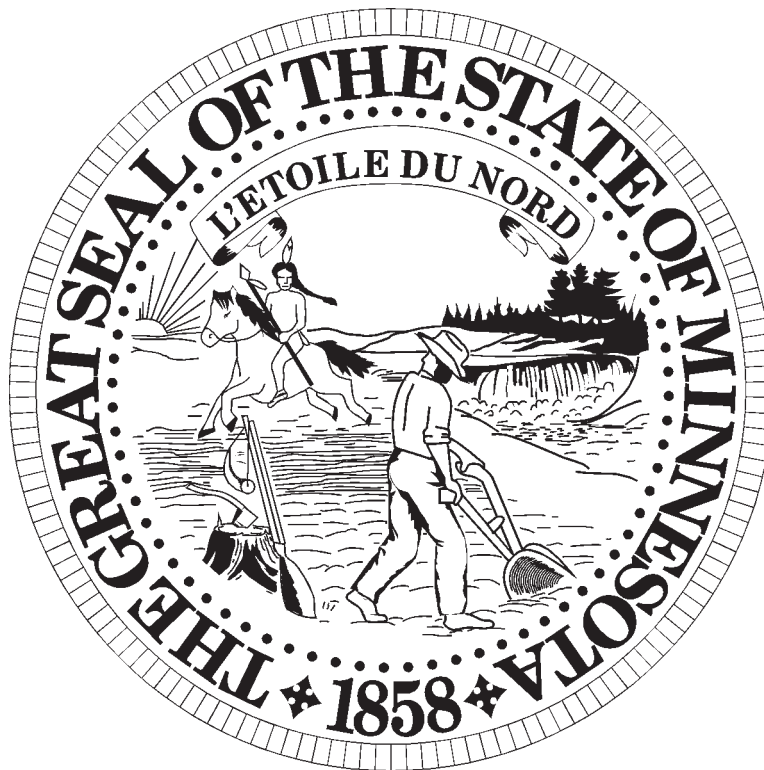


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An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules** or **Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as **Proposed Rules**, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules and withdrawn proposed rules are also published in the *State Register*. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the *State Register* as **Adopted Rules**. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety in the *State Register*, only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the *State Register*, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted. For a more detailed description of the rulemaking process, see the most current edition of the *Minnesota Guidebook to State Agency Services*.

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Rules to be Adopted After a Hearing. After receiving comments and deciding to hold a public hearing on the rule, an agency drafts its rule. It then publishes its rules with a notice of hearing. All persons wishing to make a statement must register at the hearing. Anyone who wishes to submit written comments may do so at the hearing, or within five working days of the close of the hearing. Administrative law judges may, during the hearing, extend the period for receiving comments up to 20 calendar days. For five business days after the submission period the agency and interested persons may respond to any new information submitted during the written submission period and the record then is closed. The administrative law judge prepares a report within 30 days, stating findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations. After receiving the report, the agency decides whether to adopt, withdraw or modify the proposed rule based on consideration of the comments made during the rule hearing procedure and the report of the administrative law judge. The agency must wait five days after receiving the report before taking any action.

Rules to be Adopted Without a Hearing. Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* § 14.22, an agency may propose to adopt, amend, suspend or repeal rules without first holding a public hearing. An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public. The agency then publishes a notice of intent to adopt rules without a public hearing, together with the proposed rules, in the *State Register*. If, during the 30-day comment period, 25 or more persons submit to the agency a written request for a hearing of the proposed rules, the agency must proceed under the provisions of §§ 14.14-14.20, which state that if an agency decides to hold a public hearing, it must publish a notice of intent in the *State Register*.

KEY: Proposed Rules - Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. ~~Strikeouts~~ indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material." **Adopted Rules** - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. ~~Strikeout~~ indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Energy Utility Billing Errors

DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, And Notice of Hearing If 25 or More Requests For Hearing Are Received

In the Matter of Possible Amendments to Commission Rules Governing Energy Utility Billing Errors Rules, *Minnesota Rules* parts 7820.3700 - .4000, Docket No. E,G-999/05-444

Introduction. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures set forth in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 and 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28. If, however, 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules by 4:30 p.m. on January 14, 2008, a public hearing will be held in the Large Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 121 - 7th Place East, Suite 350, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147 starting at 9:30 a.m. on January 30, 2008. To find out whether the rules will be adopted without a hearing or if the hearing will be held, you should contact the agency contact person after January 14, 2008 and before January 30, 2008.

Agency Contact Person. Comments or questions on the rule and written requests for a public hearing on the rule must be submitted to Eric Witte, Commission Attorney, 121 - 7th Place East, Suite 350, St Paul, MN 55101-2147, **phone:** (651) 201-2227; **fax:** (651) 297-7073. You may submit **e-mail** comments, questions, or requests for a public hearing to: eric.witte@state.mn.us. Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call him through Minnesota Relay at 1 (800) 627-3529 or by dialing 711.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The proposed amendments would require an energy utility that overcharges a customer to reimburse the customer for the amount of the overcharge, plus interest, beginning three years prior to the date of discovery. In addition,

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the amendments would give a utility some discretion in the manner in which it reimburses a former customer that was overcharged. *Minnesota Statutes* sections 216A.05, 216B.08 and 216B.09 authorize the Commission to amend its rules to achieve these purposes. Section 216B.08 authorizes the Commission to adopt rules governing public utilities generally, and section 216B.09 authorizes the Commission to establish appropriate practices for public utilities, including rules governing meter accuracy. Also relevant to this rulemaking is *Minnesota Statutes* § 216B.098, which limits a utility's authority to charge interest on sums not collected due to an undercharge. A copy of the proposed rules is published in the *State Register*, is available on the Commission's site on the World Wide Web at <http://www.puc.state.mn.us/docs/index.htm>, and is attached to this notice as mailed.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on January 14, 2008, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendments or any part or subpart of the amendments. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change proposed. You are encouraged to propose any change desired. Any comments that you would like to make on the legality of the proposed rules must also be made during this comment period. Please mention the docket number, **E,G-999/R-05-444**, at the beginning of your comments.

Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that a hearing be held on the proposed amendments. Your request for a public hearing must be in writing and must be received by the agency contact person by 4:30 p.m. on January 14, 2008. Your written request for a public hearing must include your name and address. You must identify the portion of the proposed amendments to which you object or state that you oppose the entire set of amendments. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and cannot be counted by the Commission when determining whether a public hearing must be held. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed amendments.

Withdrawal of Requests. If 25 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, a public hearing will be held unless a sufficient number withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 25, the Commission must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the Commission took to effect the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If a public hearing is required, the Commission will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this Notice can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or cassette tape. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The proposed amendments may be modified, either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. Modifications must be supported by data and views submitted to the Commission or presented at the hearing and the adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules, unless the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110, has been followed. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, you are encouraged to participate in the rulemaking process.

Cancellation of Hearing. The hearing scheduled for January 30, 2008 will be canceled if the Commission does not receive requests from 25 or more persons that a hearing be held on the amendments. If you requested a public hearing, the Commission will notify you before the scheduled hearing whether or not the hearing will be held. You may also call Eric Witte at (651) 201-2227 after January 14, 2008 to find out whether the hearing will be held.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the amendments, a hearing will be held following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The hearing will be held on the date and at the time and place listed above. The hearing will continue until all interested persons have been heard. Administrative Law Judge Richard C. Luis is assigned to conduct the hearing. Judge Luis can be reached at the Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, St Paul, MN 55164-0620, phone: (651) 361-7843; fax: (651) 361-7936.

Hearing Procedure. If a hearing is held, you and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations or other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may present your views either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the close of the hearing record. All evidence presented should relate to the proposed amendments. You may also submit written material to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. This five-day comment period may be extended for a longer period not to exceed 20 calendar days if ordered by the Administrative Law Judge at the hearing. Following the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period during which the Commission and any interested

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person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No additional evidence may be submitted during the five-day rebuttal period.

All comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge must be received at the Office of Administrative Hearings no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received will be available for review at the Office of Administrative Hearings. This rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240, and *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. Questions about procedure may be directed to the Administrative Law Judge.

The Commission requests that any person submitting written views or data to the Administrative Law Judge prior to the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. A statement of need and reasonableness is now available from the agency contact person and is also posted on the Commission's website, <http://www.puc.state.mn.us/docs/index.htm>. This statement contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rules, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. The statement may also be reviewed and copies obtained at the cost of reproduction from the Commission.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Questions regarding this requirement may be directed to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, Suite 190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone: (651) 296-5148 or 1-800-657-3889.

Adoption Procedure if No Hearing. If no hearing is required, the Commission may adopt the amendments after the end of the comment period. The amendments and supporting documents will then be submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings for review for legality. You may ask to be notified of the date the amendments are submitted to the office. If you want to be so notified, or want to receive a copy of the adopted rules, or want to register with the Commission to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

Adoption Procedure After a Hearing. If a hearing is held, after the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed amendments. You may ask to be notified of the date when the Administrative Law Judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date on which the Commission adopts the amendments and files them with the Secretary of State, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the agency contact person stated above.

Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Dated: November 26, 2007

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary
Public Utilities Commission

7820.3700 INACCURATE ELECTRIC METERS.

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

Subp. 3. **Recalculation of bill.** If the recalculated bills indicate that more than \$1 is due an existing customer or \$2 is due a person no longer a customer of the utility, the full amount of the calculated difference between the amount paid and the recalculated amount shall be refunded to the customer. The refund to an existing customer may be in cash or as credit on a bill. Credits shall be shown separately and identified. If a refund is due a person no longer a customer of the utility, ~~a notice shall be mailed~~ the utility shall mail to the customer's last known address ~~and the utility, upon demand made within three months thereafter shall refund the amount due either the refund or a notice that the customer has three months in which to request a refund from the utility.~~ If the recalculated bills indicate that the amount due the utility exceeds \$10, the utility may bill the customer for the amount due. The first billing rendered shall be separated from the regular bill and the charges explained in detail.

[For text of subp 4, see M.R.]

7820.3800 ELECTRIC UTILITY BILLING ERRORS.

Subpart 1. Errors warranting remedy. When a customer has been overcharged or undercharged as a result of incorrect reading of the meter, incorrect application of rate schedule, incorrect connection of the meter, application of an incorrect multiplier or constant or other similar reasons, the amount of the overcharge shall be refunded to the customer or the amount of the undercharge may be billed to the customer as detailed in subparts 2 through 4. ~~The refund or charge in no event shall exceed one year, unless the date the error occurred can~~

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be fixed with reasonable certainty, in which case the refund or charge shall be computed from that date, but in no event for a period longer than one year.

Subp. 2. Remedy for overcharge. When a utility has overcharged a customer, the utility shall calculate the difference between the amount collected for service rendered and the amount the utility should have collected for service rendered, plus interest, for the period beginning three years before the date of discovery. Interest must be calculated as prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 325E.02, paragraph (b). If the recalculated bills indicate that more than \$1 is due an existing customer or \$2 is due a person no longer a customer of the utility, the full amount of the calculated difference between the amount paid and the recalculated amount shall be refunded to the customer. The refund to an existing customer may be in cash or credit on a bill. Credits shall be shown separately and identified. If a refund is due a person no longer a customer of the utility, a notice shall be mailed the utility shall mail to the customer's last known address and the utility, upon demand made within three months thereafter shall refund the amount due either the refund or a notice that the customer has three months in which to request a refund from the utility.

Subp. 3. Remedy for undercharge. When a utility has undercharged a customer, the utility shall calculate the difference between the amount collected for service rendered and the amount the utility should have collected for service rendered, for the period beginning one year before the date of discovery. If the recalculated bills indicate that the amount due the utility exceeds \$10, the utility may bill the customer for the amount due. But a utility must not bill for any undercharge incurred after the date of a customer inquiry or complaint if the utility failed to begin investigating the matter within a reasonable time and the inquiry or complaint ultimately resulted in the discovery of the undercharge. The first billing rendered shall be separated from the regular bill and the charges explained in detail.

Subp. 4. Exception if error date known. If the date the error occurred can be fixed with reasonable certainty, the remedy shall be calculated on the basis of payments for service rendered after that date, but in no event for a period beginning more than three years before the discovery of an overcharge or one year before the discovery of an undercharge.

7820.3900 INACCURATE NATURAL GAS METERS.

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

Subp. 3. Recalculation of bill. If the recalculated bills indicate that more than \$1 is due an existing customer or \$2 is due a person no longer a customer of the utility, the full amount of the calculated difference between the amount paid and the recalculated amount shall be refunded to the customer. The refund to an existing customer may be in cash or as credit on a bill. Credits shall be shown separately and identified. If a refund is due a person no longer a customer of the utility, a notice shall be mailed the utility shall mail to the customer's last known address and the utility, upon demand made within three months thereafter shall refund the amount due either the refund or a notice that the customer has three months in which to request a refund from the utility. If the recalculated bills indicate that the amount due the utility exceeds \$10, the utility may bill the customer for the amount due. The first billing rendered shall be separated from the regular bill and the charges explained in detail.

[For text of subp 4, see M.R.]

7820.4000 NATURAL GAS UTILITY BILLING ERRORS.

Subpart 1. Errors warranting remedy. When a customer has been overcharged or undercharged as a result of incorrect reading of the meter, incorrect application of rate schedule, incorrect connection of the meter, application of an incorrect multiplier or constant or other similar reasons, the amount of the overcharge shall be refunded to the customer or the amount of the undercharge may be billed to the customer as detailed in subparts 2 through 4. The refund or charge in no event shall exceed one year, unless the date the error occurred can be fixed with reasonable certainty, in which case the refund or charge shall be computed from that date, but in no event for a period longer than one year.

Subp. 2. Remedy for overcharge. When a utility has overcharged a customer, the utility shall calculate the difference between the amount collected for service rendered and the amount the utility should have collected for service rendered, plus interest, for the period beginning three years before the date of discovery. Interest must be calculated as prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 325E.02, paragraph (b). If the recalculated bills indicate that more than \$1 is due an existing customer or \$2 is due a person no longer a customer of the utility, the full amount of the calculated difference between the amount paid and the recalculated amount shall be refunded to the customer. The refund to an existing customer may be in cash or as credit on a bill. Credits shall be shown separately and identified. If a refund is due a person no longer a customer of the utility, a notice shall be mailed the utility shall mail to the customer's last known address and the utility, upon demand made within three months thereafter shall refund the amount due either the refund or a notice that the customer has three months in which to request a refund from the utility.

Subp. 3. Remedy for undercharge. When a utility has undercharged a customer, the utility shall calculate the difference between the amount collected for service rendered and the amount the utility should have collected for service rendered, for the period beginning one year before the date of discovery. If the recalculated bills indicate that the amount due the utility exceeds \$10, the utility may bill the customer for the amount due. But a utility must not bill for any undercharge incurred after the date of a customer inquiry or complaint if the utility failed to begin investigating the matter within a reasonable time and the inquiry or complaint ultimately resulted in the discovery

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of the undercharge. The first billing rendered shall be separated from the regular bill and the charges explained in detail.

Subp. 4. Exception if error date known. If the date the error occurred can be fixed with reasonable certainty, the remedy shall be calculated on the basis of payments for service rendered after that date, but in no event for a period beginning more than three years before the discovery of an overcharge or one year before the discovery of an undercharge.

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A rule becomes effective after the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.05-14.28 have been met and five working days after the rule is published in the *State Register*, unless a later date is required by statutes or specified in the rule. 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. If an adopted rule differs from its proposed form, language which has been deleted will be printed with strikeouts and new language will be underlined. The rule's previous *State Register* publication will be cited.

