit organizations, non-profit organizations, private organizations, and other governmental agencies are eligible to apply for these funds. The contract program will provide funding of \$330,000 in state fiscal years 2000-2001 (7/1/99 - 6/30/01). The amount of any contract may vary depending on number of clients and services provided.

There is no assurance of continued funding for following fiscal years.

The deadline for proposal submission is April 5, 1999, 4:00 p.m. To receive a copy of the request for proposal which describes in detail how to apply for this funding, contact Lynda Davis, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Community Services Division, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 200, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108-5219. Telephone (651) 642-0235, TTY (651) 643-3589. To receive an electronic copy send an e-mail request to *ldavis@doc.state.mn.us*.

Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Collection and Electronic Transfer of Payment Information

Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA) is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to provide the necessary services to process the electronic transfer of PERA retirement payment information from 1000 local units of government. The vendor will collect payment information, format that information and transfer that information to PERA's financial institution daily. For purposes of the RFP, a transaction is a completed, accepted and acknowledged transfer of data to PERA's financial institution. PERA will require two reporting methods for incoming data collection services: a phone based touch tone and an operator assisted process. Collecting payment information electronically is a new process for PERA. It is expected that the number of transactions processed will gradually grow to roughly 2000 each month during the next two years.

Details are contained in a Request for Proposal which may be obtained by calling or writing:

Dave DeJonge, Finance Manager PERA Suite 200 - Skyway Level 514 St. Peter Street St. Paul, MN 55102

Telephone: (651) 297-3573 FAX: (651) 297-2547

One original and three (3) copies of the RFP response are to be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. on Monday, March 29, 1999. Vendors requesting a copy should submit a written request to: Dave DeJonge, PERA, 514 St. Peter Street, Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55102. Written requests can also be faxed to (651) 297-2547.

Non-State Public Bids, Contracts & Grants

The State Register also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The Register meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector.

It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of project and tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact the editor for further details.

Metropolitan Airports Commission

Notice of Call for Bids for Toilet Tissue/Dispensers

Sealed bids will be received by the Metropolitan Airports Commission at its office at 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450-2799, until 2:00 P.M., Local Time, Thursday, March 4, 1999, for the purchase and delivery of TOILET TISSUE and DISPENSERS at the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport, Wold Chamberlain Field. At that time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. If mailed the Commission's mailing address is 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55450-2799, and bids to be considered must be received by the Commission by the date and hour set for opening of bids.

Bids shall be submitted in duplicate on the Bid Forms which are included with the specifications.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any minor irregularities, informalities or discrepancies and to accept the bid of the lowest responsible bidder.

Copies of the Specifications and Bid Proposal form, as a part therefor, may be obtained at the office of the Commission, 6040 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450, (612) 726-8146; FAX: (612) 726-5296.

Dated: 10 February 1999

Metropolitan Airports Commission Donald H. Olson, Purchasing Manager

Minnesota Workers' Compensation Assigned Risk Plan

Notice of Request for Proposals for Legal Services

The Minnesota Workers' Compensation Assigned Risk Plan intends to contract with two or more law firms to provide workers' compensation claim defense services. The contract period will commence on or about June 1, 1999. Interested parties may obtain the complete Request for Proposals by sending a written request by mail or fax to:

Minnesota Workers' Compensation Assigned Risk Plan 4500 Park Glen Road, Suite 410 Minneapolis, MN 55416 FAX: (612) 922-5423

Deadline for submission of proposals is Wednesday, March 31, 1999 at 4:00 p.m.

University of Minnesota

Notice of Bid Information Service (BIS) Available for All Potential Vendors

The University of Minnesota offers 24 hour/day, 7 day/week access to all Requests for Bids/Proposals through its fax back Bid Information Service (BIS). Subscriptions to BIS are \$75/per fiscal year (not prorated). Call 612-625-5534 for information or visit our web site at http://purchserv.finop.umn.edu. Choose BID Information Service.

Requests for Bids/Proposals are available to the public at no charge each business day from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Purchasing Services lobby, Suite 560, 1300 S. 2nd Street, Mpls, MN 55454.



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