

Appendix G
Agency and Tribal Coordination and Correspondence

Appendix G-1
Outreach Letters Sent

Minnesota Statute § 216E.021 requires combining proposed solar energy generating systems for permitting purposes when certain conditions exist. The Department of Commerce requires the information requested below to determine 1) whether proposed solar energy generating systems meet the definition of a large electric power generating plant and, therefore, are subject to the Public Utilities Commission's siting authority; or 2) whether large electric power generating plants that are solar energy generating systems should be combined for permitting purposes. Based on the information provided, Commerce staff may require additional information to make a determination.

Instructions: Answer each question completely. Each question and answer must be clearly identified. Attach maps and supporting information as necessary. Return the signed and dated information to:

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Note: This form can be made available electronically, and submitted as an electronic document.

A. Project Description

Briefly describe the proposed project or projects, including name(s); need for the project(s); number of solar energy generating systems; alternating current nameplate capacity of the individual solar energy generating systems identified; and the combined alternating current nameplate capacity.

Lemon Hill Solar, LLC (Lemon Hill), proposes to construct and operate an up to 180 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generating facility and associated facilities in Haverhill and Viola Townships in Olmsted County, Minnesota (Project). Lemon Hill will be submitting an application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC or Commission) for up to 180 MW alternating current of nameplate solar-energy capacity and supporting infrastructure.

The Project will be located in Olmsted County, and the Project area spans approximately 1,945 acres, approximately 966 acres of which will be occupied by the solar panels and associated facilities. Lemon Hill proposes to interconnect the Project at Dairyland Power Cooperative's (Dairyland) existing 161 kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL) adjacent to the Project area in Olmsted County, Minnesota. Connecting the Project to the Point of Interconnection (POI) at Dairyland's 161 kV HVTL will allow Lemon Hill to line tap into the power line using a less than 300-foot-long gen-tie line between the proposed new Project and Dairyland's 161 kV HVTL. The proposed gen-tie line will not exceed 1,500 feet in length.

The Project is needed to meet the growing demand for additional renewable resources needed to meet the Solar Energy Standard set forth in Minnesota Statutes and other clean energy requirements in Minnesota and neighboring states. An application for a Site Permit will be submitted to the Commission for the Project.

B. Project Design and Location

Provide the following information regarding each solar energy generating system:

B-1. Describe the 1) solar generating equipment and associated facilities; 2) project boundary location(s) (county, township, and sections); 3) the area within the project boundary (acres); and 4) area within the project boundary that will be developed for the solar project (acres).

The Project's main components include PV panels mounted on a single axis tracking system, solar inverters, an operations and maintenance building, and a substation. The racking system foundations will be pile driven, with the depth varying depending on the geotechnical investigation. The racking system foundations are not anticipated to require concrete; however, some concrete foundations may be needed depending on location and specific soil conditions.

Associated facilities include electrical cables, conduit, switchgear, step up transformers, supervisory control and data acquisition system, and metering equipment. The solar facility will be fenced and gated for security.

The Project is planned in the following sections in Olmsted County, Minnesota:

Township	Range	Section(s)
Haverhill (13W)	107N	11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24
Viola (12W)	107N	7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29

The Project Area is comprised of approximately 1,945 acres of agricultural land located within the Haverhill and Viola Townships in Olmsted County, Minnesota. Lemon Hill has secured site control for the proposed Project. Lemon Hill currently anticipates utilizing most of the area within the Project boundary, except for areas that may be subject to applicable setbacks and public rights-of-way. The final Project design is anticipated to occupy approximately 966 acres, with the additional acreage allowing for required buffers and flexibility in design.

B-2. Describe the anticipated point of electrical interconnection. Describe interconnection requests and the status of each request. Provide any assigned project or queue interconnection numbers.

The Project will interconnect to the 161 kV HVTL owned by Dairyland Power Cooperative in Olmsted County. The Project filed for interconnection status on July 22, 2021, and is currently in the 2021 MISO interconnection queue with an interconnection position of J2219.

B-3. Provide a map showing the proposed facility boundary, the interconnection site, anticipated solar module layout, and associated facilities. “Associated facilities” includes access roads, operation and maintenance facilities, collector and feeder lines, and substations. Maps should be at 1:24,000 scale using an imagery basemap. The map must include a legend and scale bar.

The attached map shows the proposed facility boundary, the interconnection site, the anticipated solar module layout and the associated facilities. Further revisions may occur as the Project advances towards filing.

C. Project Characteristics

Provide the following information regarding each solar energy generating system:

C-1. List and describe the entity responsible for constructing the project.

Ranger Power LLC (Ranger Power) is developing the Project on behalf of Lemon Hill. A contractor has not yet been selected for construction.

C-2. List and describe the entity responsible for operating and maintaining the project.

Lemon Hill will be responsible for operating and maintaining the Project.

C-3. Describe the ownership structure, sales agreement(s), interconnection(s), revenue sharing, debt or equity financing, and any other characteristics of the solar energy generating system. Include a statement indicating whether these characteristics are “independent” or “shared.” If shared, indicate with what existing or proposed project.

Lemon Hill owns the Project. Ranger Power, a Delaware limited liability company specializing in the development of utility-scale renewable energy projects in the United States, is developing the Project on behalf of Lemon Hill. Lemon Hill's indirect parent company is D.E. Shaw Renewable Investments, L.L.C. (DESRI). DESRI and its affiliates acquire, own, and manage long-term contracted renewable energy assets in North America.

It is possible that the Project could be sold to another entity in which case, Lemon Hill and the buyer would request a transfer of the Site Permit. The Project’s queue position includes only enough capacity to serve the Project. Accordingly, the Project will not share interconnection with any other project. Lemon Hill does not currently have or anticipate sharing revenue, debt or equity financing with any other project.

C-4. Provide the anticipated schedule for completion, including dates for permitting, construction (start and end dates), and commercial operation.

Lemon Hill plans to file a site permit application in the second quarter of 2025 so that it receives Commission approval for the Project in the second quarter of 2026. Construction is anticipated to begin as early as the third quarter of 2026 with commercial operation expected in the fourth quarter of 2028.

