

July 29, 2024

VIA E-FILING

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

**RE: In the Matter of the Application of Birch Coulee Solar LLC for a Site Permit
for the up to 125 MW Birch Coulee Solar Project in Renville County,
Minnesota
Docket No. IP7119/GS-23-477**

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Birch Coulee Solar LLC (Birch Coulee Solar or Applicant), an affiliate of AES Clean Energy (AES), is proposing to construct and operate the Birch Coulee Solar Project (Project), an up to 125 megawatt alternating current (MWac) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generating facility (Solar Facility), and associated infrastructure. The Project is planned to be constructed in Renville County, Minnesota. Birch Coulee Solar respectfully submits this Site Permit Application (Application) to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to the alternative permitting procedures of Minn. R. parts 7850.2800 to 7850.3900.

Enclosed for filing please find Birch Coulee Solar's Application for a Site Permit for the Project, with Appendices A through K.

In accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 7829.0500, and Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, Birch Coulee Solar has designated portions of Appendix I as NONPUBLIC DATA–NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE because it contains sensitive cultural resource. The Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office Manual for Archaeological Projects in Minnesota provides for restricted access to sensitive cultural resource information. Given the need to include nonpublic information, Birch Coulee Solar has prepared and is electronically filing both NONPUBLIC and public versions of Appendix I.

The documents referenced above have also been electronically filed today through www.edockets.state.mn.us. The Application filing fee was sent under separate cover. Under separate cover, Birch Coulee Solar is also providing copies of the Application as directed by staff as follows: one copy to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff, and two copies and one jump drive to the Commission staff. A copy of this

filing is also being served upon the persons on the Official Service List of record.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

/s/ Lisa M. Agrimonti

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Breann L. Jurek certifies that on the 29th day of July, 2024, she e-filed a true and correct copy of the documents listed below on behalf of Birch Coulee Solar LLC via eDockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us):

- Application of Birch Coulee Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 125 MW Birch Coulee Solar Project in Renville County, Minnesota, including:
 - Maps
 - Public Appendices A-K;
 - Nonpublic Appendix I; and
- Certificate of Service.

Said documents were also served as designated on the Official Service List on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as attached hereto.

Executed on: July 29, 2024

Signed: /s/ Breann L. Jurek

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