

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON APPLICATION COMPLETENESS

Issued: July 9, 2025

In the Matter of the Application of Lemon Hill Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 180 MW Lemon Hill Solar Project in Olmsted County, Minnesota

Docket Number: IP-7156/GS-25-126

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is accepting comments on the site permit application of Lemon Hill Solar, LLC, (Lemon Hill Solar) to construct and operate an up to 180-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) nameplate capacity solar energy conversion facility (Solar Facility), and other associated facilities located in Olmstead County, Minnesota (Lemon Hill Solar, or Project).

The proposed Project will be located in Haverhill and Viola Townships in Olmsted County, Minnesota. The Project will use bi-facial PV modules affixed to tracking systems that allow the PV modules to follow the sun from east to west. The Project footprint is approximately 1,945 acres of agricultural land, of which approximately 966 acres will be used for the operation of the Project.

The Project will include: solar modules (also referred to as panels or arrays); inverters; transformers; a tracking rack system; an electrical collection system; access roads; security fencing; security cameras and lighting; a collector substation; an operations and maintenance building; parking; stormwater retention ponds; weather stations; temporary laydown areas, approximately 530 feet of 161 kilovolt (kV) transmission generation tie-line; and any ancillary equipment or buildings as necessary and typical of a solar farm. (See the attached Project Overview Maps).

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes **July 23, 2025**, at 4:30 p.m.
Reply comment period closes **July 30, 2025**, at 4:30 p.m.
Supplemental comment period closes **August 5, 2025**, at 4:30 p.m.

Please include the docket number in all communications. Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

Topics for Comment

- Does the site permit application contain the information required under Minn. R. 7850.3100?
- Should an advisory task force be appointed?
- Are there any additional procedural requirements that should be considered (e.g., public hearing process)?
- Should the Commission direct the Executive Secretary to issue an authorization to the applicant to initiate consultation with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) (see link below)?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Submit Comments

Online: mn.gov/puc/get-involved/public-comments
Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us
U.S. Mail: Consumer Affairs Office
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's website except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

Review Process. Information on the review processes for certificates of need and site and route permits for large electric power facilities is available on the Commission's website at: <https://mn.gov/puc/activities/energy-facilities/>

SHPO Coordination. A copy of the SHPO consultation authorization letter is available on the Commission's website at: <https://mn.gov/puc/activities/energy-facilities/shpo-coordination/>

