

August 30, 2023

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Elk Creek Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 160 MW
Elk Creek Solar Project in Rock County, Minnesota
Docket No. IP-7009/GS-19-495

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) provides these comments on the completeness of the site permit application for the up to 160 MW Elk Creek solar project filed by Elk Creek Solar, LLC on August 29, 2023.

Elk Creek Solar, LLC (applicant) provided a draft copy of the site permit application to EERA staff. Based on EERA staff's review of the draft copy and on EERA staff's previous review of the applicant's permit amendment application, EERA staff believes the current site permit application is substantially complete with the respect the requirements of Minnesota Rule 7850.1900.

EERA staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

William Cole Storm
Environmental Review Manager