



July 16, 2026

Jessica Livingston, Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission – Environmental Assessment – Cottage Grove BESS Project
Metropolitan Council Review No. 23149-2
Metropolitan Council District No. 12

Dear Jessica Livingston:

The Metropolitan Council received the Environmental Assessment for the Cottage Grove Battery Energy Storage System on July 7, 2026. The proposed project is located south of US Highway 61 and east of Chemolite Road. The proposed project seeks the development of an 80-megawatt battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure within the existing LSP-Cottage Grove, LP natural gas power plant.

The staff review finds that the Environmental Assessment is complete and accurate with respect to regional concerns and does not raise major issues of consistency with Council policies.

This concludes the Council's review of the Environmental Assessment. The Council will not take formal action on the Environmental Assessment. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact MacKenzie Young-Walters, Principal Reviewer, at 651-602-1373 or via email at mackenzie.young-walters@metc.state.mn.us. As always, you can also contact your Sector Representative, Merritt Clapp-Smith, at 651-602-1567 or via email at merritt.clapp-smith@metc.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela R. Torres".

Angela R. Torres, AICP, Senior Manager
Local Planning Assistance

CC: Tod Sherman, Development Reviews Coordinator, MnDOT - Metro Division
Mark Jenkins, Metropolitan Council District 12
Merritt Clapp-Smith, Sector Representative
MacKenzie Young-Walters, Principal Reviewer
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