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Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Fish and Aquatic Wildlife

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 31, Number 45, pages 1544-1580, May 7, 2007 (31 SR 1544), are adopted with the following modifications:

6262.0600 SEASONS AND METHODS FOR TAKING ROUGH FISH.

Subp. 2. Night bowfishing.

D. The following described water bodies are open to night bowfishing from June 1 to the last day in August.

County

Lake name (DOW number)

Location

(1) Anoka County:

~~George Watch (2-5)~~

~~T.31, R.22, S.9,10,15,16,21~~

~~Centerville (2-6)~~

~~T.31, R.22, S.14,15,22,23~~

~~Marshan (2-7)~~

~~T.31, R.22, S.17,20~~

~~Rice (2-8)~~

~~T.31, R.22, S.19,20,29,30~~

~~Reshanau (2-9)~~

~~T.31, R.22, S.20,21,28,29~~

(2) Becker County:

Big Cormorant (3-576)

T.138, R.42, S.7,18,19,30;

T.138, R.43, S.1, 11-14, 22-25

Dahlberg (3-577)

T.138, R.42, S.6;

T.138, R.43, S.1;

T.139, R.42, S.31;

T.139, R.43, S.36

Leif (3-575)

T.138, R.42, S.5,6;

T.138, R.43, S.1;

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Larson (3-596)	T.139, R.42, S.31
Middle Cormorant (3-602)	T.138, R.43, S.10
Nelson (3-595)	T.138, R.43, S.15,21,22
Rossman (Erickson) (3-587)	T.138, R.43, S.9,10,15,16
Upper Cormorant (3-588)	T.138, R.43, S.3,4,9,10
(3)	
(2) Benton County: Little Rock (5-13) (upstream of the new Gordon Bridge)	T.138, R.43, S.4,5,8,9,15,16,17
(4)	
(3) Big Stone County: Big Stone (6-152)	T.37, R.31, S.2,3,10,11,14; T.38, R.31, S.34,35
(5)	
(4) Blue Earth County: Loon Lake (7-96) Crystal Lake (7-98)	T.121-124, R.46-49, S.Various
(6)	
(5) Carver County: Waconia (10-59)	T.107, R.28, S.2-4,10,11 T.107, R.28, S.4,5; T.108, R.28, S.32,33
(7)	
(6) Chisago County: South Center Lake (13-27) Green Lake, including Little Green (13-41)	T.116, R.24, S.6,7,18; T.116, R.25, S.1,2,10-15
(8)	
(7) Cottonwood County: North Oaks Lake (17-44)	T.33, R.20, S.2,3,4,9,10; T.34, R.20, S.34,35 T.33, R.20, S.6,7,18,19; T.33, R.21, S.12,13,23,24,25,26
(9)	
(8) Crow Wing County: Borden Lake (18-20)	T.105, R.38, S.5,8; T.106, R.38, S.32
(10)	
(9) Douglas County: Mary Lake (21-92) Maple Lake (21-79)	T.44, R.28, S.2,9,10,11, 14,15,16,22
(11)	
(10) Douglas County: Mary Lake (21-92) Maple Lake (21-79)	T.126,127, R.38, S.Various T.127, R.37, S.19,20,29-32; T.127, R.38, S.25-36

(+1)

(10) Goodhue County:

Byllesby (19-6)

T.112, R.18, S.8,9,10,11,
14,15,16,17

(+2)

(11) Grant County:

Pomme de Terre (26-97)

T.129, R.41, S.5-7,29-32;
T.130, R.42, S.12,25,36

(+3)

(12) Hubbard County:

Upper Twin Lake (29-157)

T.138,139, R.34, S.6,31

(+4)

(13) Jackson County:

Loon Lake (32-20)

T.101, R.35, S.18,19;
T.101, R.36, S.13,24,25

(+5)

(14) Kandiyohi County:

Big Kandiyohi (34-86)

Bowfishing is not
allowed within 330
feet of the island.

Long Lake (34-192)

East Solomon Lake

(34-246)

T.117, R.34, S.3;
T.118, R.34, S.20-23,26-29,31
T.120, R.35, S.11-15,22,23
T.120, R.35, S.20,21,28-30;
T.120, R.36, S.25

(+6)

(15) Lincoln County:

Hendricks (41-110)

T.112, R.46, S.18,19;
T.112, R.47, S.13,24

(+7)

(16) Le Sueur County:

Dora Lake (40-10)

Sabre Lake (40-14)

Gorman Lake (40-32)

German Lake (4063)

East, Middle, and West

Jefferson Lake (40-92)

T.110, R.23, S.3,4,9,10
T.110, R.23, S.29,30
T.110, R.23, S.7;
T.110, R.24, S.11-14
T.109, R.24, S.4,5,8,9
T.109-110, R.24-25, S.Various

(+8)

(17) Martin County:

East Chain (46-10)

Cedar Lake (46-121)

Bright Lake (46-52)

T.101, R.29, S.7,18,19;
T.101, R.30, S.13,24
T.103, R.32, S.19,30;
T.104, R.33, S.1,24,25,26
T.101, R.31, S.8,9,16,17

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(18) Meeker County:

Jennie Lake (47-15)

T.118, R.29, S.20,21,27-29,32,33

Washington (47-46)

T.118,119, R.29,30, S.Various

(20)

(19) Murray County:

Currant Lake (51-82)

T.108, R.42, S.7,18;

T.108, R.43, S.12,13

Bloody Lake (51-40)

T.108, R.40, S.20,28,29

Fox Lake (51-43)

T.108, R.40, S.21,22,27,28

First Fulda

(South Fulda Lake)

T.105, R.40, S.35,36

(51-21)

(21)

(20) Nobles County:

West Graham Lake

T.104, R.39, S.15,16,21,22

(53-21)

(22)

(21) Olmsted County:

Zumbro Lake (55-414)

T.108, T.109, R.14, S.Various

Shady Lake (55-5)

T.108, R.14, S.7,8,17,18;

T.108, R.15, S.12

(23)

(22) Ottertail County:

Big Pine (56-130)

T.136,137, R.38, S.Various

Eagle (56-253)

T.131, R.40, S.10,11,14,15

Jolly Ann (56-370)

T.131, R.40, S.13,24;

T.131, R.41, S.13,24

Pickerel (56-475)

T.134, R.41, S.10-15

North Ten Mile (56-604)

T.131, R.42, S.16,17,20,21

Ten Mile (South

Ten Mile) (56-613)

T.131, R.42, S.21,27-29,32,34

(24)

(23) Pine County:

Pokegama (581-42)

between the Pine County

Highway 11 bridge on

the north end of the

lake and the Pine

County Highway 53

bridge and Pine County

Highway 7 on the south

end of the lake

T.39, R.22, S.13,14,23,24,

25,26,35,36

(25)

(24) Polk County:

Union (60-217)

T.147,148, R.42,43, S.Various

Maple (60-305)

T.148,149, R.43,44, S.Various

~~(26)~~

(25) Pope County:

Reno (61-78)
Minnewaska (61-130)

T.126,127, R.37,38, S.Various
T.125, R.38,39, S.Various

~~(27)~~

(26) Rice County:

Circle Lake (66-27)
Fox Lake (66-29)
Union Lake (66-320)
Rice Lake (66-48)

T.111, R.21, S.1517,21,22
T.111, R.21, S.26,27
T.136,137, R.38, S.Various
T.110, R.22, S.16,17,20,21

~~(28)~~

(27) Scott County:

Cedar (70-91)

T.113, R.22, S.7,18,19;
T.113, R.23, S.12,13,24

~~(29)~~

(28) Swift County:

Monson Lake (76-33)

Camp Lake (76-72)

Oliver Lake (76-146)

T.121, R.37, S.3;
T.122, R.37, S.35,36
T.122, R.38, S.1;
T.123, R.38, S.36
T.121, R.43, S.1;
T.122, R.43, S.26,27,35,36

~~(30)~~

(29) Traverse County:

Traverse (78-25)
Mud Lake (78-222)

T.125,127, R.47-49, S.Various
T.136, R.39, S.3,4;
T.137, R.39, S.34,35

~~(31)~~

(30) Wadena County:

Blueberry Lake (80-34)
Lower Twin Lake (80-30)

T.138, R.35, S.2,3,10,11
T.138, R.34,35, S.6,31

~~(32)~~

(31) Waseca County:

Elysian (81-95)

T.108,109, R.24, S.Various

~~(33)~~

(32) Wright County:

Buffalo (86-90)

Clearwater (86-252)

T.119, R.25, S.30,31;
T.120, R.26, S.1,25,35,36
T.121,122, R.27,28, S.Various

Exempt Rules

Exempt rules are excluded from the normal rulemaking procedures (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.386 and 14.388). They are most often of two kinds. One kind is specifically exempted by the Legislature from rulemaking procedures, but approved for form by the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings, and then published in the *State Register*. These exempt rules are effective for two years only.

