

Environmental Assessment Available

Project Title: Pleasant Valley 161 kV Transmission Line and 34.5/161 kV Substation Project, located in Mower County.

Project Description:

This Project falls under Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850.5300 Subp. 2. C. local review of transmission projects ranging between 100 to 200 kV. Mower County agreed to act as the lead local unit of government with jurisdiction to approve the Project, and an Environmental Assessment (EA) is currently available for the Project. Pleasant Valley Wind LLC (Pleasant Valley) is seeking authorization to construct a 161 kV transmission line and a substation for the Pleasant Valley Wind Project. The substation will be in Section 20 of Sargeant Township; the transmission line will connect the substation to the existing Great River Energy Pleasant Valley Station in the NW ¼ of Section 19 of Pleasant Valley Township. Pleasant Valley is evaluating two potential routes for the proposed transmission line, only one of which will ultimately be constructed. The transmission route will either be along County Road 1 (310th Street) between 640th Avenue and 680th Avenue in Sargeant Township, or along 320th Street/325th Street between 640th Avenue and 680th Avenue.

Copies of the EA, which documents the purpose and need of the project, along with the anticipated social, economic, and environmental impacts, are available for public review beginning January 6, 2014 at the Auditor's office in the Mower County Government Center, 201 1st Street NE, in Austin MN **and** at the Public Works/Environmental Services Office at the address below. Comments may be submitted to Angie Knish at the Environmental Services office, at the address or email below.

Comment Period Deadline: January 16, 2014

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