

REVISED COMMISSION DECISION ALTERNATIVES

A. Environmental Assessment

1. Find that the EA and the record created at the public hearing address the issues identified in the EA scoping decision. ~~meets the requirements of Min. R. 7850.3700, in that it:~~
 - ~~Addresses the issues and alternatives raised in scoping;~~
 - ~~Provides responses to the timely substantive comments received during the draft environmental impact statement review process; and~~
 - ~~Was prepared in compliance with the procedures in Minn. R. 7850.3700.~~
2. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

B. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendations

1. Approve and adopt the ALJ's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation for the 100 MW Aurora Distributed Solar Energy Project.
2. Approve and adopt the ALJ's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation for the 100 MW Aurora Distributed Solar Energy Project with modifications to Findings of Fact, Conclusions and to permit conditions as proposed by EERA in its Exceptions to the ALJ's Report. Include revisions to findings 37, 38, 39, 43, 102, 135, 140 and 206, delete finding 207 and adopt conclusion 13. Include Site Permit changes to Sections 5.2, 8.7, 14.3 and 14.4.
3. Approve and adopt the ALJ's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation for the 100 MW Aurora Distributed Solar Energy Project with modifications proposed by the Applicant. Include revisions to findings 206 and 207, conclusion 13¹, and Site Permit revisions to Sections 5.2, 6.4, 6.5, and 14.3.
4. Approve and adopt the ALJ's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation for the 100 MW Aurora Distributed Solar Energy Project with modifications to Findings of Fact, Conclusions and to permit conditions as proposed below:
 - i. Include EERA's revisions to findings 37, 38, 39, 43, 102, 135, 140 and 206, delete finding 207. Include Site Permit revisions to Sections 5.2, 8.7, 14.3, and 14.4
 - ii. Include Aurora's proposed revisions to conclusion 13 and to Site Permit Sections 6.4 and 6.5.
 - iii. Delete Permit Condition 7.3 (b) as originally proposed by Commission staff.
 - iv. Amend the proposed Site Permit paragraph 8.19 the last sentence as follows:

¹ Aurora incorrectly identified this conclusion as #14 in its Exceptions filing.

"The Permittee shall obtain and register the address or other location indicators acceptable to the emergency responders and Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) having jurisdiction over each of the separate facilities of the Project with the local governments' emergency 911 services. The Permittee shall show as part of their compliance filing required in the Site Permit that they provided the emergency responders and the PSAP with jurisdiction over each of the separate facilities of the Project with the Emergency Response Plan prior to commencement of work on the site."

C. Large Electric Power Generating Plant Site Permit (LEPGP)

1. Grant Aurora a Site Permit for the 100 MW LEPPG for the Aurora Distributed Solar Project to be constructed at the following Facilities as follows:
 - a. Albany, Atwater, Brooten, Eastwood, Fiesta City, Hastings, Lake Emily, Lake Pulaski, Lawrence Creek, Lester Prairie, Montrose, Scandia, Waseca, West Faribault, and West Waconia to be developed as per the Site Plans submitted in the application.
 - b. Chisago, Dodge Center, Paynesville, and Pine Island with the additional mitigation measures recommended by EERA.
2. Grant Aurora a Site Permit for the 100 MW LEPPG for the Aurora Distributed Solar Project to be constructed at Facilities selected individually by the Commission from among all the 24 proposed sites.
3. Grant Aurora a Site Permit for the 100 MW LEPPG for the Aurora Distributed Solar Project to be constructed at Facilities selected by the Applicant at its choice based on the initial application and the record developed during this proceeding.
4. Do not issue a Site Permit for the 100 MW Aurora Distributed Solar Project.
5. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

D. Authorize staff to modify the proposed Findings of Fact, Site Permit, and other documents as necessary to be consistent with the decisions made by the Commission on this matter.

Staff Recommendation: A1, B4 (i, ii, iii, iv), C1 (a, b), and D.