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Authority	Site Permit Application Required Information	Location in Application
<b><u>Site Permit for Solar Facility</u></b>		
<b>2023 Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, Alternative Review of Applications</b>		
Subd. 1	An applicant who seeks a site permit for one of the projects identified in this section shall have the option of following the procedures in this section rather than the procedures in § 216E.03. The applicant shall notify the commission at the time the application is submitted which procedure the applicant chooses to follow.	1.0, 1.4, 3.2
Subd. 2(8)	Large electric power generating plants that are powered by solar energy.	1.0, 1.4, 3.2
<b>Minn. R. 7850.1900, Subpart 1, Site Permit For Large Electric Power Generating Plant</b>		
A.	A statement of proposed ownership of the facility as of the day of filing and after commercial operation.	1.2
B.	The precise name of any person or organization to be initially named as permittee or permittees and the name of any other person to whom the permit may be transferred if transfer of the permit is contemplated.	1.2
C.	At least two proposed sites for the proposed large electric power generating plant and identification of the applicant's preferred site and the reasons for preferring the site.	1.0, 3.2 Alternatives not required under alternative process (2023 Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, subd. 2 and 3)
D.	A description of the proposed large electric power generating plant and all associated facilities, including the size and type of the facility.	2.1, 2.3, Figures 2 4
E.	The environmental information required under Subpart 3.	5.0
F.	The names of the owners of the property for the proposed site.	1.2.2
G.	The engineering and operational design for the large electric power generating plant.	4.0, Figures 3 and 4, Appendix C
H.	A cost analysis of the large electric power generating plant, including the cost of constructing and operating the facility that is dependent on design and site.	2.5
I.	An engineering analysis of the site, including how the site could accommodate expansion of generating capacity in the future.	2.4, 3.3, 4.3

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J.	Identification of transportation, pipeline, and electrical transmission systems that will be required to construct, maintain, and operate the facility.	4.1, 4.3
K.	A listing and brief description of federal, state, and local permits that may be required for the project.	1.4, Table 1
L.	A copy of the Certificate of Need for the project from the Public Utilities Commission or documentation that an application for a Certificate of Need has been submitted or is not required.	Exemption discussed in 1.5.1
<b>Minn. R. 7850.1900, Subpart 3, Environmental Information</b>		
A.	A description of the environmental setting for the site.	5.1
B.	A description of the effects of construction and operation of the facility on human settlement, including, but not limited to, public health and safety, displacement, noise, aesthetics, socioeconomic impacts, cultural values, recreation, and public services.	5.2, Tables 8-19, Figures 5-15, Appendices D-K
C.	A description of the effects of the facility on land-based economies, including, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining.	5.3, Table 20, Figures 11-12, Appendices D-E
D.	A description of the effects of the facility on archaeological and historic resources.	5.3.7; Appendix I
E.	A description of the effects of the facility on the natural environment, including effects on air and water quality resources and flora and fauna.	5.4, Tables 21-27, Appendices D-F, H, J-K
F.	A description of the effects of the facility on rare and unique natural resources.	5.4.8, Figure 15, Appendix K
G.	Identification of human and natural environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the facility is approved at a specific site or route.	5.2 – 5.5, 5.7
H.	A description of measures that might be implemented to mitigate the potential human and environmental impacts identified in items A to G and the estimated costs of such mitigation measures.	2.5, Table 3, 4.3.5, 4.4, 5.1-5.5
<b><u>Site Permit for BESS</u></b>		
<b>2023 Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, Alternative Review of Applications</b>		

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Subd. 2(9)	Energy storage systems	1.0, 1.4, 3.2
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B.	The precise name of any person or organization to be initially named as permittee or permittees and the name of any other person to whom the permit may be transferred if transfer of the permit is contemplated.	1.2
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E.	The environmental information required under Subpart 3.	5.0
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H.	A cost analysis of the large electric power generating plant, including the cost of constructing and operating the facility that is dependent on design and site.	2.5
I.	An engineering analysis of the site, including how the site could accommodate expansion of generating capacity in the future.	2.4, 3.3. 4.3
J.	Identification of transportation, pipeline, and electrical transmission systems that will be required to construct, maintain, and operate the facility.	4.1.5
K.	A listing and brief description of federal, state, and local permits that may be required for the project.	1.4, Table 1

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D.	A description of the effects of the facility on archaeological and historic resources.	5.3.7, Appendix I
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