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* Sections 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.

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Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Exempt Permanent Rules: Designated Special Management Waters and Fishing Restrictions

REVISED ORDER ADOPTING RULES

In the Matter of Adoption of the Rules of the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources, Relating to Designated Special Management Waters and Fishing Restrictions *Minnesota Rules*, parts 6260.1800, 6262.0100, 6264.0400, and 6266.0700

WHEREAS,

By *Laws of Minnesota*, Chapter 131, Article 1, Sections 52, 53, and 54, the Minnesota Legislature modified the types of type of fish and location for the taking of fish by pound or trap nets, modified the types of fish for special permits, and modified the commercial taking of lake trout in Lake Superior, affecting the language of *Minnesota Rules*, part 6260.1800.

By *Laws of Minnesota 2007*, Chapter 131, Article 1, Section 27, the Minnesota Legislature provided for one three-day consecutive period of the ice angling season for the Take a Kid Fishing Weekends season, as designated by *Minnesota Rules*, part 6262.0100, subpart 3.

By *Laws of Minnesota 2007*, Chapter 131, Article 1, Section 86, the Minnesota Legislature requires the commissioner of natural resources to amend *Minnesota Rules*, parts 6262.0100, subpart 5, item D, and 6266.0700, subpart 3, as to possession of fish in a fish house or dark house.

By *Laws of Minnesota 2006*, Chapter 281, Article 2, Section 56, the Minnesota Legislature requires the commissioner of natural resources to amend the rules regarding spearing restrictions on designated special management waters by deleting item H in *Minnesota Rules*, part 6264.0400, subpart 8. Item H as since been relettered by the Revisor to be item F due to other amendments to the rule.

The Department of Natural Resources finds that the rulemaking provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 14 are unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest for amending these rules governing the taking of fish. Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.388, subd. 1, clause (3), these changes incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes with no interpretation of law required. The use of the good cause exemption process for these rules is authorized by *Laws of Minnesota 2006*, Chapter 281, Article 2, Section 56, and *Laws of Minnesota 2007*, Chapter 131, Article 1, Sections 83 and 86.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the rules identified as:

Exempt Rules

Rules of the Department of Natural Resources relating to Designated Special Management Waters and Fishing Restrictions, in the form set out in the Revisor's draft, file number RD3734, dated October 9, 2007,

are adopted this 23rd day of October, 2007, pursuant to the authority vested in me by *Laws of Minnesota 2006*, Chapter 281, Article 2, Section 56, and *Laws of Minnesota 2007*, Chapter 131, Article 1, Sections 83 and 86.

Dated: October 23, 2007

Mark Holsten, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

6260.1800 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON LAKE SUPERIOR.

Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** The species of fish in this subpart may be taken in Lake Superior by licensed commercial operators according to this subpart.

A. Chubs, alewives, ~~whitefish, menominee lake whitefish and round~~ whitefish, smelt, and rough fish may be taken at any time. Ciscoes may be taken from December 1 through October 31, except that ciscoes may be taken from November 1 through November 30 under a special permit approved by the commissioner.

B. Lake whitefish and round whitefish may be taken in pound or trap nets at any time but no whitefish less than 20 inches total length may be possessed, bought, or sold. Whitefish less than 20 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately.

C. Lake trout may not be taken by commercial fishing except by special permit. Lake trout legally taken under permit must be sealed with a tag, provided by the commissioner, affixed through the mouth and out the gill. The tag must be affixed immediately upon removal from the water and before the boat is brought to shore. No untagged lake trout may be possessed, bought, or sold by licensed commercial operators. Lake trout of ~~lawful size~~ incidentally taken to commercial operations and dead when removed from the water may be possessed only if sealed with a tag, provided by the commissioner, affixed through the mouth and out the gill. Untagged incidentally taken lake trout may not be possessed, bought, or sold by licensed commercial operators. All incidentally taken live lake trout and all untagged dead lake trout must be returned to the water immediately.

[For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

Subp. 3. **Use of pound or trap nets.** Hoops and center leads of pound or trap nets used on Lake Superior may be of any length and diameter. The webbing for pound or trap nets, including leads, may not exceed 2-1/2 inch stretch measure, or be of twine size less than 9 gauge or 70 pound strength. Pound or trap nets may not be set within one-quarter mile of the mouth of any stream unless approved by the commissioner. Pound or trap nets may not be set in harbors from May 25 through March 31, except for St. Louis Bay downstream (east) of the U.S. Highway 53 bridge, unless approved by the commissioner. Commercial operators must notify the Lake Superior Fisheries Office within 48 hours if they are unable to lift and empty pound or trap nets at least once every 48 hours. All net stakes, lines, and anchors must be removed from the lake bed within ten days of removing pound and trap nets. Commercial operators must notify the Lake Superior Fisheries Office prior to setting pound or trap nets and at the beginning of each week that pound or trap nets are used. The commissioner may deny the use of pound or trap nets during periods when such use would conflict with fisheries management activities. Pound or trap nets must be marked with a tag which is at least 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch permanently bearing the owner's name and address and attached to the top rope of the back side of the pound or crib. Trap nets set with anchors must have attached to the end farthest from shore one fluorescent orange or fluorescent red marker buoy constructed so that a minimum of 18 inches of buoy surface is visible above water in the absence of current or under the weight of nets and line. The number of the owner's Lake Superior commercial fishing license must be plainly marked, in black, on the marker buoy. The marker buoy must be marked with a fluorescent orange or fluorescent red flag, at least one foot square, attached to the top of a flag staff at least five feet long, and the buoy constructed so that the flag staff is supported in a vertical position. All buoys and floats used in pound or trap net sets must be constructed of styrofoam, plastic, rubber, or other materials nonhazardous to navigation.

[For text of subs 4 to 7, see M.R.]

6262.0100 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

Subp. 3. **Take A Kid Fishing Weekend and Take a Kid Ice Fishing Weekends.** Take A Kid Fishing Weekend is the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday after the first Monday in June. Take a Kid Ice Fishing Weekend is the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday that coincides with President's Day.

[For text of subp 4, see M.R.]

Subp. 5. **Possession of fish while on state waters.**

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

D. While on or fishing in state waters with size restrictions that differ from statewide regulations, including experimental waters,
(Cite 32 SR 1045)

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special management waters, boundary waters, or any other waters with size restrictions, all fish for which the different size restrictions apply must be undressed and measurable when in a person's possession, regardless of where taken, except when a watercraft is docked or moored to shore or when on the ice and a person is in the act of preparing and using the fish for a meal.

[For text of items E and F, see M.R.]

6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.

[For text of subs 2 to 7, see M.R.]

Subp. 8. **Spearing restrictions.** A person may not take fish by spearing and may not possess a spear while on or fishing in the following lake.

