

Comments from International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 and North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters

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Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Byron Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Need, Site Permit and Route Permit for the up to 200 MW Byron Solar Project and 345 kV Transmission Line in Olmstead and Dodge Counties, MN (dockets: IP7041/GS-20-763, IP7041/CN-20-764, IP7041/TL-20-765)

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Byron Solar Project. As labor unions who perform construction and maintenance work on a wide array of energy infrastructure projects across the state, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the issue of whether to grant this project a certificate of need, route permit and site permit.

We have had the opportunity to weigh in twice previously on this docket. We wish to enter brief comments to reiterate our continuing support for the project. We appreciate EDF Renewables commitment to ensuring that the project will create high quality jobs. This project will help ensure the state meets its energy goals and does so in a way that provides additional socioeconomic benefits. We believe the project should be granted a certificate of need, route permit and site permit.

Sincerely,

Adam Duinick, Director of Government Affairs, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters

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