

**Notice of Coneflower Energy, LLC's Filing of Site Permit Application
with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
MPUC Docket No. IP7132/GS-24-215**



August 19, 2024

To: Persons Interested in the Proposed Construction of an up to 235 megawatt alternating current solar energy generating facility and associated facilities known as the Coneflower Solar Project in Lyon County, Minnesota; the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Facilities General List; Local Officials; Tribes; and Property Owners

Coneflower Energy, LLC (Coneflower Solar), an independent power producer, is proposing to construct and operate an up-to-235-megawatt (MW) alternating current photovoltaic solar energy generating facility and associated facilities known as the Coneflower Solar Project in Lyon County, Minnesota (the Coneflower Solar Project, or the Project).

This notice provides formal notice that Coneflower Solar filed an Application for a Site Permit (Application) with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for the Project (MPUC Docket No. IP7132/GS-24-215) pursuant to the alternative permitting process contained in Minn. Stat. § 216E.04 and Minn. R. parts 7850.2800 to 7850.3900. This notice also provides information on the Project and the permitting process, as well as information on how to register your name with the Commission on the Project contact list to ensure that you receive future notices.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The Project is located in Custer Township in Lyon County, Minnesota. The Project is approximately 2,299 acres in size, 1,723 acres of which are currently designated to host Project facilities.

The Project will include: photovoltaic solar modules and tracking racking systems; inverters; electrical collection and communication lines system; an operations and maintenance (O&M) Building; gravel access roads; perimeter security fencing and gates; weather stations; stormwater drainage basins; a Project Substation and interconnection facilities; temporary facilities such as laydown areas, temporary site offices, parking, and improvements for storage and staging of equipment prior to installation as needed; and a switching station (MISO Scenario) or an up to one mile 345 kV transmission line (Garvin Scenario to be permitted separately, if needed).

The accompanying map outlines the location of the Project.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Coneflower Solar has, through voluntary lease or agreement, secured 100 percent of the private real estate rights necessary to construct the Project. Accordingly, Coneflower Solar's current and future plans do not include the use of eminent domain. If additional property rights are required for the Project, Coneflower Solar will seek to negotiate either a lease or agreement with each affected landowner.

SITE PERMIT PROCESS

A Site Permit from the Commission is required before the Project can be constructed. The Power Plant Siting Act (Minn. Stat. Ch. 216E) and Minn. R. parts 7850.1000 to 7850.5600 establish the requirements for submitting and processing a Site Permit application. The statutes and rules also establish notice requirements for various stages of the process. The Application will be considered by the Commission under the alternative permitting process in Minn. Stat. § 216E.04 and Minn. R. parts 7850.2800 to 7850.3900. The Commission has up to six months from the time the application is accepted as complete to process and make a decision on the Site Permit according to Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, subd. 7, and Minn. R. 7850.3900, subp. 1. The Commission may extend this time limit for up to three months for just cause or upon agreement of the applicant.

Within 60 days after the Commission accepts the application as complete, the Commission and the Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) unit will hold a public information and scoping meeting to provide information and seek comments from the public. At this meeting, members of the public may comment on the scope of the environmental assessment and/or propose additional issues for consideration in the environmental assessment that the EERA will prepare. Once the public meeting is scheduled, notice of the meeting will be provided to persons whose names are on the Project contact list and will be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the Project area.

After the environmental assessment has been completed, EERA will make the document available for public review and a public hearing will be held on the Application. Any person may speak at the public hearing, present documentary evidence, ask questions of Coneflower Solar's representatives and EERA staff and submit comments.

Further details regarding upcoming meetings and comment periods on the application will be provided by Coneflower Solar, EERA, and/or the Commission in the future.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED

A Certificate of Need is not required from the Commission for the Project. The Project is exempt from Certificate of Need requirements pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, subd. 8.

HOW TO LEARN MORE

For more information about the regulatory process or to have your name included on the Project mailing lists, contact:

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www.mn.gov/puc

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There are two options for citizens, landowners, and interested persons to receive Project information:

1. **Sign up for the Project Mailing List.** To sign up to receive notices about Project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.) email eservice.admin@state.mn.us or call (651) 201-2246 with the docket number (IP7132/GS-24-215), your name, mailing address and email address. You may request to receive notices by email or U.S. Mail.
2. **Subscribe to the Docket.** To receive email notifications when new documents are filed in the dockets visit: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling>, select *Subscribe to eDockets* and follow the prompts.








Note – subscribing may result in a large number of emails.

Current information about the Project and Application is available online at Coneflower Solar's Project website: <https://www.coneflowersolar.com/>.

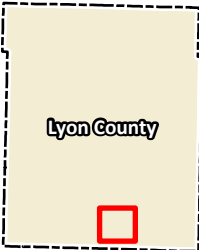
A copy of the Application is also available for review at Marshall-Lyon County Library, 201 C St, Marshall, MN 56258.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Garrick Valverde at (785) 979-9701 or by email at Garrick.Valverde@apexcleanenergy.com.

