

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: October 22, 2020

In the Matter of In the Application of Byron Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 200 MW Byron Solar Project and 345 kV Transmission Line in Olmsted and Dodge Counties, Minnesota.

PUC Docket Number: IP-7041/CN-20-764

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes November 6, 2020 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes November 13, 2020 at 4:30pm

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Topic(s) Open for Comment: Should the Commission grant the exemptions to the certificate of need application content requirements requested by Byron Solar Project, LLC in its October 12, 2020 filing?

Background: Byron Solar Project, LLC (Byron) plans on filing a certificate of need application to construct and operate an up to 200 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar-energy generating system and accompanying 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and has requested exemptions from certain application data requirements under Minn. R. 7849.0200, subp. 6. As indicated by Byron, the proposed project would be located on 1600 acres of land in Kalmar Township in Olmsted County and Canisteo and Manterville Townships in Dodge County. The primary components of the facility would include photovoltaic panels affixed to a linear ground-mounted single-axis tracking system, an electrical collection system, inverters, racking, fencing, access roads, an operation and maintenance building, substation facility, underground electrical collection system, up to two weather stations, and other infrastructure typical of a PV solar-energy generating system. The Project is proposed to interconnect to the existing Byron substation in Kalmar Township, Olmsted County, Minnesota via a new approximately 4-mile 345 kV transmission line. In addition, Byron has established docket number with the Commission for a site permit and a transmission line route permit for the project in PUC Document Numbers IP-7041/WS-20-763 and IP-7041/TL-20-765, respectively.

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**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Dated this 22nd day of October, 2020

/s/ Leesa Norton

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