April 2, 2024



To: Persons Interested in the Proposed Construction of an up to 130 megawatt alternating current photovoltaic solar energy generating facility and associated facilities known as the Plummer Solar Project in Red Lake County, Minnesota; the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Facilities General List; Local Officials; Tribes; and Property Owners

#### Re: Notice of Enbridge Solar (Plummer), LLC's Filing of Site Permit Application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission MPUC Docket No. IP7103/GS-22-451

Enbridge Solar (Plummer), LLC (Plummer Solar), an independent power producer and wholly-owned subsidiary of Enbridge Holdings (Green Energy) L.L.C., is proposing to construct and operate an up to 130 megawatt (MW) alternating current photovoltaic solar energy generating facility and associated facilities known as the Plummer Solar Project in Red Lake County, Minnesota (the Plummer Solar Project, or the Project).

This notice provides formal notice that Plummer Solar filed an Application for a Site Permit (Application) with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for the Project (MPUC Docket No. IP7103/GS-22-451) 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 Emardville Township in Red Lake County, Minnesota. The Project is situated on approximately 855 acres of privately-owned land under contract or owned by Plummer Solar and/or its affiliates (with the exception of public road right-of-way). Of the 855 acres, approximately 796.9 acres are currently designated to host Project infrastructure.

The Project will include: solar panels and tracking racking systems; inverters; an electrical collection system; an operations and maintenance (O&M) facility; electrical cables, conduit, switchgear, and metering equipment; step-up transformers; supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system; access roads; several weather stations; stormwater management system; fencing and gates; a Project substation and interconnection facilities; a short (<1,500 ft) aboveground 115 kV transmission line; ancillary equipment or buildings as necessary; temporary facilities; and other infrastructure typical of a solar farm. The Project's aboveground 115 kV transmission line is needed to interconnect the Project to the grid.

The accompanying map outlines the location of the Project.

### PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Plummer Solar has, through voluntary agreements, secured 100 percent of the private real estate rights necessary to construct the Project. Accordingly, Plummer Solar's current and future plans do not include the use of eminent domain. If additional property rights are required for the Project, Plummer Solar will seek to negotiate a voluntary easement 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 Site Permit 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 Plummer Solar's representatives and EERA staff and submit comments.

Further details regarding upcoming meetings and comment periods on the application will be provided by Plummer 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(a)(7).

### HOW TO LEARN MORE

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

## **Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Staff Analyst**

Sam Lobby at sam.lobby@state.mn.us or (651) 201-2205 or (800) 657-3782 www.mn.gov/puc

### Minnesota Department of Commerce Environmental Review Manager

Ray Kirsch at raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us or (651) 539-1841 or (800) 657-3710 www.mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities

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

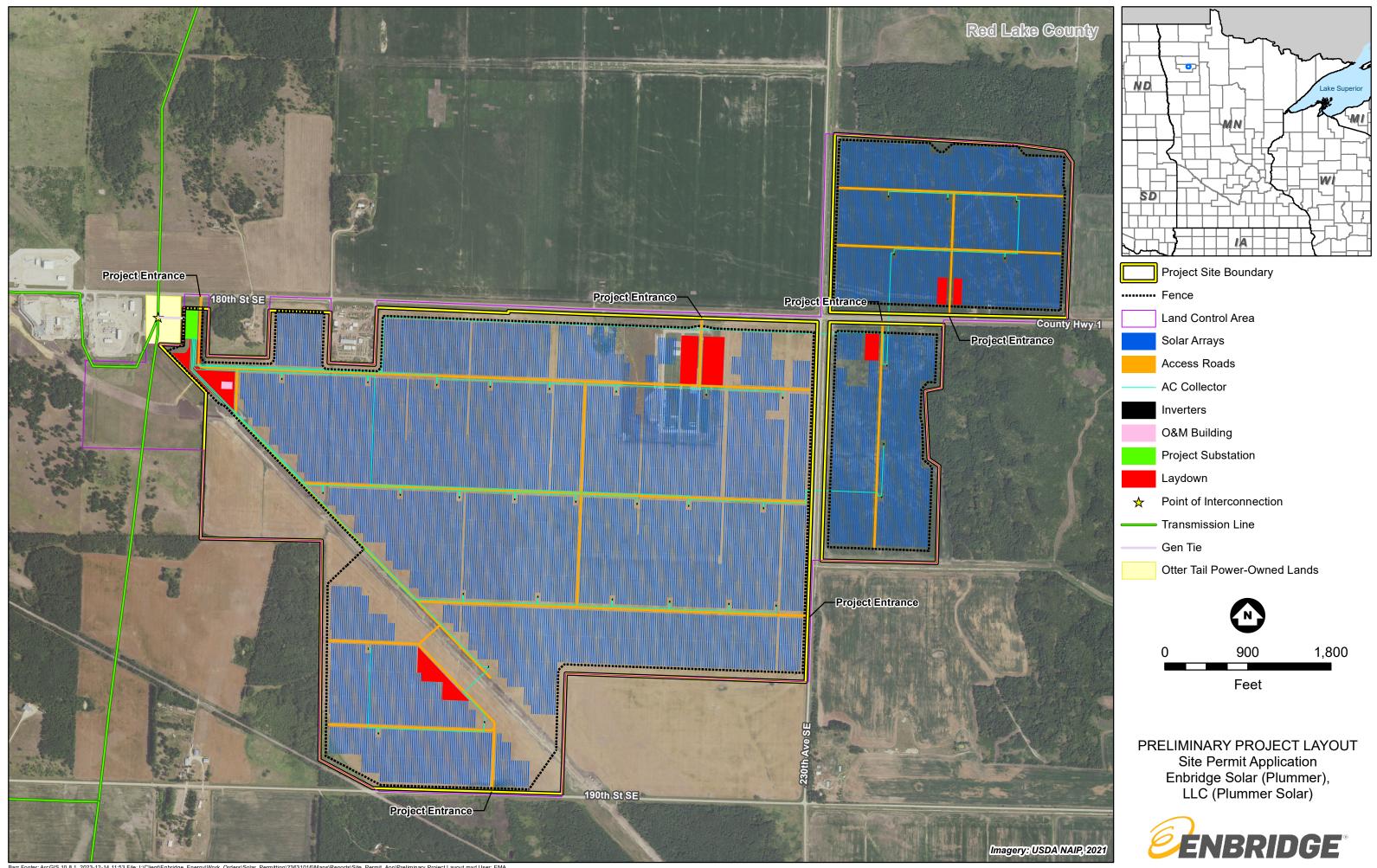
- 1. **Sign up for the Project Mailing List.** To sign up to receive notices about Project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.) email eservice.admin@state.mn.us or call (651) 201-2246 with the docket number (IP7103/GS-22-451), your name, mailing address and email 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 Plummer Solar's Project website: https://www.enbridge.com/plummersolar.

A copy of the Application is also available for review at Thief River Falls Public Library, 102 1st St E, Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Additional information may be obtained by calling Jason Risdall at (218) 348-5991 or by email at jason.risdall@enbridge.com.



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In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Solar (Plummer), LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 130 MW Plummer Solar Project in Red Lake County, MN

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Alicia P. LaValla certifies that on the 2nd day of April 2024 she e-filed on behalf of Enbridge

Solar (Plummer), LLC a true and correct copy of the Project Notice Under 7850.2100 for the

Plummer Solar Project, and Certificate of Service with the Minnesota Public Utilities

Commission via eDockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us). Said documents were also served on the

Official Service List and the General Service Lists maintained by the Minnesota Public Utilities

Commission and as attached hereto.

Executed on this 2nd day of April 2024

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