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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Lake Charlotte Solar Project, a large-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) planned just north of Fairmont, Minnesota.

This project's scale—spanning approximately 1,277 acres—raises serious concerns regarding land use, environmental impact, and its proximity to Lake Charlotte. The potential risks to local ecosystems, water quality, and surrounding wildlife are significant, especially given how close this development would be to a natural water resource.

Beyond environmental concerns, projects of this size can permanently alter the character of the surrounding area, affecting not only the landscape but also the people who live nearby and value this environment.

While I support thoughtful and responsible energy development, this project's location and scale do not reflect a balanced or appropriate approach.

I respectfully urge the Commission to deny the permit for the Lake Charlotte Solar Project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Morgan Johnson