D. Applicant Information

D-1. Provide the name, address, email, and telephone number of the applicant and any authorized representative.

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D-2. Provide the name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the person or persons who would prepare the application to the Public Utilities Commission or to a Minnesota county or local unit of government, if such an application would be prepared by an agent or consultant of the applicant.

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D-3. Briefly describe the applicant's business entity including its ownership and financial structure.

Lemon Hill is an independent power producer that will own and operate the Project.

D-4. Provide the Minnesota Secretary of State organizational ID number for the applicant business entity, all subordinate entities, and all solar developer entities involved with the project.

Lemon Hill's Minnesota Secretary of State organizational identification number is 1243913100022.

Lemon Hill Solar does not have any subordinate entities.

D-5. Identify and provide contact information for the person or persons who would be the permittees, if different than the applicant, if the solar energy generating systems were permitted by the Public Utilities Commission or a Minnesota county.

The permittee is Lemon Hill, who is also the applicant.

E. Other Projects in Minnesota

E-1. Identify any planned or existing solar energy generating system(s) in Minnesota in which the applicant, or a principal, partner, or affiliate of the applicant, has an ownership or other financial interest. Describe any facilities identified, including their location, alternating current nameplate capacity, and their interconnection requests.

Lemon Hill does not have any planned or existing solar energy generating systems in Minnesota. Lemon Hill's indirect parent company is D.E. Shaw Renewable Investments, L.L.C. (DESRI). DESRI owns the 100 MW (AC) North Star Solar Project located in Chisago County, Minnesota. The North Star Solar Project began commercial operations in 2017. More information regarding the North Star Solar Project is available in MPUC Docket No. IP-6943/GS-15-33.

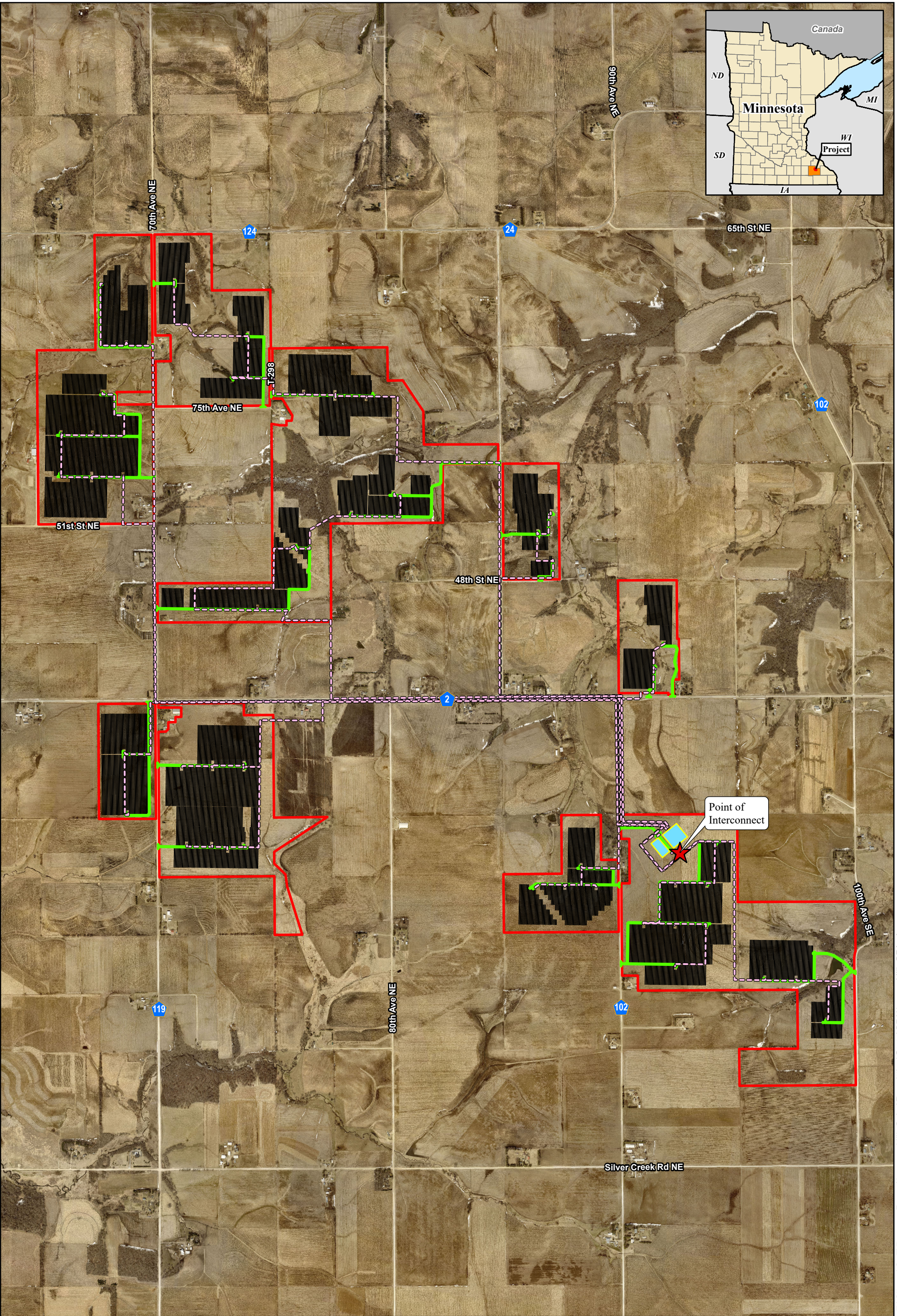
DESRI has ownership and financial interests in a planned solar project currently in the permitting process in Minnesota that will be owned and operated by Gopher State Solar LLC (Gopher State Solar). Gopher State Solar proposes to construct and operate a 200 MW PV solar energy generating facility and associated infrastructure, known as the Gopher State Solar Project (Project). The proposed Project will be located in Kingman, Osceola, and Bird Island townships in Renville County, Minnesota. The Project area is approximately 1,645 acres in size, 977 acres of which will be occupied by the solar panels and associated infrastructure. Gopher State Solar filed a queue position with MISO in the MISO DPP 2021 West study cycle as J1846. Gopher State Solar expects to sign a generator interconnection agreement (GIA) for the project with MISO for 200 MW. Gopher State Solar will notify the Commission when the GIA has been executed. More information regarding the Gopher State Solar Project is available in MPUC Docket No. IP-7119/GS-24-106.

