

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of North Star Energy Storage, LLC for an up to 80-megawatt Battery Energy Storage System Site Permit for the North Star Storage Project in Chisago County, Minnesota

SERVICE DATE: July 1, 2025

DOCKET NO. IP-7155/ESS-25-123

The above-entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition made:

Authorized the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis to solely include the site for the project identified by North Star Energy Storage in its site permit application in the scoping decision for the environmental assessment.

This decision is issued by the Commission's consent calendar subcommittee, under a delegation of authority granted under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8 (a). Unless a party, a participant, or a Commissioner files an objection to this decision within ten days of receiving it, it will become the Order of the full Commission under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8 (b).

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce, which are attached and hereby incorporated into the Order.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Seuffert".

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary

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June 18, 2025

Mr. Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
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RE: Alternatives Identified During Scoping Comment Period
North Star Battery Energy Storage Project
Docket Nos. IP-7155/ESS-25-123

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff has completed the environmental assessment scoping process in the following matter:

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The scoping period for the environmental assessment (EA) was open from May 14, 2025, through June 13, 2025. Public meetings for the project were held on May 28 and 29, 2025. Oral and written comments were received from the public during the scoping period.¹ None of these comments suggested an alternative site for the North Star Battery Energy Storage System facility. Accordingly, EERA staff recommends that the Commission authorize EERA to include solely the site for the project identified by North Star Energy Storage in its site permit application in the scoping decision for the EA.

EERA staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,



Sam Weaver
Environmental Review Manager
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis

¹ Oral Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets No. [20256-219969-01](#);
Written Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets No. [20256-219970-01](#)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Hannah Olson, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ORDER

Docket Number IP-7155/ESS-25-123
Dated this 1st day of July, 2025

/s/ Hannah Olson

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