

Public Hearing Comment Form

Summit Lake Solar and Battery Storage

PUC Dockets: IP-7153/GS-25-89 and IP-7153/ESS-25-88



Comment Period Closes April 20, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Comments must be post-marked or received electronically by the comment deadline.

How to comment:

- Use the online comment form at: <https://mn.gov/puc/consumers/public-comments>
- Email comments to: consumer.puc@state.mn.us (please indicate docket numbers 25-89 or 25-88 in subject field)
- Mail comments using this form or other stationary to:

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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Please provide your contact information. This information and your comments will be publicly available.

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Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions:

1. Should the Commission grant a site permit for the proposed solar energy generating system?
2. Should the Commission grant a site permit for the proposed battery energy storage system?
3. If granted, what additional conditions or requirements should be included in the site permits?

1. The Commission should not grant a site permit for the proposed solar generating system! Reasons - you are taking too much excellent farm ground (around 1500 acres) out of production. This land produces food for human beings. "Good" people have purchased acreages in the solar panel area so that they can live in the quiet, wide open country. The solar panels will spoil their countryside views! Also, their acreages will lose a lot of value - if they can sell them? Nobody wants to buy an acreage and look at solar panels!

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2. The Commission should not grant a site permit for the proposed battery energy storage system! Reasons - again you are taking excellent farm ground out of production! This land also produces food for human beings. Also, there are too many unknowns - enough quality water for everyone, noise level, cost of electricity, local volunteer fire departments called to put out fires, etc. Paying people in Reading, Mn. and other neighbors \$100,000. plus so they approve this project (isn't this bribery and bribery is wrong)! Another comment - around 80-100 people will build the solar panels and battery storage. Where will they live? They can not camp year round! We have a shortage of housing in southwest Mn. I was a 1st grade teacher for 44 years and new teachers hired could not find housing every fall. Also, prices will be very inflated because of the housing shortage!

3. If granted, what additional conditions or requirements should be included. Include very low noise levels for the people that live around the sights. Lighting should be limited so that it doesn't interfere with sleeping and quality of life. The solar panels will employ 10-20 full time people which is not very many for all the stress, neighbors not getting along with each other, fighting, poor quality of life for people living in the area.

Closing comment - My husband and I farm northwest of Reading, Mn. and we live in Worthington, Mn. The people in Reading and the surrounding area are very hard working, respectable people and they want to live in a quiet, peaceful environment. They are our friends and farm neighbors. They pay their taxes and they are good people. If someone in the area has a hardship - a death, serious injury, cancer, etc. they are the first people to lend a helping hand! Please, no solar panels and battery storage system. Let everyone in the area continue to live a peaceful country life!

Sincerely,
Yvonne Sueve
April 8, 2016