E-2. Identify any additional solar energy generating system(s) in Minnesota in which the applicant, or principal, partner, or affiliate of the applicant, has an ownership or other financial interest and is currently under construction or construction is planned to begin within 12 months of the proposed project(s) estimated completion date. Describe any facilities identified, including their location, alternating current nameplate capacity, and their interconnection requests.

None.

E-3. Identify any planned or existing solar energy generating system(s) in Minnesota which that shares any of the following with the proposed project: power purchase agreement, interconnection, sales, revenues, debt or equity financing, or other ownership or financial interests. Describe any facilities identified, including their location, alternating current nameplate capacity, and their interconnection requests.

None.





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Lemon Hill Solar Project

Lemon Hill Solar, LLC
Olmsted County, Minnesota

-  Point of Interconnect
-  Project Area
-  Proposed Access Road
-  Proposed Solar Panel
-  Proposed Substation
-  Proposed Collector Line



April 16, 2024

VIA U.S. Mail

Cynthia Warzecha
Energy Projects Review
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Lemon Hill Solar Project
Olmsted County, Minnesota**

Dear Ms. Warzecha:

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On behalf of Lemon Hill Solar, Merjent submitted a formal Natural Heritage Review Request (2023-00340) on April 27, 2023 (enclosed) through the DNR's Minnesota Conservation Explorer ("MCE"). On July 10, 2023, a response was provided by the MnDNR indicating that the loggerhead shrike, a state-listed bird, has been documented in the vicinity of the project and tree and shrub removal should be avoided during the breeding season of April through July. We understand this review is valid for one year and we resubmitted in March of 2024; Lemon Hill will work with the MnDNR to implement recommendations or requirements.

Please let us know if you have information we should consider in evaluating the Project. If you would like to request a meeting, please contact me at (734) 709-7358 or zane@rangerpower.com. I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have about the Project.

Sincerely,

Zane Jones
Ranger Power LLC

Enclosures Project Overview Map
 National Heritage Review Response



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
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July 10, 2023

Correspondence # MCE 2023-00340

Mandy Bohnenblust
Merjent, Inc.

RE: Natural Heritage Review of the proposed Lemon Hill Solar,
T107N R13W Sections 1, 11-13, 24, T107N R12W Sections 7, 17-21, 29-30; Olmsted County

Dear Mandy Bohnenblust,

As requested, the [Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System](#) has been reviewed to determine if the proposed project has the potential to impact any rare species or other significant natural features. Based on the project details provided with the request, the following rare features may be impacted by the proposed project:

State-listed Species

- The loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*), a state-listed endangered bird, has been documented in the vicinity of the project site. Loggerhead shrikes use grasslands that contain short grass and scattered perching sites such as hedgerows, shrubs, or small trees. They can be found in native prairie, pastures, shelterbelts, old fields or orchards, cemeteries, grassy roadsides, and farmyards. Minnesota's Endangered Species Statute (*Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.0895) and associated Rules (*Minnesota Rules*, part 6212.1800 to 6212.2300 and 6134) prohibit the take of endangered or threatened plants or animals, including their parts or seeds, without a permit. **Given the potential for this species to be found in the vicinity of the project, tree and shrub removal is required to be avoided during the breeding season, April through July.** If you cannot avoid tree removal during loggerhead shrike breeding period, a qualified surveyor needs to conduct a survey for active nests before any trees or shrubs will be removed. Surveys must follow the standards contained in the [Rare Species Survey Process](#). Survey results should be sent to the NH Review Team at Reports.NHIS@state.mn.us. The list of approved DNR Animal Surveyors is attached to this MCE project. Project planning should take into account that the survey needs to be conducted during the appropriate time of the year, which may be limited.

- Please visit the [DNR Rare Species Guide](#) for more information on the habitat use of these species and recommended measures to avoid or minimize impacts. For further assistance with these species, please contact the appropriate [DNR Regional Nongame Specialist](#) or [Regional Ecologist](#).

Federally Protected Species

- To ensure compliance with federal law, conduct a federal regulatory review using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) online [Information for Planning and Consultation \(IPaC\) tool](#).

Environmental Review and Permitting

- Please include a copy of this letter and the MCE-generated Final Project Report in any state or local license or permit application. Please note that measures to avoid or minimize disturbance to the above rare features may be included as restrictions or conditions in any required permits or licenses.

The Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS), a collection of databases that contains information about Minnesota's rare natural features, is maintained by the Division of Ecological and Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources. The NHIS is continually updated as new information becomes available, and is the most complete source of data on Minnesota's rare or otherwise significant species, native plant communities, and other natural features. However, the NHIS is not an exhaustive inventory and thus does not represent all of the occurrences of rare features within the state. Therefore, ecologically significant features for which we have no records may exist within the project area. If additional information becomes available regarding rare features in the vicinity of the project, further review may be necessary.

For environmental review purposes, the results of this Natural Heritage Review are valid for one year; the results are only valid for the project location and project description provided with the request. If project details change or the project has not occurred within one year, please resubmit the project for review within one year of initiating project activities.

The Natural Heritage Review does not constitute project approval by the Department of Natural Resources. Instead, it identifies issues regarding known occurrences of rare features and potential impacts to these rare features. Visit the [Natural Heritage Review website](#) for additional information regarding this process, survey guidance, and other related information. For information on the environmental review process or other natural resource concerns, you may contact your [DNR Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist](#).