Name	Location	County
A. Baby	T.140,141, R.29, S.4,5,8,9,17	Cass
B. Beers Lake	T.135, R.42, S.various	Otter Tail
C. Big Mantrap	T.141,142, R.33,34, S.various	Hubbard
D. Cross	T.39, R.21, S.various, and Snake River flowage in T.39, R.21, S.28,29, 31,32,33	Pine
E. Deer	T.56,57, R.26,27, S.1,3-6,31-34	Itasca
F. French	T.110, R.21,22, S.7,8,12,17,18	Rice
G. Lobster	T.128, R.38,39, S.various	Douglas
H. G. Sugar	T.121,122, R.27, S.1-3,10,11,35,36	Wright
I. H. West Battle	T.132, R.40, S.1-3,26, 29-32,34-36 T.133, R.39,40	Otter Tail

[For text of subs 9 to 76, see M.R.]

6266.0700 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-CANADA BOUNDARY WATERS.

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

Subp. 3. **Number of lines allowed.** Only one line may be used to angle on Minnesota-Canada boundary waters, except two lines may be used while angling through the ice. Fish with length limits may not be possessed as fillets on the water while angling, except as provided in part 6262.0100, subpart 5, item D. Any fish that is hooked in any part of the body, except the mouth, must be immediately unhooked and returned to the water, whether dead or alive.

[For text of subs 4 to 6, see M.R.]

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Department of Agriculture

Rural Finance Authority

Notice of Meeting Schedule, Meeting Via Conference Call

Future monthly meetings of the Rural Finance Authority Board are scheduled for 1:00 P.M. at 625 Robert Street North on the following dates in 2008: January 2; February 6; March 5; April 2; May 7; June 4; July 2; August 6; September 3; October 1; November 5; December 3.

Some members may participate in certain of these meetings by electronic means. In accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 471.705 (1997), the Agency, to the extent practicable, will allow a person to monitor those certain meetings electronically from a remote location. If such monitoring shall occur, the Agency may require the person making such a connection to pay for documented marginal costs that the Agency incurs as a result of the additional connection. If you wish to attend, sign in at the front desk; you will be issued a badge and call (651) 201-6610 for an escort to the meeting.

For additional information, contact James Boerboom, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 625 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55155-2538 or call (651) 201-6395.

James A. Boerboom, Executive Director
Agricultural Finance Division

Department of Health

Public Hearing Regarding the Minnesota Department of Health Application to the Federal Department of Health and Human Services for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Funding

The Minnesota Department of Health will sponsor a public hearing to obtain comments on the proposed uses of the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant funds during federal fiscal year 2008. The draft application for those funds is available for inspection upon request.

The public hearing will be conducted as part of a meeting of the State Preventive Health Advisory Committee held Thursday, December (Cite 32 SR 1047)

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20, 2007 at the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (MCIT) Building located at 100 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN. The meeting and public hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. Any person or group may submit either written or oral comments at the meeting.

Written comments must be submitted by noon Tuesday, December 18, 2007 to the address below. For further information contact:

Debra Burns, Director
Office of Public Health Practice
Minnesota Department of Health
85 East 7th Place, Suite 220
P.O. Box 64882
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0882
Phone: (651) 201-3873
E-mail: debra.burns@health.state.mn.us

Department of Health Division of Compliance Monitoring Managed Care Systems Section Notice of Application for Essential Community Provider Status

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application for designation as an Essential Community Provider (ECP) has been submitted to the Commissioner of Health by Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, 200 East University Avenue, St. Paul, MN, 55101.

An ECP is a health care provider that serves high-risk, special needs, and underserved individuals. In order to be designated as an ECP, a provider must demonstrate that it meets the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes* Section 62Q.19 and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 4688. The public is allowed 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice to submit written comments on the application. The commissioner will approve or deny the application once the comment period and compliance review is complete.

For more information contact:

Mary Ann Fena
Managed Care Systems Section
Division of Compliance Monitoring
Department of Health
P.O. Box 64882
St. Paul, MN 55164-0882
Phone: (651) 201-5164

Minnesota Department of Health Health Policy Division, Health Economics Program Notice of Public Interest Review Application for New Hospital and Opportunity for Public Comment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Health has received an application from Prairie St. John's requesting public interest review of a proposal to build a new psychiatric hospital in Woodbury, Minnesota. Under Minnesota Statutes 144.552, a hospital seeking to increase its number of licensed beds or an organization seeking to obtain a hospital license must submit a plan to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). MDH is required to review the plan and issue a finding within 90 days (or up to six months in extenuating circumstances) on whether the plan is in the public interest.

In conducting its review, the MDH is required to consider certain issues, including (1) whether the new hospital or hospital beds are needed to provide timely access to care or access to new or improved services; (2) the financial impact of the new hospital or hospital beds on existing acute-care hospitals that have emergency departments in the region; (3) how the new hospital or hospital beds will affect the

ability of existing hospitals in the region to maintain existing staff; (4) the extent to which the new hospital or hospital beds will provide services to nonpaying or low-income patients relative to the level of services provided to these groups by existing hospitals in the region; and (5) the views of affected parties.

Affected parties may submit written statements or comments on the proposal to MDH by January 8, 2008. MDH will also sponsor a public meeting on the proposal on January 22, 2008 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Central Park Indoor Amphitheater, located at 8595 Central Park Place in Woodbury. Affected parties will have an opportunity to comment on the proposal at this meeting. Depending upon the number of parties that wish to comment, we anticipate that the amount of time available for each affected party to present its views may be limited and we therefore encourage the submission of written comments.

The application submitted to MDH has been posted on the Health Economics Program website:

(<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpsc/hep/moratorium/index.html>).

All written comments that we receive from affected parties will also be posted to this website.

Written statements or comments on the proposal may be submitted to Julie Sonier, Director, Health Economics Program, Minnesota Department of Health, PO Box 64882, St. Paul, MN 55164-0882. Comments may also be submitted electronically by e-mailing them to julie.sonier@state.mn.us. Questions about the public interest review process may be directed to Julie Sonier at (651) 201-3561.

Department of Labor and Industry

Labor Standards Unit

Notice of Correction to Highway/Heavy Prevailing Wage Rates for Carpenters in Region 5

A correction has been made to the Highway/Heavy Prevailing Wage rates certified 10/22/07, for Labor Code 404, Carpenters, in Region 5.

Copies may be obtained by writing the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Prevailing Wage Section, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4306, or by calling (651) 284-5091, or accessing our web site at www.doli.state.mn.us. Charges for the cost of copying and mailing at \$.25 per page for the first 100 pages, \$.65 per page after that. Make check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota.

Steve Sviggum, Commissioner
Department of Labor and Industry

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Decisions on Minnesota Power and Great River Energy's Badoura High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) Project: Environmental Assessment Adequacy; HVTL Route Designation and HVTL Route Permit PUC Docket No. ET2 ET015/TL-07-76

At its regular meeting on October 30, 2007, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) determined that the Environmental Assessment and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the Scoping Decision. The Commission also designated a HVTL route and issued a HVTL route permit for the proposed HVTL project. MP will construct and own the new Pine River 115 kilovolt (kV) Substation and the new 115 kV transmission line between the Pequot Lakes, Pine River and Badoura substations (approximately 30 miles). GRE will construct and own the new 115 kV transmission line between the Badoura Substation and the Birch Lake Substation, and between the Badoura Substation and the Long Lake Substation (approximately 33 miles). Equipment modifications will be made at the Pequot Lakes, Badoura, Birch Lake and Long Lake substations to accommodate the new 115 kV transmission line.

Inquiries about this project should be directed to the DOC project manager, Bill Storm (bill.storm@state.mn.us) or the public adviser, Deb Pile (Deborah.Pile@State.mn.us) 85 - 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101, telephone: (651) 296-7502, facsimile: (651) 297-7891. TTY relay service (800) 627-3529.

