

June 18, 2025

Mr. Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Alternatives Identified During Scoping Comment Period
North Star Battery Energy Storage Project
Docket Nos. IP-7155/ESS-25-123

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff has completed the environmental assessment scoping process in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Application of North Star Energy Storage, LLC for an up to 80-megawatt Battery Energy Storage System Site Permit for the North Star Storage Project in Chisago County, Minnesota;

The scoping period for the environmental assessment (EA) was open from May 14, 2025, through June 13, 2025. Public meetings for the project were held on May 28 and 29, 2025. Oral and written comments were received from the public during the scoping period.¹ None of these comments suggested an alternative site for the North Star Battery Energy Storage System facility. Accordingly, EERA staff recommends that the Commission authorize EERA to include solely the site for the project identified by North Star Energy Storage in its site permit application in the scoping decision for the EA.

EERA staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,



Sam Weaver
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¹ Oral Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets No. [20256-219969-01](#);
Written Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets No. [20256-219970-01](#)