Thank you for consulting us on this matter and for your interest in preserving Minnesota's rare natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Drake". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Cc: Melissa Collins



April 16, 2024

VIA U.S. Mail

Shauna Marquardt
USFWS
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**Re: Lemon Hill Solar Project
Olmsted County, Minnesota**

Dear Ms. Marquardt:

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Lemon Hill Solar will review the Project using the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's ("USFWS") Information for Planning and Consultation ("IPaC") tool and will evaluate the Project using Determination Keys ("D-Keys") available at the time. In the event that the available D-Keys are not applicable to the Project, Lemon Hill Solar will coordinate with the USFWS Twin Cities Field Office.

Please let us know if you have information we should consider in evaluating the Project. If you would like to request a meeting, please contact me at (734) 709-7358 or zane@rangerpower.com. I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have about the Project.

Sincerely,

Zane Jones
Ranger Power LLC

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April 15, 2024

VIA Email

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Olmsted County, Minnesota**

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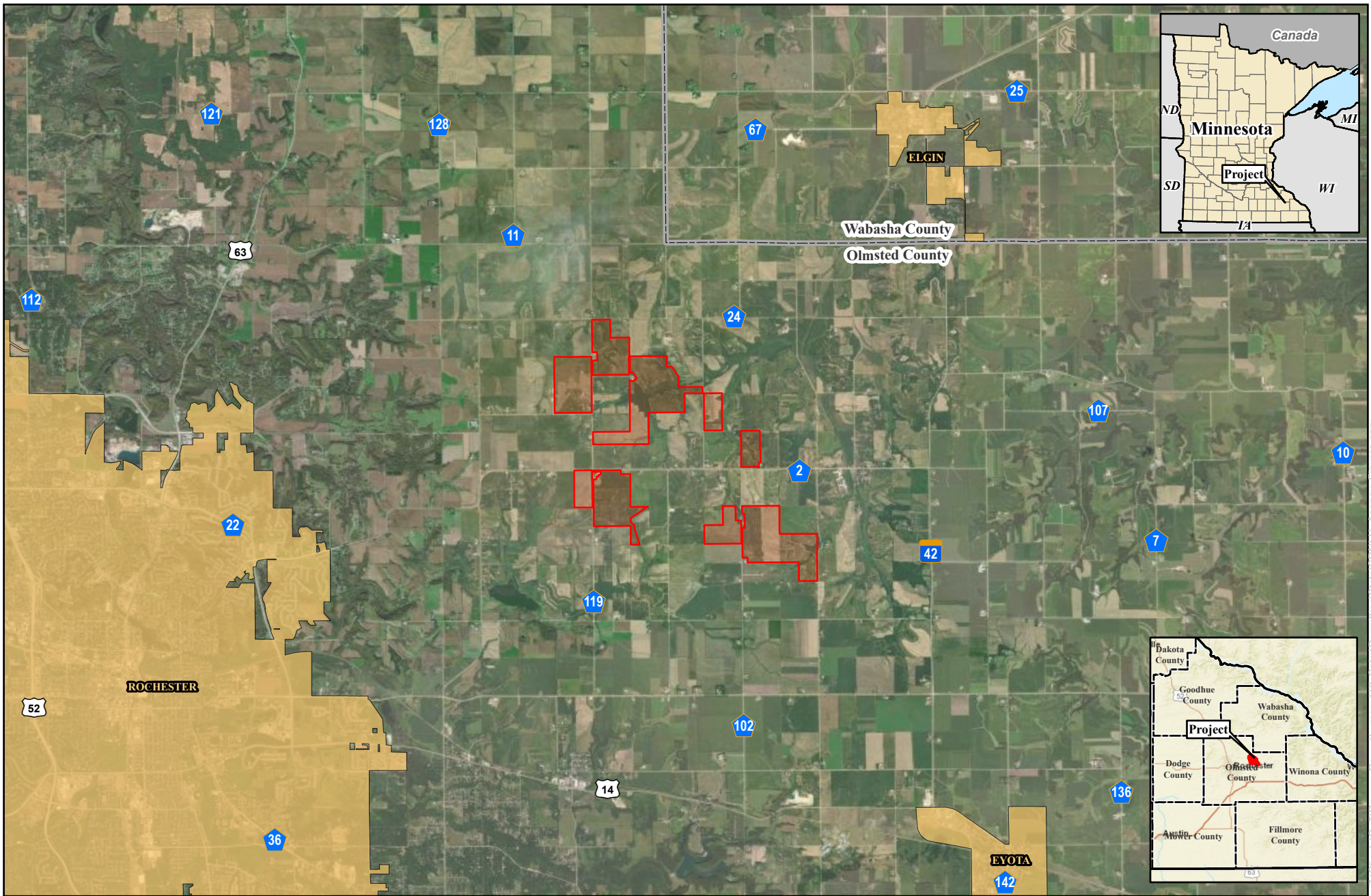
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Cc: Kurt Wayne (kurt.wayne@state.mn.us)
Greg Paulson (greg.paulson@state.mn.us)






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For Environmental Review Purposes Only

Lemon Hill Solar Project
Lemon Hill Solar, LLC
Project Location
Olmsted County, Minnesota

-  Project
-  Municipal Boundary
-  County Boundary



April 16, 2024

VIA U.S. Mail

La Crescent Field Office
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**Re: Lemon Hill Solar Project
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**Re: Lemon Hill Solar Project
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Dear Energy Facilities Permitting Supervisor Eknes:

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VIA U.S. Mail

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Karen Kromar
Project Manager, Environmental Review Unit
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Lemon Hill Solar Project
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Stephan Roos
Planner
625 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55155-2538

**Re: Lemon Hill Solar Project
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Troy Daniell
Minnesota State Conservationist
375 Jackson St
St. Paul, MN 55101-1854

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Environmental Review Program Specialist
50 Sherburne Avenue
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MN State Archaeologist
328 W. Kellogg Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55102

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Martha Vickery
Central Regional Operations Coordinator
1200 Warner Road
St. Paul, MN 55106