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Copies of documents relative to this docket can be obtained through the DOC Project Manager and maybe viewed at PUC web site:
<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19051>

Dated: December 3, 2007

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Decisions on Minnesota Power and Great River Energy's Tower High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) Project: Environmental Assessment Adequacy; HVTL Route Designation and HVTL Route Permit PUC Docket No. ET2 ET015/TL-06-1624

At its regular meeting on July 26, 2007, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) determined that the Environmental Assessment and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the Scoping Decision. The Commission also designated a HVTL route and issued a HVTL route permit for the proposed approximately 15 miles of new transmission lines, a new Embarrass switching station, and a new Tower substation located in St. Louis County in northeastern Minnesota.

Inquiries about this project should be directed to the DOC project manager, Bill Storm (bill.storm@state.mn.us) or the public adviser, Deb Pile (Deborah.Pile@State.mn.us) 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101, telephone: (651) 296-7502, facsimile: (651) 297-7891. TTY relay service (800) 627-3529.

Copies of documents relative to this docket can be obtained through the DOC Project Manager and maybe viewed at PUC web site:
<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18926>

Dated: December 3, 2007

Public Utilities Commission Notice of Filing and Prehearing Conference in the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company (d/b/a Xcel Energy) and Great River Energy for a Certificate of Need for the CapX 345 kV Transmission Project Public Utilities Commission Docket No. ET-2, E-002, et.al./CN-06-1115

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 16, 2007, Great River Energy and Xcel Energy (hereinafter the Applicants) submitted a Certificate of Need application for three 345 kV transmission lines in southern and western Minnesota. The three projects are as follows:

- 345 kV line of approximately 250 miles from the Fargo area to the Monticello area;
- 345 kV line of approximately 200 miles between the southeastern corner of the Twin Cities and Brookings County, South Dakota, including a 345 kV segment from Marshall to the Granite Falls area;
- 345 kV line of approximately 150 miles between the southeastern corner of the Twin Cities and La Crosse, Wisconsin, including two new 161 kV lines from North Rochester Substation into Rochester.

The application and other documents in this docket may be reviewed on the Public Utilities Commission website at www.puc.state.mn.us by clicking on "eDocket & eFiling" (click Search, then enter docket number **06-1115** and click enter for this Certificate of Need docket). The Certificate of Need application may also be viewed at www.capx2020.com/

The proposed transmission facilities fall under the definition of "large energy facility" in *Minnesota Statutes* § 216B.2421, subd. 2 (3). Therefore, in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* § 216B.243, subd. 2, the facilities cannot be constructed or sited in Minnesota unless the Commission issues a certificate of need to the Applicants.

The certificate of need rules pertaining to this filing are *Minnesota Rules*, parts 7849.0010 to 7849.0400. More specifically, the application requirements for transmission lines are given by parts 7849.0220, 7849.0240, and 7849.0260 to 7849.0340. The criteria for assessment of need are given by part 7849.0120.

The Commission has accepted the Applicants' certificate of need application and has ordered a contested case proceeding. Administrative Law Judge Beverly Heydinger has been assigned to conduct the hearing in this proceeding. Her address and telephone number is as follows: Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN, 55164-0620, (651) 361-7838.

A prehearing conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. on December 18, 2007 in the Large Hearing Room, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 - 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101-2147. Persons wishing to participate in this docket as an official party should attend this conference. Among the issues to be discussed are times and places for public and evidentiary hearings, dates for pre-filing of expert testimony and discovery procedures.

A series of public hearings in the proposed project affected areas will be held and a written comment period will be set, both intended to allow interested persons to comment on the need for the proposed facilities. Persons wishing to receive mailed notice of these opportunities to provide oral or written comment, when they have been scheduled, should contact Commission staff listed below.

Questions regarding this project and this docket may be directed to Commission staff members David Jacobson at (651) 201-2238, david.jacobson@state.mn.us or Bret Eknes at 651-201-2236 bret.eknes@state.mn.us; Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 - 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Minnesota Department of Transportation Contractors/consultants Who Have Performed, or Will Perform, Work on Minnesota Bridges

Because of the collapse of the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis on August 1, 2007, the Minnesota Department of Transportation and its contractors and consultants have been instructed to retain all data about all bridges in Minnesota. Approximately 4,000 Letters of Notice have been mailed to contractors and consultants. All contractors and consultants performing work on or about any Minnesota bridge, and in possession of any data about that work, must preserve that data until further notice even if a contract permits destruction of the data after a period of time. Please read the Notice below and take appropriate steps to retain data about Minnesota bridges.

NOTICE OF DUTY TO PRESERVE ALL DOCUMENTS OR DATA RELATING TO THE I-35W BRIDGE OR ANY OTHER MINNESOTA BRIDGE

The State has a duty to preserve all evidence in its possession, custody or control, whether printed or electronic, that might be or become relevant to any litigation that may arise out of the collapse of the I-35W bridge. This duty extends to such evidence held by MnDOT's contractors and consultants who have worked on, reviewed, or supplied materials or services for any MnDOT bridge project. It is extremely important that all such evidence be preserved.

Accordingly, you are instructed to preserve all documents or data that relate to the I-35W bridge or any other Minnesota bridge. This includes, but is not limited to, documents or data pertaining to the design, construction, maintenance, and repair of bridges; inspections of bridges; rankings of bridges for safety and/or the need for repair/replacement; funding of the maintenance, repair, inspection, and construction of bridges; and written and e-mail communications about bridges.

Specifically, you should immediately take the following steps to preserve all documents or data relating to the I-35W bridge or any other Minnesota bridge:

1. Suspend deletion, overwriting, or any other destruction or alteration of electronic information relating to the I-35W bridge or any other Minnesota bridge. This includes electronic information wherever it is stored (e.g., at a work station, on a laptop, or at home) and all forms of electronic communication (e.g., e-mail, word processing, calendars, voice messages, videos, photographs, and other information). All such information should be preserved in its original electronic form, so that all information contained within it, whether visible or not, is also available for inspection (i.e., it is not sufficient to make a hard copy of electronic communication).
2. Preserve, and not alter or destroy, any hard copies of documents that relate to the I-35W bridge or any other Minnesota bridge.
3. Preserve, and not alter or destroy, any documents or electronic information that are created after your receipt of this notice and that relate to the I-35W bridge or any other Minnesota bridge.
4. Maintain a record of the steps you take to comply with this notice.

Please contact my office: (651) 366-4822 if you have questions about the scope or implementation of this notice.

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Date: October, 2007

Barbara Forsland
Data Practices Compliance and Policy Analyst
Minnesota Department of Transportation

Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Group Petition by the City of Ham Lake for a Variance from State Aid Rules

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ham Lake City Council has made a request to the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to *Minnesota Rules* 8820.3300 for a variance from rules as they apply to the proposed reconstruction project S.A.P. 197-124-001 (MSAS 124) in the city of Ham Lake.

The request is for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* for State Aid Operations 8820.9936, adopted pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 161 and 162 as they apply to the proposed reconstruction and construction of MSAS 124 located on Aberdeen Street between 153rd Avenue and 157th Avenue and 157th Avenue between Aberdeen Street and Trunk Highway 65 in the city of Ham Lake, so as to allow horizontal curvature lengths meeting 15 mile per hour design speed in lieu of the 30 mile per hour design speed required by standards.

Any person may file a written objection to the variance request with the Commissioner of Transportation, Transportation Building, St. Paul, MN 55155.

If a written objection is received within 7 days from the date of this notice in the *State Register*, the variance can be granted only after a contested case hearing has been held on the request.

Dated: December 10, 2007

Julie A. Skallman, State Aid Engineer
State Aid for Local Transportation

Department of Transportation State Aid for Local Transportation Group Petition by the City of Rochester for a Variance from State Aid Rules

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rochester City Council has made a request to the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to *Minnesota Rules* 8820.3300 for a variance from rules as they apply to a proposed construction project S.P. 159-090-15 (pedestrian bridges over Trunk Highway 14, DM&E R.R. and Cascade Creek) in the city of Rochester.

