

February 26, 2025

Executive Secretary Will Seuffert
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East
Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Summit Lake Solar Project in Nobles County
Public Utilities Commission Docket Numbers: 25-88 and 25-89

Dear Secretary Seuffert:

On behalf of Commissioner Petersen, Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the Summit Lake Solar Project, proposed by National Grid Renewables Development, LLC (NG Renewables), in Nobles County Minnesota.

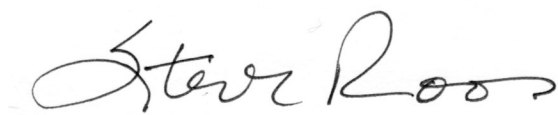
MDA's role in reviewing energy projects under the regulatory authority of the Public Utility Commission (PUC) is outlined in Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 216E.10, subdivision 3(b), which charges MDA with the responsibility of working with project applicants to prepare an Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan (AIMP).

NG Renewables staff developed a draft AIMP and submitted it to MDA for review and comment. We completed our review and submitted to the project applicant that there were no agency comments for incorporation into a final version of the AIMP for this project. We have reviewed the final AIMP, as it has been submitted in the docket, and conclude that we have no new concerns to be addressed in the final AIMP.

MDA thanks you for the opportunity to submit these comments on the AIMP for the Summit Lake Solar project in Nobles County Minnesota. We also wish to thank the project proposers for their collaborative approach to working with us.

If you have any questions about MDA's comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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