

Appendix A

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This table summarizes Solar Site Permit Application contents and the location of required information in the Application.

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Authority	Required Information	Location in Solar Site Application
<u>2023 MN Statutes 216E.04</u>	Alternative Review of Applications	
Subdivision 1	An applicant who seeks a site permit or route permit for one of the projects identified in this section shall have the option of following the procedures in this section rather than the procedures in section 216E.03. The applicant shall notify the commission at the time the application is submitted which procedure the applicant chooses to follow.	1.0 and 1.4.3
Subdivision 2, (8)	Large electric power generating plants that are powered by solar energy.	1.0 and 1.4.3
<u>MN Rule 7850.1900, Subpart 1.</u>	Site Permit for Large Electric Power Generating Plant	
A.	A statement of proposed ownership of the facility as of the day of filing and after commercial operation.	1.2.1 and 1.2.2
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.	1.2, 1.2.1 and 1.2.2
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; at least two proposed routes for the proposed high voltage transmission line and identification of the applicant's preferred route and reasons for the preference.	Alternatives not required under alternative process (Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, Subd. 2 and 3)
D.	A description of the proposed large electric power generating plant and HVTL and all associated facilities, including the size and type of the facility.	2.0, Figures 2, 3, and 4, Appendix C
E.	The environmental information required under Subpart 3.	4.0
F.	The names of the owners of the property for the proposed site.	1.2.1 and 1.2.2, Appendix L
G.	The engineering and operational design for the large electric power generating plant and HVTL.	3.0; Figures 2, 3, and 4, Appendix C
H.	A cost analysis of the large electric power generating plant and HVTL, including the cost of constructing and operating the facility that is dependent on design and site.	2.6
I.	An engineering analysis of the site, including how the site could accommodate expansion of generating capacity in the future.	2.7, 3.0
J.	Identification of transportation, pipeline, and electrical transmission systems that will be required to construct, maintain, and operate the facility.	3.1.4, 3.1.8, and 3.1.11
K.	A listing and brief description of federal, state, and local permits that may be required for the project at each proposed site.	1.4
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.	1.4.2
<u>MN Rule 7850.1900, Subpart 3</u>	Environmental Information	
A.	A description of the environmental setting for each site or route.	4.1
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.	4.2
C.	A description of the effects of the facility on land-based economies, including, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining.	4.3
D.	A description of the effects of the facility on archaeological and historic resources.	4.4

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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.	4.5
F.	A description of the effects of the facility on rare and unique natural resources.	4.5.6
G.	Identification of human and natural environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the facility is approved at a specific site or route.	4.8
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.	4.0
<u>MN Rule 7850.2800, Subpart 2</u>	Notice to Commission	
	An applicant for a permit for one of the qualifying projects in subpart 1, who intends to follow the procedures of parts 7850.2800 to 7850.3700, shall notify the PUC of such intent, in writing, at least 10 days before submitting an application for the project.	1.4.3