The request is for a variance from *Minnesota Rules* for State Aid Operations 8820.9995, adopted pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 161 and 162 as they apply to the proposed construction of the pedestrian bridges over T.H. 14, DM&E R.R. and Cascade Creek, located 1800 feet west of Trunk Highway 52 between south of Trunk Highway 14 to 7th Street N.W. in the city of Rochester, so as to allow the three following requests: horizontal curve radii rated for a design speed of 6 miles per hour in lieu of the 20 mile per hour design speed required by standards, stopping sight distance meeting a 16 mile per hour design speed in lieu of the 20 mile per hour design speed required by standards, and a minimum clear travel way width of ten feet in lieu of the twelve foot minimum required by standards.

Any person may file a written objection to the variance request with the Commissioner of Transportation, Transportation Building, St. Paul, MN 55155.

If a written objection is received within 7 days from the date of this notice in the *State Register*, the variance can be granted only after a contested case hearing has been held on the request.

Dated: December 10, 2007

Julie A. Skallman, State Aid Engineer
State Aid for Local Transportation

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.

Minnesota Department of Human Services

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division

Addendum to the Request for Proposal (RFP) to Develop and Provide Training on How to Effectively Serve Individuals with a Dual Sensory Disability of Hearing and Vision Loss

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), through its Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division (DHHS), has published an Addendum to the Request For Proposal (RFP) to Develop and Provide Training on How to Effectively Serve Individuals with a Dual Sensory Disability of Hearing and Vision Loss. In the Addendum, the deadline for submitting proposals is being extended to January 11, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. To request a full text of the RFP Addendum please contact:

Jan Radatz
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division
Minnesota Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 64969
St. Paul, MN 55164-0969
Voice: (651) 431-2361, or
TTY: 1-888-206-6501
E-mail: jan.radatz@state.mn.us

Department of Human Services

Chemical Health Division

Notice of Request for Proposals for Case Management and Continuing Care Services for Individuals with Substance Use Issues/Disorders Involved in the Criminal Justice System

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Minnesota Department of Human Services Chemical Health Division is seeking proposals from qualified responders for the development of case management and continuing care services for individuals with substance use issues/disorders involved in the criminal justice system. The target population will be:

- 1) individuals who are living in the community on active probation,
- 2) currently incarcerated in a Minnesota county correctional facility and/or
- 3) have been released from a county correctional facility in Minnesota identified with a substance abuse disorder.

The case management will address issues of accessibility and availability to treatment, treatment support, and/or recovery maintenance services for the target population. This case management will be in partnership and collaboration with agencies that will provide the necessary resources to interrupt the progression of further legalities and ongoing substance abuse. Co-occurring Disorders (MI/CD) programming will not be a priority service to be funded with these funds, but proposals must include a strong referral service system for mental health services.

Objective: The intent of this request for proposals is to develop programming that will address the various needs of an individual living in the community on active probation, currently incarcerated in a Minnesota county correctional facility or who has been released from a Minnesota county correctional facility with an identified substance abuse problem, and to reduce the likelihood of recidivism within this population. **This case management may begin with the individual/s prior to their release from a Minnesota county correctional facility.**

State Grants & Loans

The Department of Human Services - Chemical Health Division is working to address long-standing disparities in the availability and quality of chemical health services for people of diverse racial, ethnic and linguistically challenged populations, with consideration toward gender, sexual orientation, and disability or special needs of individuals.

Funds available: A total of \$400,000 is available annually from the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant.

Requests per application may not exceed \$100,000 per year. Eligible applicants: County Community Correction Agencies.

NOTE: Services mandated under 256E (primarily detox and chemical use assessment) or funded under 254B (the Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund) are not appropriate for projects funded through this RFP. A complete Request for Proposal and application can be obtained from:

Tina Austin
DHS/Chemical Health Division
Elmer Andersen Building
540 Cedar Street
P.O. Box 64977
St. Paul, MN 55164-0977
Phone: (651) 431-4928
E-mail: tina.austin@state.mn.us

The deadline for receipt of proposals is February 29th 2008, 4:00 pm **Central Standard time**.

Department of Human Services Children's Mental Health Division Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) to Provide School-Linked Mental Health Services

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), through its Children's Mental Health Division is seeking proposals from qualified responders (Community Mental Health Centers or Rule 29 Mental Health Centers/Clinics) to coordinate and provide school-located or school-linked mental health services.

Work is proposed to start after April 1, 2008.

To request a full text of the RFP, please visit the DHS RFP web site at:

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/business_partners/documents/pub/DHS_id_000102.hcsp

or contact:

Ann Boerth
Children's Mental Health Division
Minnesota Department of Human Services
540 Cedar Street
P.O. Box 64985
St. Paul, MN 55164-0985
Fax #: (651) 431-7418
E-mail: ann.boerth@state.mn.us

The proposal due date is February 8, 2008, 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Late proposals will not be considered. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will *not* be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this

solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder. Other department personnel are NOT allowed to discuss this RFP with anyone, including responders, before the proposal submission deadline.

Minnesota Department of Human Services Transitions to Economic Stability Division Notice of Request for Proposals to Establish a Minnesota Family Investment Program Children's Mental Health Pilot

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services is requesting proposals to establish a Minnesota Family Investment Program Children's Mental Health pilot project. Work is proposed to start on April 1, 2008. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal, contact:

Leila Farah
Department of Human Services
Transitions to Economic Stability Division
P.O. Box 64951
444 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155-0951
Phone: (651) 431-4043
Fax: (651) 431-7526
E-mail: leila.farah@state.mn.us

This is the only person designated to answer questions by potential responders regarding this request.

Proposals submitted in response to this Request for Proposals must be received at the address above no later than **4:00 p.m., Central Time, January 25, 2008. Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax or e-mailed proposals will **NOT** be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs Notice of Application for Funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance

The Office of Justice Programs is submitting an application for continued funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) is administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs. JAG funding is made available to state and local units of government to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime. Those wishing to comment on the application may contact Jeri Boisvert at the Department of Public Safety, telephone number (651) 201-7305 or e-mail: Jeri.Boisvert@state.mn.us.

State Contracts

Informal Solicitations: Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Materials Management Division's (MMD) Web site. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the MMD Web site at www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us for informal solicitation announcements.

Formal Solicitations: Department of Administration procedures require that formal solicitations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

Requirements: There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Materials Management Division strongly recommends meeting the following requirements:

- \$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised. Contact the Materials Management Division: (651) 296-2600
- \$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days;
- \$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and
- anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar days

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Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU)

Winona State University

Request for Proposals to Provide Mobile Hardware and Desktop Hardware

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Winona State University is seeking proposals from vendors/manufactures/resellers and/or financial/lending institutions to provide mobile hardware (approximate 3500 annually), miscellaneous desktop hardware and flexible leasing agreements.

There will be an interested vendor meeting at 1:30 PM CST Tuesday, December 18, 2007 in the Purple Rooms, Kryzsko Commons on the WSU campus or by conference call 1-(800)-857-4231 with access code 52753#

Proposal specifications are available by contacting the Purchasing Department at PO Box 5838, 205 Somsen Hall, Winona, MN 55987, e-mail: sschmitt@winona.edu or by calling (507) 457-5067.

Sealed proposals must be received by Sandra Schmitt at PO Box 5838, or at 175 W. Mark St., Somsen 205G, Business Office, Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987 by 3:00 PM CST Friday, January 11, 2008.

Winona State University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities in proposals received.

Department of Commerce

Notice of Availability of Contract for Education of Residential Energy Auditors (REF # 2007-04-12-EREA)

The Minnesota Department of Commerce is requesting proposals for the purpose of establishing training for energy audits performed as part of Minnesota energy utilities' Conservation Improvement Programs.

Work is proposed to start late January/early February 2008.