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Rochester, MN 55901

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Skip Langer
Soil Conservation Manager
2118 Campus Dr SE
Rochester, MN 55904

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2122 Campus Dr SE
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County Commissioner, District 7
11032 Cedar Beach Dr NW
Oronoco, MN 55960

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Executive Director
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Chairwoman
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
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VIA U.S. Mail

Robert Moyer, Jr.
District 2 Representative
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Tribal Government
5344 Lakeshore Drive
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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Bois Forte Tribal Government
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Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
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Legal Advisor
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
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Staff Attorney
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
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Executive Director Tribal Programs
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Wally Dupuis
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VIA U.S. Mail

Kevin Dupuis, Sr.
Chairperson
Fond du Lac Development Corp.
1720 Big Lake Road
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Bobby Deschampe
Chairperson
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
PO Box 428
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Secretary Treasurer
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
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Councilwoman
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
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Councilman
Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
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Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe
PO Box 428
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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
190 Sailstar Dr NW
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Interim Legal Director
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
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District 1 Representative
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
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LeRoy Staples Fairbanks III
District 3 Representative
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
190 Sailstar Drive NW
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Bill Brunelle
Foster Care Coordinator
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
190 Sailstar Drive NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

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Executive Director
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
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Joseph OBrien
SHIP Coordinator
Lower Sioux Indian Community
39527 Highway 1
Morton, MN 56270

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Miranda Sam
Senior Executive Assistant
Lower Sioux Indian Community
PO Box 308
Morton, MN 56270

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Treasurer
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Legal Counsel
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Cheyenne St. John
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
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39527 Reservation Hwy 1
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Mike Wilson
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Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
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**Re: Lemon Hill Solar Project
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Wendy Merrill
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Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
2605 Chiminising Drive
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Shena Matrious
Public Relations Coordinator
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
43408 Oodena Drive 43408
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Special Advisor of Government Affairs
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
43408 Oodena Drive
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Chief Executive
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
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Secretary-Treasurer
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
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Harry Davis
District 1 Representative
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
45749 Grace Lake Road
Sandstone, MN 55072

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Director of Administration
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VIA U.S. Mail

Johnny Johnson
President
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5636 Sturgeon Lake Road
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Shelley Buck
Vice President
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Treasurer
Prairie Island Indian Community
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Secretary
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Legal Counsel
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Steve Albrecht
Tribal Operations Administrator
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
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**Re: Lemon Hill Solar Project
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Secretary Treasurer
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Chairman
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Tribal Treasurer
Upper Sioux Community
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VIA U.S. Mail

Henry Fox
District 1 Representative
White Earth Nation
PO Box 418
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**Re: Lemon Hill Solar Project
Olmsted County, Minnesota**

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Director of Compliance
White Earth Nation
PO Box 418
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Jacob McArthur
Economic Development Director
White Earth Nation
PO Box 418
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Joe Tonihka
Planner
White Earth Nation
PO Box 418
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Secretary Treasurer
White Earth Nation
PO Box 418
White Earth, MN 56591

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District 2 Representative
White Earth Nation
PO Box 418
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Laura Erickson
Legal Assistant
White Earth Nation
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Annie Jackson
District 3 Representative
White Earth Nation
35500 Eagle View Road
Ogemo, MN 56569

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Chairman
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PO Box 418
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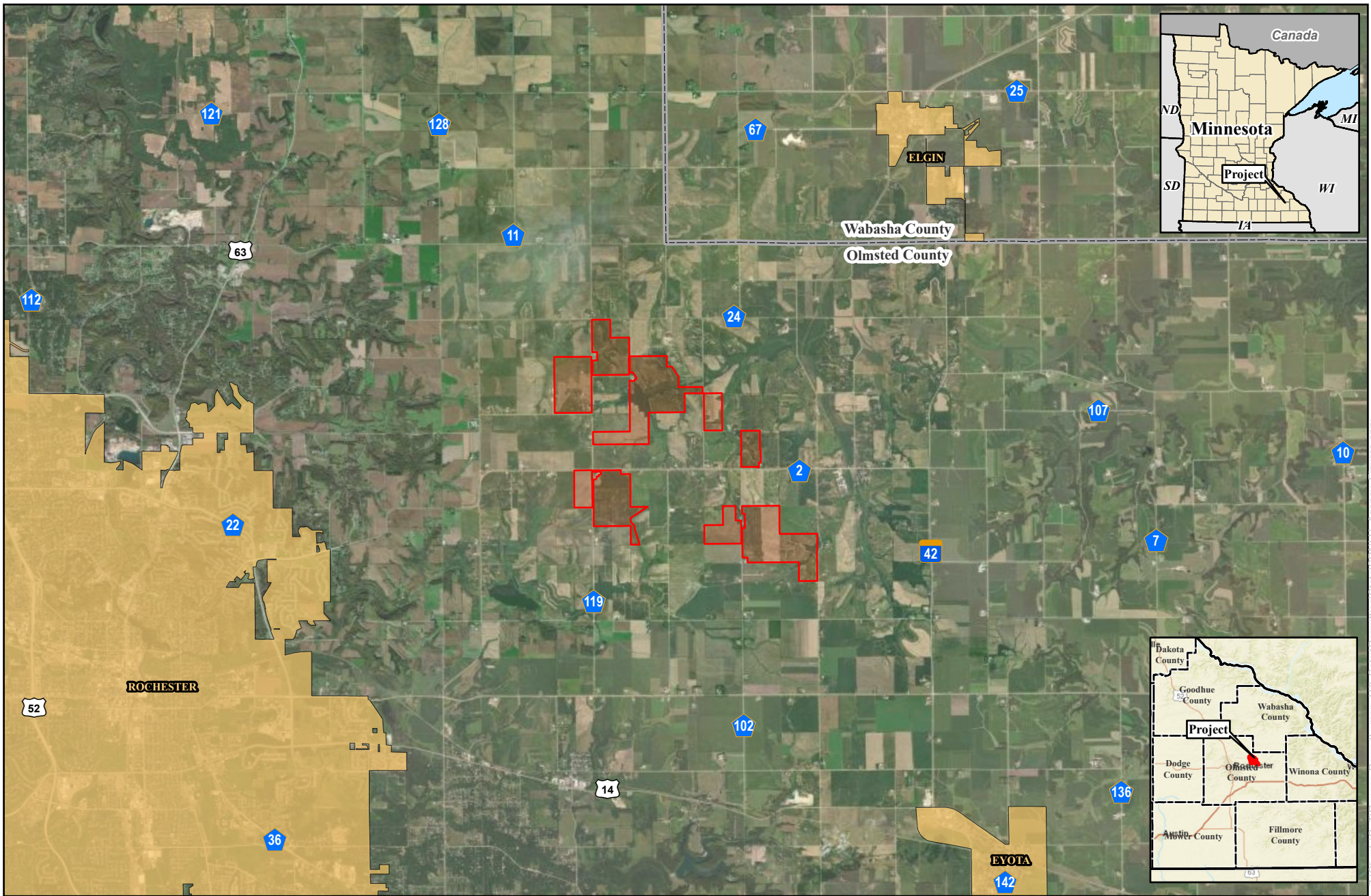


