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Mr. Hicks:

Attached please find comments from Benton County Sheriff Troy Heck to be included in the public comments for Benton Solar (**Docket Numbers 23-423; 24-283; 23-425**).

Thank you!

--Mike

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Troy Heck, Sheriff
Neal Jacobson, Chief Deputy

09/12/2025

Mr. Logan Hicks

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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Dear Mr. Hicks,

On behalf of the Benton County Sheriff's Office, I would like to express my appreciation for NextEra Energy Resources' recent contribution of \$12,000 toward the purchase of new radios for our department, and more broadly its willingness to engage in the Benton County / St. Cloud area community.

Reliable communication is essential to ensuring the safety of our deputies and the community we serve.

And, having a partner such as NextEra Energy Resources in our community has shown itself beneficial in terms of saving dollars for taxpayers in this, and other instances.

We value partners who invest in our community, and I want to recognize NextEra Energy Resources as one of those partners. Its willingness to step forward in support of local public safety will make a real difference for our deputies and the residents they protect.

From my perspective as Sheriff, we appreciate the company's demonstrated involvement in becoming a true community partner.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Troy Heck". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "T" and a cursive "Heck".

Troy Heck

Sheriff

Benton County