A Request for Proposals will be available from this office through December 31, 2007. **A written request is required to receive the Request for Proposal.** After January 2, 2008, the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Amy Bicek
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 Seventh Place E, Suite 500
Saint Paul, MN 55101
Fax: (651) 297-7891
E-mail: energy.contracts@state.mn.us

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. **Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax or e-mailed proposals will be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota Historical Society

Notice of Request for Bids for Fabrication and Installation of Banner System for the Minnesota History Center

The Minnesota Historical Society is seeking bids from qualified and experienced contractors to fabricate and install four, 9'-0" wide by 18'-0" high replacable banners on permanent frames secured to the exterior of the Minnesota History Center in Saint Paul.

The system shall provide a frameless look on the front elevation based on the SignComp Tension Frame #2085 or approved equal with engineered support structure, and the banner frame shall be secured at mortar joints only using detail included in the Request for Bids (RFB).

The Request for Bids is available by calling or writing Mary Green-Toussaint, Purchasing Coordinator, Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102. Telephone: (651) 259-3175; e-mail: mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org.

Please note that there will be a MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING for interested contractors. Details are included in the Request for Bids.

All proposals must be received no later than 2:00 P.M., Local Time, Thursday, December 27, 2007. Late proposals will not be considered.

Dated: December 10, 2007

State Contracts

Department of Human Services

Child Support Enforcement Division

Notice of Availability of Contract to Provide Analysis of Child Support Service Delivery Model

*** PLEASE NOTE EXTENDED DUE DATE ***

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), through its Child Support Enforcement Division (State) is seeking Proposals from qualified Responders to assess the structural effectiveness, efficiency, and viability of the child support program in Minnesota and, if necessary, propose one or more models that would allow the state to manage the most cost effective program and still maintain the state's high level of performance for children and meet all federal requirements..

Work is proposed to start in April 2008.

A Request for Proposals will be available by e-mail (PDF) from this office through January 10, 2008. **A request (by direct mail or e-mail) is required to receive the Request for Proposal.**

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Jill Roberts
Child Support Enforcement Division
444 Lafayette Rd. N.
St. Paul MN, 55155-0946
Phone: (651) 431-4464
E-mail: *Jill.C.Roberts@state.mn.us*

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than **January 11, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. CST. Late proposals will not be considered.** Fax proposals will not be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

Engineering Services Division

Notice of Potential Availability of Contracting Opportunities for a Variety of Highway Related Technical Activities ("Consultant Pre-Qualification Program")

This document is available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities by calling Juanita Voigt at (651) 366-4774 for persons who are hearing or speech impaired by calling Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529.

Mn/DOT, worked in conjunction with the Consultant Reform Committee, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota (ACEC/MN), and the Department of Administration, to develop the Consultant Pre-Qualification Program as a new method of consultant selection. The ultimate goal of the Pre-Qualification Program is to streamline the process of contracting for highway related professional/technical services. Mn/DOT awards most of its consultant contracts for highway-related technical activities using this method, however, Mn/DOT also reserves the right to use Request for Proposal (RFP) or other selection processes for particular projects. Nothing in this solicitation requires Mn/DOT to use the Consultant Pre-Qualification Program.

Mn/DOT is currently requesting applications from consultants. Refer to Mn/DOT's Consultant Services web site, indicated below, to see which highway related professional/technical services are available for application. Applications are accepted on a continual basis. All expenses are incurred in responding to this notice will be borne by the responder. Response to this notice becomes public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices.

Consultant Pre-Qualification Program information, application requirements and applications forms are available on Mn/DOT's Consultant Services web site at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/consult>.

Send completed application material to:

Juanita Voigt
Consultant Services
Office of Technical Support
Minnesota Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Blvd. Mail Stop 680
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Note: DUE DATE: APPLICATION MATERIAL WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A CONTINUAL BASIS.

Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) Engineering Services Division Notice Concerning Professional/Technical Contract Opportunities

NOTICE TO ALL: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is now placing additional public notices for professional/technical contract opportunities on Mn/DOT's Consultant Services **website** at: www.dot.state.mn.us/consult.

New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

Department of Transportation Mn/DOT, Office of Traffic, Safety and Operations Request for Information on MnPASS Expansion on I-35W Corridor

Notice of availability of Contract for MnPASS Expansion on I-35W Corridor project. Responses to this advertisement become public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota or the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) to complete the work proposed in this notice, and the department reserves the right to cancel this request for proposals. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice shall be borne by the responder.

Mn/DOT desires to expand its knowledge base with technologies pertaining to the implementation and operation of a HOV/HOT lane on the I-35W corridor. The technologies may include but are not limited to:

1. In-vehicle equipment (i.e. transponders)
2. Toll readers (beacons), antennas, cabinets
3. Enforcement devices and/or strategies
4. Software and appropriate computer systems
5. All other components necessary to provide an operational HOT/HOV lane system.

The complete RFI is available online at MnPASS official website at:

http://www.mnpass.org/RFI_I35W.html

All responses must be mailed or delivered to:

Ron Bisek, Contract Administrator
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Office of Traffic, Safety and Operations
RTMC Building, **Mailstop 725**

State Contracts

1500 West County Road B2
Roseville, MN 55113
E-mail: *Ron.bisek@dot.state.mn.us*

Fax responses will not be considered.

Note: **PROPOSALS WILL BE DUE ON** January 4th, 2008 no later than 12:00 pm CENTRAL TIME.

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The *State Register* also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State 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 commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for further details.

Metropolitan Council

Notice of Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Elevator Maintenance Preventative and Emergency Service

Reference Number 07P014

The Metropolitan Council is requesting bids for the purpose of establishing a contract to provide Elevator Maintenance – Preventative and Emergency Service for a period of three years.

The tentative schedule for this procurement is as follows:

<i>Issue Invitation for Bids</i>	December 3, 2007
<i>Bids Due</i>	December 27, 2007
<i>Award Contract</i>	February 2008

All firms interested in submitting bids for this contract and desiring to receive an IFB package are invited to make a request by e-mail, fax, mail or phone to:

Sunny Jo Emerson
Administrative Assistant, Contracts and Procurement Unit
Metropolitan Council
390 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55101-1805
Phone: (651) 602-1499
Fax: (651) 602-1083
E-mail: *sunnyjo.emerson@metc.state.mn.us*

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Metropolitan Council

Notice of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Architectural/Engineering Services for Interceptor Rehabilitation Projects

Contract Number 07P181

The Metropolitan Council is soliciting proposals for architectural/engineering services for Interceptor Rehabilitation Projects to support the Council's Environmental Services Division in completing smaller projects on an as-needed basis.

The Council intends to execute an architectural/engineering services contract with a Proposer that is able to provide these services. The contract will have a maximum value of \$200,000 and a term of three years. The contract will be structured to allow the Council to request specific professional services, generally valued at less than \$50,000, on an as-needed basis by issuing Work Orders. Each Work Order will include a specific scope of services, specified cost for the services, and a designated Council Project Manager.

The **tentative** schedule for this procurement is:

<i>Issue Request for Proposals</i>	December 10, 2007
<i>Proposal Due Date</i>	January 3, 2008
<i>Selection of Firms</i>	February, 2008
<i>Execution of Contracts</i>	March, 2008

All firms interested in providing these services should request a copy of the Request for Proposals. Send or fax requests to:

Steve Kaukola, Contracts Administrator
Contracts and Procurement Unit
Metropolitan Council
390 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: (651) 602-1064
Fax: (651) 602-1083
E-mail: steve.kaukola@metc.state.mn.us

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The University of Minnesota offers 24 hour/day, 7day/week access to all Request for Bids/Proposals through its web-based Bid Information Service (BIS). Subscriptions to BIS are free. Visit our website at bidinfo.umn.edu or call the BIS Coordinator at (612) 625-5534.

Request for Bids/Proposals are also available to the public each business day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Purchasing Services lobby, Suite 560, 1300 S. 2nd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55454.

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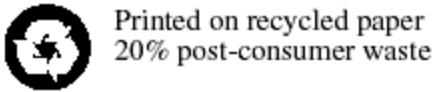
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