

Appendix A

Route Permit Checklist

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**APPENDIX A
 PLUM CREEK WIND FARM, LLC PROJECT
 ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION
 DOCKET NO. IP6997 / TL-18-701
 COMPLETENESS CHECKLIST**

Authority	Required Information	Location in Application
Minn. Stat. § 216E.03 – Project Notice		
Subd. 3a	At least 90 days before filing an application with the commission, the applicant shall provide notice to each local unit of government within which a route may be proposed. The notice must describe the proposed project and the opportunity for a preapplication consultation meeting with local units of government as provided in subdivision 3b.	Appendix J
Subd. 3b	Within 30 days of receiving a project notice, local units of government may request the applicant to hold a consultation meeting with local units of government. Upon receiving notice from a local unit of government requesting a preapplication consultation meeting, the applicant shall arrange the meeting at a location chosen by the local units of government. A single public meeting for which each local government unit requesting a meeting is given notice satisfies the meeting requirement of this subdivision.	§ 7.1; Appendix J
Minn. R. 7850.1900, Subp. 2 – Route Permit for a High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL)		
A.	A statement of proposed ownership of the facility at the time of filing the Application and after commercial operation.	§ 1.1
B.	The precise name of any person or organization to be initially named as permittee or permittees and the name of any other person to whom the Route Permit may be transferred if transfer of the Route Permit is contemplated.	§ 1.2
C.	At least two proposed routes for the proposed HVTL and identification of the preferred route and the reasons for the preference. Note: Applicant’s description of their proposed routes complies with Minn. Stat. 216E.03, subd. 3 which states “Neither of the two proposed routes may be designated as a preferred route and all proposed routes must be numbered and designated as alternatives.”	§ 2.1, Chapter 4, and Appendix F
D.	A description of the proposed HVTL and all associated	Chapter 2 and

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	facilities, including the size and type of the HVTL.	Appendix E
E.	The environmental information required under Minn. Rules 7850.1900, Subp. 3.	Chapter 6 and Appendix B
F.	Identification of land uses and environmental conditions along the proposed routes.	§ 6.1 and § 6.2.9
G.	The names of each owner whose property is within any of the proposed routes for the HVTL.	Appendix L
H.	United States Geological Survey (“USGS”) topographical maps or other maps acceptable to the Commission showing the entire length of the HVTL on all proposed routes.	Appendix C
I.	Identification of existing utility and public rights-of-way along or parallel to the proposed routes that have the potential to share right-of-way with the proposed HVTL.	§ 6.2.10.5, Figure 6.2.9-1, Appendix B, and Appendix C
J.	The engineering and operational design concepts for the proposed HVTL, including information on the electric and magnetic fields of the HVTL.	Chapter 5, Appendices E and G
K.	Cost analysis of each route, including the costs of constructing, operating and maintaining the HVTL that are dependent on design and route.	§ 2.7 and § 5.4, and Appendix B
L.	A description of possible design options to accommodate expansion of the HVTL in the future.	§ 2.8
M.	The procedures and practices proposed for the acquisition and restoration of the right-of-way and for construction and maintenance of the HVTL.	Chapter 5
N.	A listing and brief description of federal, state and local permits that may be required for the proposed HVTL.	Chapter 8 and Table 8.0-1
O.	A copy of the Certificate of Need or the certified HVTL list containing the proposed HVTL or documentation that an application for a Certificate of Need has been submitted or is not required.	§ 1.3
Minn. R. 7850.1900, Subp. 3 – Environmental Information		
A.	A description of the environmental setting for each site or route.	§ 6.1

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B.	A description of the effects of construction and operation of the facility on human settlement, including, but not limited to, public health and safety, displacement, noise, aesthetics, socioeconomic impacts, cultural values, recreation and public services.	§ 6.2 and Appendix B
C.	A description of the effects of the facility on land-based economies, including, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining.	§ 6.3 and Appendix B
D.	A description of the effects of the facility on archaeological and historic resources.	§ 6.4 and Appendix B
E.	A description of the effects of the facility on the natural environment, including effects on air and water quality resources and flora and fauna.	§ 6.5 and Appendix B
F.	A description of the effects of the facility on rare and unique natural resources.	§ 6.6 and Appendix B
G.	Identification of human and natural environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the facility is approved at a specific site or route.	Chapter 6 and Appendix B
H.	A description of measures that might be implemented to mitigate the potential human and environmental impacts identified in items A to G and the estimated costs of such mitigation measures.	Chapters 5, 6, and 7

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