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VIA E-FILING

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

RE:

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Northern Crescent Solar LLC for a Solar Energy Generating System Site Permit and a Battery Energy Storage System Site Permit for the up to 150 MW Northern Crescent Solar and Storage Project in Faribault County, Minnesota

Solar Facility MPUC Docket No. IP-7135/GS-22-57 BESS Facility MPUC Docket No. IP-7135/GS/24-238

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Northern Crescent Solar LLC (Northern Crescent Solar), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Primergy Solar Acquisitions, LLC (Primergy), is proposing to construct and operate an up to 150 megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generating system (Solar Facility) and associated 50 MWac battery energy storage system (BESS) (BESS Facility), and other associated facilities (the Northern Crescent Solar and Storage Project, or the Project). The Project is planned to be constructed in Faribault County, Minnesota. Northern Crescent Solar respectfully submits this Joint Site Permit Application (Application) to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to the alternative permitting procedures of Minn. R. parts 7850.2800 to 7850.3900.

Enclosed for filing please find Northern Crescent Solar's Joint Application for a Site Permit for the Project, with Appendices A through K.

In accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 7829.0500, and Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, Northern Crescent Solar has designated portions of Appendix B as NONPUBLIC DATA—NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE because it contains certain commercially sensitive trade secret information related to the Project, which, if released, would have a detrimental effect on the Applicant by providing potential competitors, commercial parties and others with valuable information not otherwise readily ascertainable and from which these persons would obtain economic value. Given the need to include nonpublic information, Northern Crescent Solar has prepared and is electronically filing both NONPUBLIC and public versions of Appendix B.

Also in accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 7829.0500, and Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, Northern Crescent Solar has designated Figure 15 and portions of Appendices I and K as NONPUBLIC DATA—NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE because they contain sensitive cultural resource information and/or endangered species information. The Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office Manual for Archaeological Projects in Minnesota provides for restricted access to sensitive cultural resource information. Given the need to include nonpublic information, Northern Crescent Solar has prepared and is electronically filing both NONPUBLIC and public versions of Figure 15 and Appendices I and K.

The documents referenced above have also been electronically filed today through www.edockets.state.mn.us. The Application filing fee will be sent under separate cover. Under separate cover, Northern Crescent Solar is also providing copies of the Application as directed by Commission staff. A copy of this filing is also being served upon the persons on the Official Service List of record and the general service list, as applicable.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Jeremy P. Duehr

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Breann L. Jurek certifies that on the 14th day of August, 2024, she e-filed a true and correct copy of the documents listed below on behalf of Northern Crescent Solar LLC via eDockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us):

- Joint Application of Northern Crescent Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 150 MW Northern Crescent Solar and Storage Project in Faribault County, Minnesota, including:
 - o Figures
 - Public Appendices A-K;
 - o Nonpublic Appendices B, I, and K and Figure 15;
- Notice of Filing Application; and
- Certificate of Service.

Said documents were also served as designated on the Official Service List and general service list on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as attached hereto.

Executed on: August 14, 2024 Signed: /s/ Breann L. Jurek

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