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Subpart 1. **Site permit for LEPGP.** An application for a site permit for a large electric power generating plant must contain the following information:

A. a statement of proposed ownership of the facility as of the day of filing and after commercial operation;

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 permit may be transferred if transfer of the permit is contemplated;

C. at least two proposed sites for the proposed large electric power generating plant and identification of the applicant's preferred site and the reasons for preferring the site;

D. a description of the proposed large electric power generating plant and all associated facilities, including the size and type of the facility;

E. the environmental information required under subpart 3;

F. the names of the owners of the property for each proposed site;

G. the engineering and operational design for the large electric power generating plant at each of the proposed sites;

H. a cost analysis of the large electric power generating plant at each proposed site, including the costs of constructing and operating the facility that are dependent on design and site;

I. an engineering analysis of each of the proposed sites, including how each site could accommodate expansion of generating capacity in the future;

J. identification of transportation, pipeline, and electrical transmission systems that will be required to construct, maintain, and operate the facility;

K. a listing and brief description of federal, state, and local permits that may be required for the project at each proposed site; and

L. a copy of the Certificate of Need for the project from the Public Utilities Commission or documentation that an application for a Certificate of Need has been submitted or is not required.

Subp. 2. **Route permit for HVTL.** An application for a route permit for a high voltage transmission line shall contain the following information:

A. a statement of proposed ownership of the facility at the time of filing the application and after commercial operation;

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 permit may be transferred if transfer of the permit is contemplated;

C. at least two proposed routes for the proposed high voltage transmission line and identification of the applicant's preferred route and the reasons for the preference;

D. a description of the proposed high voltage transmission line and all associated facilities including the size and type of the high voltage transmission line;

E. the environmental information required under subpart 3;

F. identification of land uses and environmental conditions along the proposed routes;

G. the names of each owner whose property is within any of the proposed routes for the high voltage transmission line;

H. United States Geological Survey topographical maps or other maps acceptable to the commission showing the entire length of the high voltage transmission line on all proposed routes;

I. identification of existing utility and public rights-of-way along or parallel to the proposed routes that have the potential to share the right-of-way with the proposed line;

J. the engineering and operational design concepts for the proposed high voltage transmission line, including information on the electric and magnetic fields of the transmission line;

K. cost analysis of each route, including the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining the high voltage transmission line that are dependent on design and route;

L. a description of possible design options to accommodate expansion of the high voltage transmission line in the future;

M. the procedures and practices proposed for the acquisition and restoration of the right-of-way, construction, and maintenance of the high voltage transmission line;

N. a listing and brief description of federal, state, and local permits that may be required for the proposed high voltage transmission line; and

O. a copy of the Certificate of Need or the certified HVTL list containing the proposed high voltage transmission line or documentation that an application for a Certificate of Need has been submitted or is not required.

Subp. 3. **Environmental information.** An applicant for a site permit or a route permit shall include in the application the following environmental information for each proposed site or route to aid in the preparation of an environmental impact statement:

A. a description of the environmental setting for each site or route;

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;

C. a description of the effects of the facility on land-based economies, including, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining;

- D. a description of the effects of the facility on archaeological and historic resources;
- 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;
- F. a description of the effects of the facility on rare and unique natural resources;
- G. identification of human and natural environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the facility is approved at a specific site or route; and
- 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 mitigative measures.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 116C.66; 216E.16*

History: *27 SR 1295; L 2005 c 97 art 3 s 19*

NOTE: This part is repealed effective July 1, 2025. L 2024 c 126 art 7 s 15; L 2024 c 127 art 43 s 15.

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