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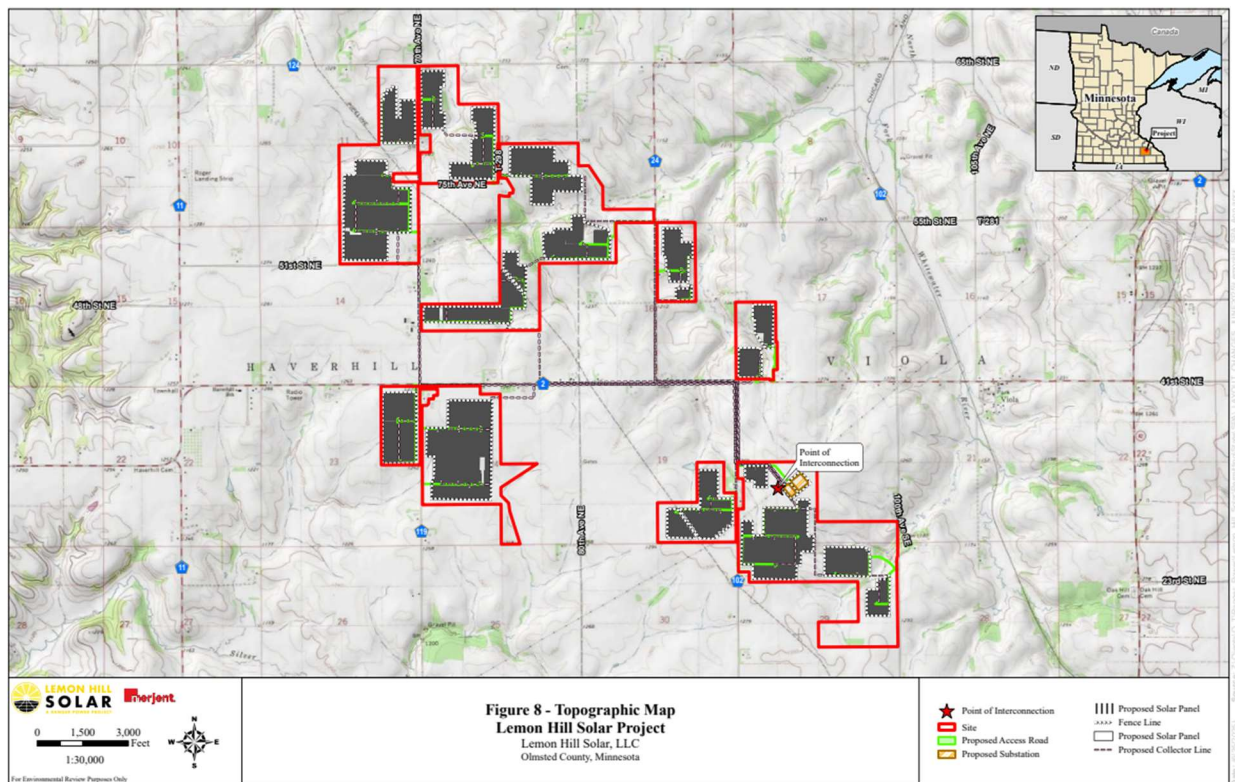
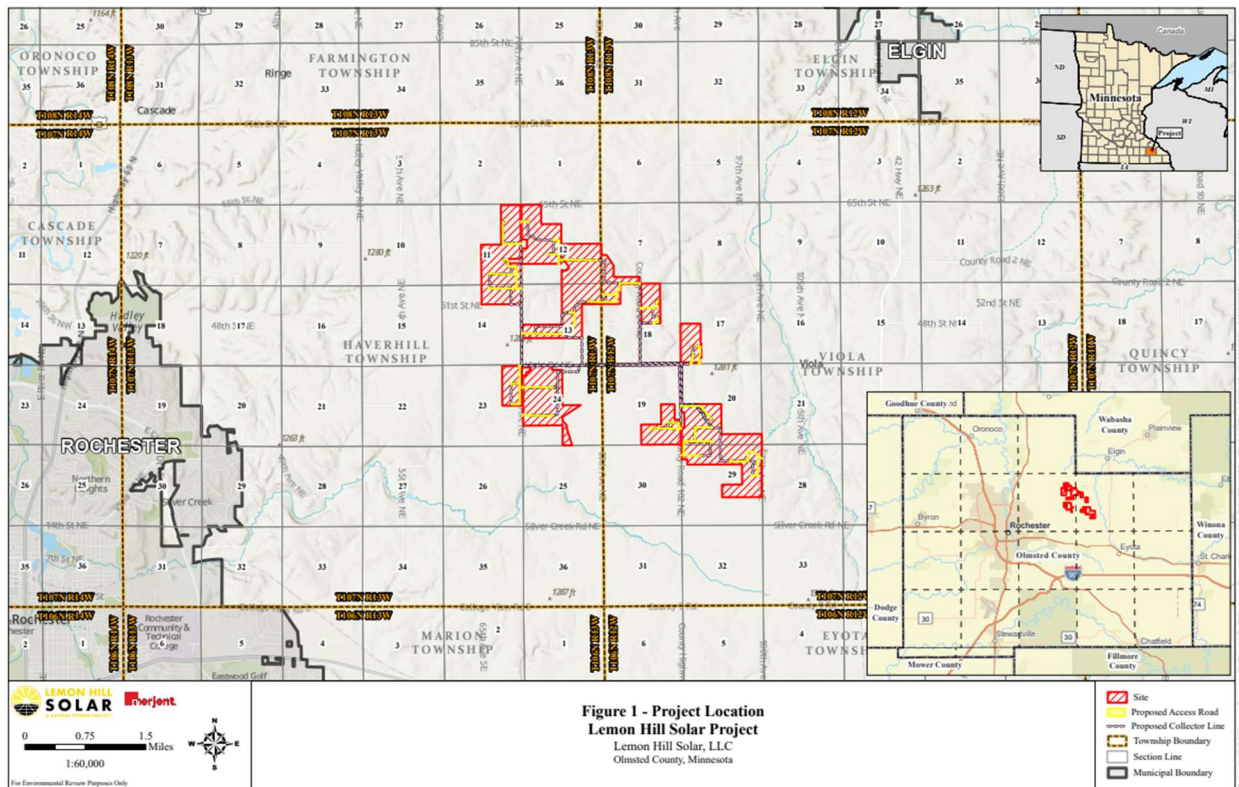
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Questions about these dockets or Commission process and procedure? Contact Commission staff, Cezar Panait at Cezar.Panait@state.mn.us or 651-201-2207.

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Project Overview Maps



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I, Anne Redmond, 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

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Dated this 9th day of July, 2025

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