

December 24, 2020

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Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
127 Seventh Place East, Suite 350  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

**RE: Reply Comments on Application Acceptance**  
Red Rock Solar Project  
Docket Nos. IP7014/CN-19-486 and IP7014/GS-19-620

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Attached are the reply comments of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff on application acceptance in the following matter:

**In the Matter of Red Rock Solar, LLC's Certificate of Need and Site Permit applications for the Red Rock Solar Project and associated facilities in Cottonwood County, Minnesota**

The applications were filed by:

c/o Apex Clean Energy, Inc.  
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EERA staff has reviewed the comments submitted to the Red Rock Solar Project eDockets, and at this time we have not identified any specific comments that would change our comments and recommendations on application completeness submitted to the Commission on December 15, 2020. The comments submitted to date identify items that can appropriately and adequately be addressed throughout the permitting process and will be reviewed and considered for inclusion in the Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Draft Site Permit to be prepared by EERA.

EERA staff recommends the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) accept the applications for the proposed Red Rock Solar Project as complete.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being more prominent than the last name "Davis".

Richard Davis  
Environmental Review Manager

cc: Louise Miltich, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis  
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Marcella Emeott, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – Reply Comments**

**Docket Nos. IP7014/CN-19-486 and IP7014/GS-19-620**

Dated this **24<sup>th</sup>** day of **December 2020**.

/s/Marcella Emeott

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