

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of  
Coneflower Energy, LLC for a Site Permit  
for the up to 235 MW Coneflower Solar  
Project in Lyon County, Minnesota

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

This matter came before Administrative Law Judge Jessica A. Palmer-Denig for a prehearing conference held by videoconference via Microsoft Teams on December 20, 2024.

Ryan Cox and Christina Brusven, Fredrikson & Byron P.A., appeared on behalf of Coneflower Energy, LLC (Applicant), along with Garrick Valverde and Brie Anderson of Apex Clean Energy, Inc.

Katherine Arnold, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the Department of Commerce, Energy and Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC EERA), along with Lauren Agnew, Environmental Review Manager.

Scott Ek, Energy Facilities Planner, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission), appeared as Commission Staff.

Based upon the record, the Administrative Law Judge issues the following:

**ORDER**

1. The parties in this matter have agreed to a procedural schedule as follows:

Date	Event
March 24, 2025	Environmental Assessment Issued/Notice of Environmental Assessment Availability and Public Hearings
April 11, 2025	Applicant Files Direct Testimony and Exhibits
April 22, 2025	Public Hearing - In Person
April 23, 2025	Public Hearing - Virtual

Date	Event
May 5, 2025	Public Hearing Comment Period Closes
May 19, 2025	Applicant Files Responses to Public Hearing Comments and Proposed Findings of Fact
May 27, 2025	DOC EERA Files Responses to Comments on the Environmental Assessment, Technical Analysis, Reply to Applicant's Proposed Findings of Fact
June 26, 2025	Administrative Law Judge Files Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation
July 11, 2025	Exceptions to Administrative Law Judge's Report Filed
August 7, 2025 <b>(Tentative)</b>	Commission Meeting

2. It is anticipated that the in-person and virtual public hearings will be held in the evening on the scheduled dates, with the precise timing of those hearings to be determined. The Applicant will reserve an appropriate location in the area of the proposed project for the in-person public hearing.

Dated: December 23, 2024

  
 JESSICA A. PALMER-DENIG  
 Administrative Law Judge

December 23, 2024

See Attached Service List

**Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Coneflower Energy, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 235 MW Coneflower Solar Project in Lyon County, Minnesota***

**OAH 71-2500-40396  
MPUC IP-7132/GS-24-215**

To All Persons on the Attached Service List:

Enclosed and served upon you is the Administrative Law Judge's **SCHEDULING ORDER** in the above-entitled matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 361-7857, [nichole.sletten@state.mn.us](mailto:nichole.sletten@state.mn.us), or via facsimile at (651) 539-0310.

Sincerely,



NICHOLE SLETTEN  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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On December 23, 2024, a true and correct copy of the **SCHEDULING ORDER** was served by eService, and United States mail, (in the manner indicated below) to the following individuals:

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