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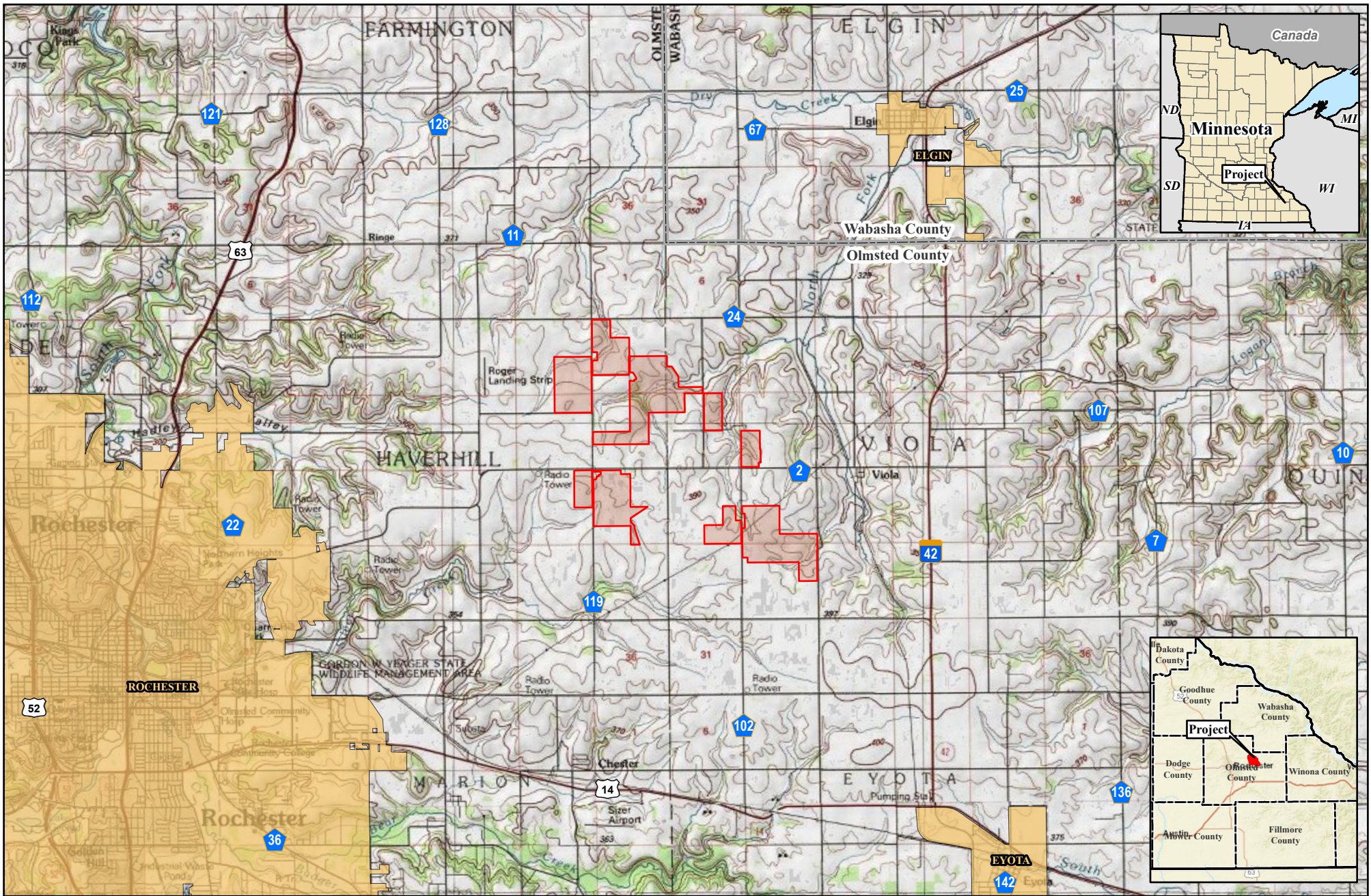
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Municipal Boundary



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Appendix G-2
Agency Correspondence

April 15, 2025

Zane Jones
Lemon Hill Solar, LLC
320 N Sangamon Street, Suite 1025
Chicago, IL 60607

Dear Mr. Jones,

Thank you for submitting a solar size determination request for Lemon Hill Solar, LLC's proposed 180 megawatt (MW) Lemon Hill solar facility in Olmsted County.

The Department of Commerce (Department) is responsible for reviewing such requests to determine whether a combination of solar energy generating systems meets the definition of large electric power generating plant such that a proposed project is subject to the siting authority of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

Based on information provided by Lemon Hill Solar, LLC, and based on criteria established in Minn. Statute 216E.021, the Department has determined that the Lemon Hill solar facility is not associated with other planned solar projects in a way that would require them to be combined into a single project. However, given that the project on its own has a generating capacity of up to 180 MW, the Department determines that the project is subject to the Commission's siting authority and must submit an application for a site permit under the Power Plant Siting Act (Minn. Statute 216E).

