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I am a member of the Itasca Clean Energy Team. You have already received comments from two other members of our team, William Schnell and Simon Gretton. I have read their comments and agree with their statements, so I don't see any value in repeating what they have said. I would just like to add that this was initially a very exciting project. Our group put many volunteer hours into our project. We met with church groups, civic groups, and other community members to share our dream of having a Community Solar Garden in our small town of Grand Rapids. We wrote letters to the editor, put on community forums, tabled at local events such as the County Fair and Tall Timber Days. We were happy to put this time into building community support because we really believed this was a worthwhile project. It would be a source of pride in our community, an educational opportunity for students and best of all – in my opinion – it would be a way to lower greenhouse gas emissions from the coal that is being used to provide electricity for Grand Rapids. As we are becoming more and more aware of, the Earth is running out of time to heal from the horrible damage humanity has inflicted on it over the years. We desperately need to move from fossil fuels to a clean, green economy and we need to do it now! As you can see from the comments from Mr. Schnell and Mr. Gretton, we have been pretty much out of the loop for the past year and at this point we have no idea what is being planned by Minnesota Power. We are quite certain it will not result in our dream of a Community Solar Garden for residents of Grand Rapids. They may throw some solar energy into the mix, just to meet their quota, but it will not resemble our original plan and the plan for which hundreds of residents support.