

RE: PUC EIP Staff Exceptions to ALJ Report

Solway Solar Project

PUC Docket No. E017/GS-24-309 **OAH Docket No.** 23-2500-40576

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Infrastructure Permitting (EIP) staff has reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations (ALJ report) issued by Administrative Law Suzanne Todnem on July 18, 2025, for the Solway Solar Project (project).¹

EIP staff believes the report accurately reflects the record for the project. Staff has no exceptions to the report.

Sincerely,

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¹ On July 1, 2025, Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC EERA) unit staff moved to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Infrastructure Permitting (PUC EIP) unit as directed by state law (Laws of Minn. 2024, ch.126, art. 7). While DOC EERA staff initiated environmental review of this proposal prior to July 1, 2025, the environmental review is now being completed by PUC EIP staff. For accuracy related to procedural history, references to previous filings by EERA will be identified as such, and "EIP" will be referenced throughout the remainder of this document.