



Notice of Environmental Assessment Scoping Decision

**In the Matter of the Application of Otter Tail Power Company for a Site Permit for the up to
66 MW Solway Solar Project in Beltrami County, Minnesota**

Docket No. E017/GS-24-309

Issued: January 31, 2024

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has issued the scoping decision for the environmental assessment (EA) that will be prepared for the proposed Solway Solar Project in Beltrami County, Minnesota.

The EA will be prepared by the Department's Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff and will address the potential human and environmental impacts of the project. The scoping decision identifies those issues that will be studied, as well as those that will not be addressed.

The scoping decision and other relevant documents are available:

- On the Department's website: <https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/web/project/15909> and
- On the State of Minnesota's eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/documents> (enter the docket number "24-309").

The EA is scheduled to be completed in April 2025. A public hearing will be held in the project area after the EA is complete and available for review.

If you would like more information or if you have questions, please contact Department staff: Ray Kirsch (raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us) (651) 539-1841 or Minnesota Public Utilities Commission staff: Trevor Culbertson (trevor.culbertson@state.mn.us) (651) 201-2203.

To place your name on the project mailing list, email docketing.puc@state.mn.us or call Leesa Norton at 651-201-2246 with the docket number (24-309), your name, email address, and mailing address. Please indicate how you would like to receive notices—by email or U.S. mail. Placing your name on the project mailing list ensures that you receive the most up-to-date information about the project.

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