Per Minn. Statute 216E.021, Lemon Hill Solar, LLC has the right to dispute this determination with the chair of the Commission.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Ray Kirsch
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis

cc: Bret Eknes, Public Utilities Commission

From: [Leonard Wabasha \(TO\)](#)
To: [Zane Jones](#)
Cc: [Dan Flo](#); [Mandy Bohnenblust](#); jrbathel7@yahoo.com
Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: Lemon Hill Solar
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 4:50:33 PM
Attachments:

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Dear Zane

Thank you for the update, please keep us informed of your progress and please have an inadvertent discovery plan in place for the project. Thank you and Have a Great Day!



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From: Zane Jones <zane@rangerpower.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 4:27 PM
To: Leonard Wabasha (TO) <leonard.wabasha@shakopeedakota.org>
Cc: Dan Flo <dan.flo@merjent.com>; Mandy Bohnenblust <mandy.bohnenblust@merjent.com>
Subject: Re: Lemon Hill Solar

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Hi Mr. Wabasha,

I am following up with the Cultural Resources Desktop Report, please find it attached to this email. To update you on the overall status of the project, we recently completed cultural surveys on site and will gladly provide you with a copy of that report after it is submitted to SHPO.

Thank you!

From: Leonard Wabasha (TO) <leonard.wabasha@shakopeedakota.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:34 PM
To: Zane Jones <zane@rangerpower.com>
Subject: RE: Lemon Hill Solar

Great,, Looking forward...



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Hi Mr. Wabasha,

We will be happy to share the results of our desktop/Literature search with you when that information is available.

Thanks!

On Thu, Apr 25, 2024 at 1:45 PM Leonard Wabasha (TO) <leonard.wabasha@shakopeedakota.org> wrote:

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Zane Jones <zane@rangerpower.com>

RE: Lemon Hills Solar - Early Coordination Request - DNR Comments

Zane Jones <zane@rangerpower.com>

Fri, May 24, 2024 at 10:43 AM

To: "Collins, Melissa (DNR)" <Melissa.Collins@state.mn.us>

Cc: "Fairman, Kate (DNR)" <kate.fairman@state.mn.us>, "Lehman, Nicole (DNR)" <nicole.lehman@state.mn.us>, "Plank, Catherine (DNR)" <Catherine.Plank@state.mn.us>

Melissa,

Thank you for your prompt response regarding the Lemon Hill Solar Project. We are still in the preliminary development stages of the project, however, Merjent, on behalf of Lemon Hill, conducted an NHI review through the MCE system in 2023 and the DNR indicated that the loggerhead shrike has been previously documented near the Project. Lemon Hill Solar will either implement the DNR's required timing restriction or complete surveys for active nests prior to construction. Since that MCE review has expired, Merjent submitted a renewable request on March 21, 2024. A response is currently pending. Merjent has also reviewed the project through IPaC and will coordinate with the Service, if necessary.

Lemon Hill will be preparing a VMP in accordance with DNR guidelines. The VMP will be available for the DNR's review as part of the Site Permit Application when submitted to the PUC. Let me know if you would like to review a draft VMP prior to then.

Lemon Hill Solar will be conducting wetland and waterbody delineations in late May to support project design and delineated wetlands will be avoided to the extent possible. In addition, a geotechnical investigation will be conducted prior to construction, to mitigate risk associated with karst features.

We have been communicating with Olmsted County regarding the Decorah Edge and appreciate the additional information you've provided.

Lastly, if an appropriation permit is necessary, Lemon Hill will apply for a permit through the DNR.

Thank you,

Zane

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RE: Lemon Hills Solar - Early Coordination Request - DNR Comments

Collins, Melissa (DNR) <Melissa.Collins@state.mn.us>

Mon, May 13, 2024 at 6:21 PM

To: Zane Jones <zane@rangerpower.com>

Cc: "Fairman, Kate (DNR)" <kate.fairman@state.mn.us>, "Lehman, Nicole (DNR)" <nicole.lehman@state.mn.us>, "Plank, Catherine (DNR)" <Catherine.Plank@state.mn.us>

Hi Zane,

Thank you so much for contacting the DNR to request early coordination regarding the proposed Lemon Hills Solar Project located in Olmsted County. We appreciate the opportunity to work with proposers prior to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) permitting process in order to address any potential natural resource concerns during the project planning stage. I have reviewed the information you provided and would like to make the following comments:

Project Siting

We would appreciate more project details, including project design plans and shapefiles, when they become available in order to provide specific feedback. The DNR has developed a [Commercial Solar Siting Guidance](#) document to assist project proposers in better understanding Minnesota's regulatory landscape regarding utility-scale solar development, and to minimize natural resource impacts. Please refer to this document as you finalize project designs and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Rare Features

We recommend that project proposers conduct a Natural Heritage (NH) Review to understand how their project may impact protected state-listed species and rare features. The [Minnesota Conservation Explorer](#) is a tool to enhance the delivery of Minnesota's Natural Heritage Data and to automate the Natural Heritage Review process. Please note that the only way to screen a project for impacts to state-listed species that are protected by law, is to query the Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS) database through MCE or by using a private NHIS license agreement. If rare features are identified with one mile of a project using a private license, the project should be submitted for review through MCE for further coordination with DNR. If protected species are identified with a mile, the project will be manually reviewed by Natural Heritage review staff who will follow up with next steps. Please refer to the attached document for more information and instructions on submitting a project to MCE.

We also recommend initiating coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for potential impacts to federally-listed species through the Information for Planning and Consultation [website](#).

Wildlife Movement

Project fencing type and design will be important to minimize impacts to wildlife. The DNR has developed fencing guidelines that can be found in the [Commercial Solar Siting Guidance](#)

document as well as the [Fencing Handbook](#). The placement of project fencing should not funnel wildlife to busy roads that could cause vehicle collisions. Please note that coordination with DNR will be necessary to make sure that the fencing design minimizes impacts to the wildlife species located within the project vicinity. Protected state-listed species may require specific avoidance measures.

