

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF HEARING
REGARDING THE EFFECT
OF WIND TURBINE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS AND NOISE LIMITATIONS
ON WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT
IN DESIGNATED MICHIGAN WIND ENERGY RESOURCE ZONES
CASE NO. U-15899**

- The Michigan Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing to solicit comments from anyone who wishes to comment on the effect of wind turbine setback requirements and noise limitations under local zoning or other ordinances on wind energy development in wind energy resource zones.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- Any person may review information about the final report of the Wind Energy Resource Zone Board available at www.michigan.gov/windboard. The final report includes recommendations from the Board to the Commission, regarding the designation of Michigan wind energy resource zones.
- The public hearing will be held:

DATE: November 23, 2009

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7
Lansing, Michigan

(Satellite Location)
Huron Area Technical Center
1160 S. Van Dyke Road
Bad Axe, MI 48413

(Satellite Location)
University Center
Room 215/217
Boardman Lake Campus
Northwestern Michigan College
2200 Dendrinos Drive
Traverse City, MI 49684

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may attend and participate. The hearing sites are accessible, including handicapped parking. People needing any accommodation to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 241-6160 at least a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The public hearing is required by Section 147 of 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1147. After a short presentation by the Commission Staff, the hearing will be for the sole purpose of providing an opportunity for all interested persons to present statements, views, data, questions, or arguments concerning the effect of wind turbine setback requirements and noise limitations under local zoning or other ordinances on wind energy development in wind energy resource zones. A verbatim transcript of the public hearing will be created by a court reporter, and the transcript will become public information available on the Commission's website and subject to disclosure. The public hearing will continue until all parties present have had a reasonable opportunity to present statements regarding the proposed rules. Persons presenting statements may be asked questions by the Commission and its Staff, as well as by the presiding officer. Statements may be limited in duration by the presiding officer in order to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to participate in the proceedings. Participants may file written comments at the public hearing. Participants may attend in person at any of the above locations to provide comments.

Written and electronic comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2009. Written comments should be sent to the: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Electronic comments may be e-mailed to mpscdockets@michigan.gov. Participants may file comments electronically via the Commission's E-Dockets System. Written comments may also be delivered by a commenter in person at the public hearing. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information available on the Commission's website and subject to disclosure. All comments should reference Case No. U-15899.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to section 6 of 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.556, section 5 of 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.55, sections 4, 6, and 10e of 1939 PA 3, as amended MCL 460.4, 460.6, and 460.10e, section 173 of 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1173, 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 *et seq.*

October 28, 2009