

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Lake Charlotte Solar, LLC's
Joint Application for the Lake Charlotte 150
MW Solar Facility and 150 MW Lake Charlotte
Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
Located in Rutland Township, Martin County,
Minnesota

SERVICE DATE: October 13, 2025

DOCKET NO. IP-7159/ESS-25-205;
IP-7159/GS-25-206

The above-entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition made:

Authorized the Commission's Energy Infrastructure Permitting staff to solely include in the scoping decision for the environmental analysis (EA) the site for the Energy Storage System project identified by Lake Charlotte Solar, LLC in its joint site permit application.

This decision is issued by the Commission's consent calendar subcommittee, under a delegation of authority granted under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8 (a). Unless a party, a participant, or a Commissioner files an objection to this decision within ten days of receiving it, it will become the Order of the full Commission under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8 (b).

The Commission adopts the attached staff recommendations for the reasons set forth therein.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sasha Bergman".

Sasha Bergman
Executive Secretary

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September 25, 2025

Ms. Sasha Bergman, Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Alternatives Identified During Scoping Comment Period
Lake Charlotte Solar and Battery Energy Storage System Project
Docket Nos. IP-7159/GS-25-206 and IP-7159/ESS-25-205

Dear Ms. Bergman,

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Energy Infrastructure Permitting (EIP) staff has completed the environmental assessment scoping process in the following matter:

In the Matter of Lake Charlotte Solar, LLC's joint application for the Lake Charlotte 150 MW Solar Facility and 150 MW Lake Charlotte Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located in Rutland Township, Martin County, Minnesota.

Lake Charlotte Solar, LLC (applicant) submitted its joint permit application for the Lake Charlotte solar facility and BESS on June 3, 2025.¹ The application was accepted by the Commission as substantially complete on July 22, 2025.²

The scoping comment period for the environmental assessment (EA) was open from August 8, 2025, through September 17, 2025. Public meetings for the project were held in Fairmont, Minnesota, on August 28, 2025, followed by a virtual meeting held on September 2, 2025.

During the comment period, as well as during public meetings, EIP staff received comments from the public and state and local units of government.³ None of these comments suggested an alternative site for the proposed Lake Charlotte solar facility or BESS.

¹ June 3, 2025, Lake Charlotte Solar, LLC, Joint Site Permit application, eDockets Nos. [20256-219557-01](#) through [20256-219557-12](#).

² July 23, 2025, Public Utilities Commission Order accepting Lake Charlotte Solar LLC's application for a joint site permit as substantially complete, eDocket No. [20257-221270-01](#).

³ Written comments on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets No. [20259-223226-01](#). Oral comments on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets No. [20259-223226-02](#); Written comments from state and local units of government included: Minnesota Department of Transportation ([20259-223056-01](#)); Minnesota Department of Natural Resources ([20259-223095-01](#) and [20259-223095-02](#)); Martin County, Minnesota ([20259-223226-01](#)).

Accordingly, EIP staff recommends that the Commission authorize EIP staff to include in the scoping decision for the EA solely the sites identified by the applicant in its joint permit application.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Livingston". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jessica Livingston
Environmental Review Manager
Energy Infrastructure Permitting

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Hannah Olson, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ORDER

Docket Number IP-7159/ESS-25-205; IP-7159/GS-25-206
Dated this 13th day of October, 2025

/s/ Hannah Olson

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