Project Vegetation Management

Minnesota has seen a dramatic decline in pollinators such as bees, butterflies, dragonflies, fireflies and other beneficial insects that support our ecosystems and food systems, which is why Minnesota has chosen to encourage the use of beneficial habitat planting in commercial solar facilities. Subdivision 1 of Minnesota Statute 216B.1642 encourages site management practices that provide native pollinator habitat and reduce stormwater runoff and erosion at solar generation sites. The statute states: *To the extent practicable, when establishing perennial vegetation and beneficial foraging habitat, a solar site owner shall use native plant species and seed mixes under Department of Natural Resources "Prairie Establishment & Maintenance Technical Guidance for Solar Projects."*

There is strong inter-agency support for providing pollinator habitat at utility-scale solar sites. The Department of Commerce, PUC, Department of Agriculture, Board of Water and Soil Resources, and the DNR have worked together to develop vegetation management plan guidelines. Thus far, all PUC-permitted solar facilities have incorporated pollinator habitat. The DNR would like to work with Lemon Hills Solar as you develop a vegetation management plan to achieve the best ecological outcome.

Here are links to the mentioned documents:

[Prairie Establishment & Maintenance Technical Guidance for Solar Projects](#)

[Guidance for Developing a Vegetation Establishment and Management Plan for Solar Facilities](#)

Hydric Soils and Wetlands

Previous utility-scale (PUC permitted) solar projects have faced major challenges when they have sited solar panels in wet areas. Issues that may be encountered are: trenches filled with water that cause construction delays, increased costs of pumping, stuck machinery, neighbor complaints-mud on roads, difficulty accessing facilities for maintenance, and Wetland Conservation Act violations. Soils at solar sites should remain in good condition so that the site could eventually revert back farming. Soil mixing and compaction from construction activities can hinder that goal. Wet areas also present significant challenges for vegetation establishment, including pollinator habitat, and will require specific seed mixes corresponding to soil type.

Smaller hydric soil map units as well as several large wetland complexes are also mapped within the project area. Some of these wet areas may currently be farmed, however the DNR has observed that after farming activities cease, even with functioning tile or other mitigating measures, soils associated with swales and depressions often become wetter over time and interfere with solar site operations. The DNR recommends avoiding construction in wetlands and wet soil types (somewhat poorly drained to poorly drained soil types, hydric soils, and/or soils with a seasonally

high surface water table). We also recommend conducting onsite field verifications to confirm soil types, either separately or in conjunction with a wetland delineation for the project area.

Local Geology

Most of the project area is located in areas prone to surface karst feature development, and there is a known sinkhole documented within the project area as well as multiple natural springs. Karst geology can pose challenges for the siting of structure foundations and stormwater features. Karst areas are much more susceptible to groundwater pollution due to the direct connection between surface karst features and groundwater. We recommend that appropriate geotechnical investigations be conducted in order to mitigate this risk, and that an emergency response plan be developed for if surface karst features are encountered during construction and/or spills occur on site.

The Decorah Edge is a local geological feature with special protection and regulation within Olmsted County. The project area may contain areas with special consideration, therefore, we recommend coordination with Olmsted County to discover what rules and recommendations may apply to your project.

You can find more information on the Decorah Edge at:

<https://www.olmstedcounty.gov/business/building-development-gis/planning-land-use-zoning/environment>

<https://www.olmstedcounty.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/Viola%20TWP.pdf>

Bluff Setback

There is a bluff located within the project area, and there may be required bluff setbacks for project structures and stormwater features under local ordinances. If not, we still recommend maintain a bluff setback for the long-term stability of your project.

DNR Permits

A DNR Water Appropriation Permit is required if the water pumped exceeds 10,000 gallons in a day, and/or one million gallons in one year. The DNR General Permit for Temporary Appropriation, with its lower permit application fee and reduced time for review, may be used for the dewatering if the dewatering volume is less than 50 million gallons and the time of the appropriation is less than one year. A DNR Water Appropriations Permit can also be applied for through the [Minnesota DNR Permitting and Reporting System](#).

It does not appear that the project will impact any DNR public waters, although a tributary stream that flows into a public watercourse is located within the project area.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to meet in order to discuss these comments further. I look forward to working with you as the project moves forward.

Thank you,

Melissa Collins

Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist | Ecological and Water Resources

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From: Collins, Melissa (DNR)

Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 4:35 PM

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Subject: RE: Lemon Hills Solar - Early Coordination Request

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Thank you Cynthia,

Hi Melissa, looking forward to working with you. I have attached the project maps to this email. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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Cc: "Jered@tcpamn.org" <Jered@tcpamn.org>, Sosa Allison <allison.sosa@olmstedcounty.gov>, Bosco Alison <alison.bosco@olmstedcounty.gov>

Zane,

Olmsted County is unique in that Haverhill and Viola Township administer their own zoning regulations and use the Cooperative Township Planning Association (TCPA) as their zoning administrator. I have forwarded your letter to Jered with the TCPA as well.

Olmsted County does administer a county wide shoreland and floodplain ordinance. Chapter 3750 can be found on our website here: [Floodplain-Shoreland Ordinance \(olmstedcounty.gov\)](https://www.olmstedcounty.gov/floodplain-shoreland-ordinance). There is public waters and floodplain soils within your project area. Floodplain soils are treated like FEMA floodways. We require engineering analysis to be completed when filling in floodplain soils to ensure that other properties will not be impacted by the fill.

The County also protects the Decorah Edge Area. This area recharges our drinking water and has sensitive wetland features. If the project falls within the Decorah Edge Support area a Decorah Study should be conducted to ensure none of these features are impacted. The Soil and Water Conservation District within our Public Works department administers the Decorah Edge Ordinance in the County. Attached is a sensitive features map for your review.

Please let me know if you need any further assistance.

Jered with the TCPA can be reached at jered@tcpamn.org and has also been copied on this e-mail.

Kristi Gross, AICP, CFM

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