

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of  
Minnesota Power for a Site and Route Permit for  
the 85-megawatt Boswell Solar Project and  
Associated 2.45-mile 230-kilovolt Transmission  
Line in Itasca County, Minnesota

SERVICE DATE: May 20, 2025

DOCKET NO. E-15/GS-24-425;

DOCKET NO. E-015/TL-24-426

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 Unit to solely include in the scoping decision for the environmental assessment the site and route identified by Minnesota Power in its joint site and route permit application.**

**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



Will Seuffert  
Executive Secretary



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May 9, 2025

Mr. Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
127 7th Place East, Suite 350  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Alternatives Identified During Scoping Comment Period  
Boswell Solar Project  
Docket Nos. E015/GS-24-425, TL-24-426

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Minnesota Power for a Site and Route Permit for the 85-Megawatt Boswell Solar Project and Associated 2.45-mile 230-kilovolt Transmission Line in Itasca County, Minnesota

The scoping period for the environmental assessment (EA) was open from April 2, 2025, through May 5, 2025. Public meetings for the project were held on April 3 and 21, 2025. Oral and written comments were received from the public during the scoping period.<sup>1</sup> None of these comments suggested an alternative site for the Boswell Solar facility or an alternative route for the associated 230 kV transmission line. Accordingly, EERA staff recommends that the Commission authorize EERA to include solely the site and route for the project identified by Minnesota Power in its joint application in the scoping decision for the EA.

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

Sincerely,



Jessica Livingston  
Environmental Review Manager  
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis

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<sup>1</sup> Oral Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets No. [20255-218719-01](#);  
Written Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment, eDockets No. [20255-218719-02](#)

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Robin Benson, 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: **E-15/GS-24-425; E-015/TL-24-426**

Dated this **20th** day of **May, 2025**

/s/ Robin Benson

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