

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COURT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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 in  
Martin County, Minnesota

**FIRST PREHEARING ORDER**

This matter came before Administrative Law Judge Suzanne Todnem for a prehearing conference on October 9, 2025. The prehearing conference was held virtually by video conference using Microsoft Teams.

Jeremy Duehr, Fredrickson & Byron, P.A., appeared on behalf of Lake Charlotte Solar, LLC (Applicant or LCS), with Marta Lasch of Geronimo Power.

Cezar Panait, Regulatory Engineer, and Emily Johnson, Energy Infrastructure Permitting, and Jean Coleman, General Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) and Energy Infrastructure Permitting (EIP).

The Commission referred the site permit application matter to the Court of Administrative Hearings for a contested case proceedings in its July 22, 2025, Order (Commission's Order).<sup>1</sup>

Based upon the record herein and the agreement of the parties,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. **Party.** The party to this matter is Lake Charlotte Solar, LLC, the applicant.
2. **Service List.** The service list has now been established for this matter and shall only be amended upon the Applicant filing of a notice of appearance. Interested members of the public who are not on the service list are invited to receive notifications

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission's consent calendar subcommittee issued the decision pursuant to its delegated authority under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8(a). Commission's Order (July 22, 2025).

through the “Subscribe to Dockets” feature of the PUC’s eDocket system. Only parties shall file notices of appearance. All other interested individuals shall subscribe to the docket on the PUC’s eDocket system. Filing a notice of appearance does not place a person or group on the official service list, nor does it grant a person or group party status.

3. **Public Participation.** Members of the public are invited and encouraged to participate in this informal process. It is not necessary to become a formal party to this matter to participate in these proceedings. Members of the public may participate in the public hearings, ask questions of the Applicant or EIP, and may offer oral and written testimony and exhibits as part of those proceedings.<sup>2</sup> They should subscribe to the case using the PUC Docket number in eDockets and monitor filings. Upon subscribing to the docket, you will be provided with electronic notice of all filings, as well as access to the public documents filed in the case.

4. **Schedule.** The following is the upcoming schedule of events in this informal proceeding:

Event	Date	Notes
Environmental Assessment (EA) Scoping Decision Issued	October 29, 2025	
EA Issued; Notice of EA Availability and Notice of Public Hearings; Intervention Deadline	February 11, 2026	
Pre-filed Direct Testimony and Exhibits	February 18, 2026	
Remote-Access Public Hearing	February 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.	
In-Person Public Hearing	February 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Best Western; Event Center 1201 Torgerson Dr Fairmont, MN 56031	In the event of inclement weather: alternate date of February 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
Close of Public Comment Period	March 13, 2026	

<sup>2</sup> Minn. R. 1400.6200, subp. 5, 1400.7150, subp. 1, and 7829.0900 (2023).



8. **Primary Exhibit List.** After the close of the hearing, Applicant shall prepare a Primary Exhibit List that identifies each exhibit in the hearing record, with its hearing exhibit number and unique eDocket identifying number. The Applicant, EIP, and PUC shall use the primary exhibit list template attached to this Order as Attachment A.

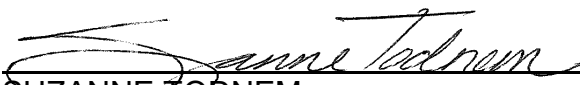
9. **Public Hearings.** There will be one (1) in-person public hearing in the service area and one (1) virtual public hearing. The Commission shall issue and serve a Notice of Public Hearings with the dates, times, location and instructions on how to attend a virtual hearing (including links, codes, and passwords). The Commission shall submit a draft of the Notice to the Administrative Law Judge for approval prior to service and publication. Public hearings start promptly at the start time and end when all persons in attendance have had an opportunity to be heard or, at latest, 9:00 p.m.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, it is important to arrive at the start time.

10. **Accommodations or Interpreters.** No person has requested an accommodation for a disability or appointment of an interpreter. The Court of Administrative Hearings shall be notified promptly, in writing, if either an accommodation or interpreter is needed. The Court of Administrative Hearings requires that any party requesting an accommodation for a disability fill out a request for accommodations form **as soon as possible** to ensure that all accommodation requests are fulfilled. That form can be found at: <https://mn.gov/oah/lawyers-and-litigants/title-ii.jsp>. To request an interpreter, send an email to [oah.courtpersonnel@state.mn.us](mailto:oah.courtpersonnel@state.mn.us).

11. **Official Record.** The documents filed in eDockets constitute the official record of the proceeding, along with any supplemental record data that is offered at the hearing.

12. **Contact with Judge.** Ex parte contact with the Judge is strictly prohibited. Procedural questions or concerns can be directed to Judge Todnem's legal assistant, Samantha Cosgriff, at [Samantha.Cosgriff@state.mn.us](mailto:Samantha.Cosgriff@state.mn.us). Communications directed to the Judge must include all other parties.

Dated: October 23, 2025

  
SUZANNE TODNEM  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>3</sup> If the alternate in-person hearing date is utilized, the hearing will end when all persons in attendance have had an opportunity to be heard or, at latest, 4:00 p.m.

October 23, 2025

See Attached Service List

**Re: *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 in Martin County, Minnesota***

**CAH 23-2500-41194  
MPUC IP-7159/ESS-25-205  
IP-7159/GS-25-206**

To All Persons on the Attached Service List:

Enclosed and served upon you is the Administrative Law Judge's **FIRST PREHEARING ORDER** in the above-entitled matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 361-7970, [cara.hunter@state.mn.us](mailto:cara.hunter@state.mn.us), or via facsimile at (651) 539-0310.

Sincerely,



CARA HUNTER  
Legal Assistant

Enclosure

cc: Docket Coordinator

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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On October 23, 2025, a true and correct copy of the **FIRST PREHEARING ORDER** was served by eService, and United States mail, (in the manner indicated on the attached service list) to the following individuals:

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2	Mike	Bull	mike.bull@state.mn.us		Public Utilities Commission	121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul MN, 55101 United States	Electronic Service		No	25-205 Official CC Service List
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12	Generic Notice	Residential Utilities Division	residential.utilities@ag.state.mn.us		Office of the Attorney General - Residential Utilities Division	1400 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul MN, 55101-2131 United States	Electronic Service		No	25-205 Official CC Service List
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