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Subject: Summit Lake Solar and BESS Project
Docket: IP-7153/GS-25-89 and IP-7153/ESS-25-88

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project.

Nobles County implemented a Solar Energy Ordinance in January 2021 to ensure the future development of solar in our county does not negatively impact the residents.

After reviewing the proposal provided by Summit Lake Solar I respectfully request the setbacks as outlined in the Nobles County Solar Energy Ordinance be enforced for this project.

Setbacks and Standards

Standards for Large Solar Energy Systems

Large solar energy systems require a Conditional Use Permit or are not permitted in the zoning districts as indicated in Table 1.

1. Setbacks. All large solar energy systems shall be setback a minimum of 150 feet from all property lines and 200 feet from the centerline of all roads including fences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Henderschiedt".

Kathy Henderschiedt
Planning and Zoning Administrator