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Subject: Hayward Solar LLC, Minnesota PUC Docket #IP-7053/CN-21-112 and IP7053/GS-21-113

Dear Minnesota Public Utilities Commission:

As a resident of Freeborn County, I am writing in support of the Hayward Solar Project and its application to obtain a Site Permit and Certificate of Need. This project will be beneficial to this community and Freeborn County for the following reasons:

- 1) Economic benefits of the project during construction and operation, which include:

Construction Phase Benefits

- Direct impact: Investment of \$128.8 million, with direct spending in Freeborn County estimated to be \$15.6 million; 204 employees on-site and \$7.9 million in wages
- Total impact: \$30.9 million in economic activity, including \$13.6 million in labor income and supporting 204 on-site direct jobs and an additional 115 jobs across all industries
- Tax revenue: \$461,870 in state and local taxes

Operations Phase Benefits

- Direct impact: Annual expenditures of \$2.2 million, including payments to the landowners, and 4 on-site jobs
- Total impact: Annual economic impact of \$3.3 million, supporting 14 jobs (4 on-site and 10 in other industries)
- Tax revenue: \$99,040 annually in state and local tax revenues

- 2) Positive impacts to the land through native pollinator plantings and improved drainage, and from "resting" it during the project's life. After the project is decommissioned, the land will be fully restored and returned to the landowner for farming or other use.
- 3) Allows landowners to retain ownership of their land while diversifying their income. This is an important consideration in a community with a rich agricultural heritage and preserves the use of the land for future generations to farm.

As the next generation in a family farm, I respectfully request that you approve the Site Permit and Certificate of Need for Hayward Solar.

Sincerely,



Sydney Koziolk