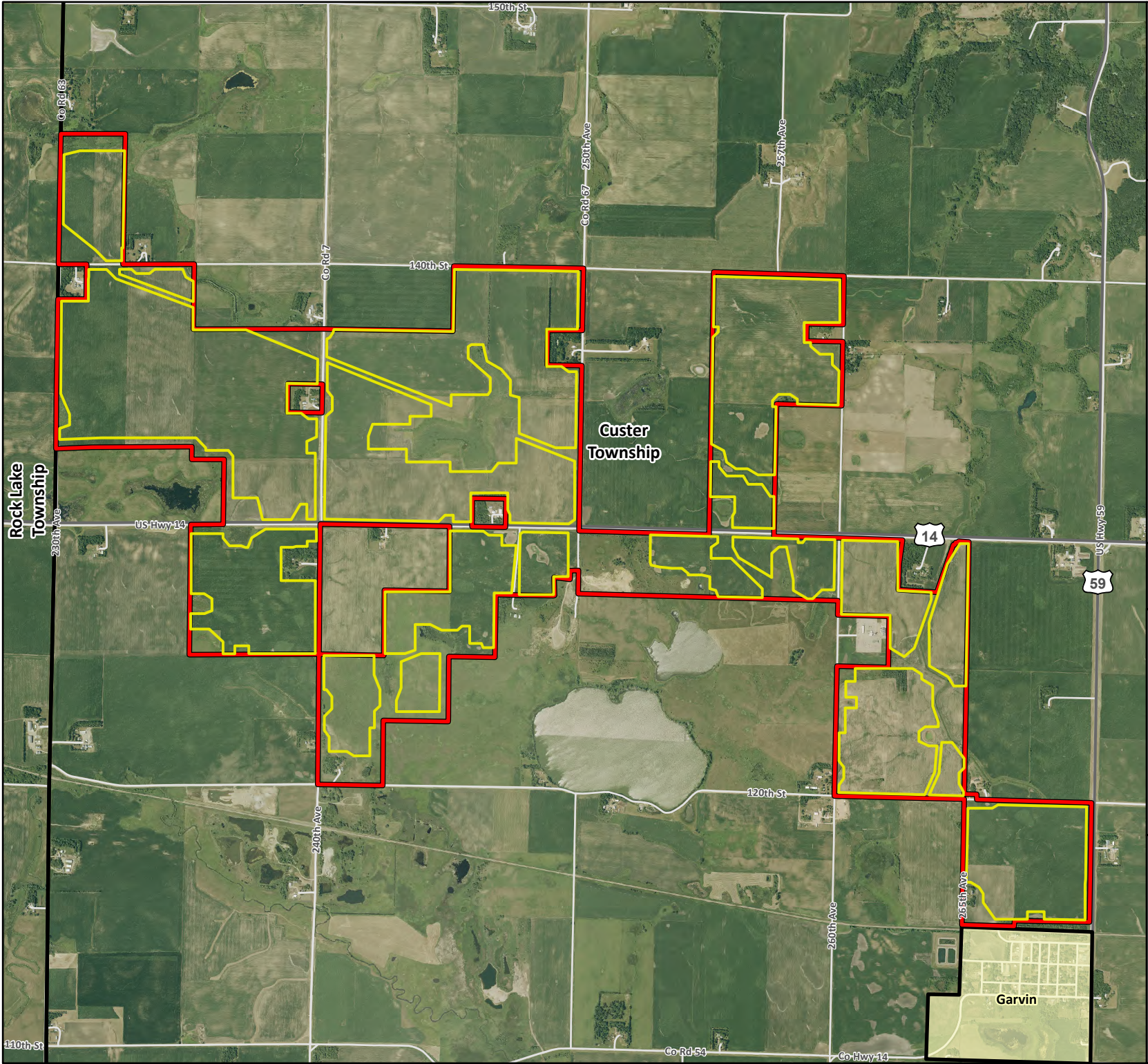
**Coneflower Energy
Solar Project**
Lyon County, Minnesota
Project Area and
Project Footprint

- Legend**
-  Project Area
 -  County Boundary
 -  Civil Township Boundary
 -  City Boundary
 -  Project Footprint
 -  MN Highway
 -  Local Road

Data Source(s): Westwood (2024); NAIP (2023); U.S. Census Bureau (2023); MnGeo (2024).



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**In the Matter of the Application of
Coneflower Energy, LLC for a Site Permit
for the up to 235 MW Coneflower Solar
Project in Lyon County, Minnesota**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Alicia P. LaValla certifies that on the 19th day of August 2024 she e-filed on behalf of Coneflower Energy, LLC a true and correct copy of the **Project Notice Under 7850.2100 for the Coneflower Solar Project, and Certificate of Service** with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission via eDockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us). Said documents were also served upon the persons as designated on the Official Service List and the General Service Lists, as applicable, maintained by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as attached hereto.

Dated this 19th day of August 2024

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