

**Comments from Operating Engineers Local 49 and North Central States Regional Council
of Carpenters**

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Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

*In the Matter of the Application of Castle Rock Solar LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 150 MW
Castle Rock Solar Project in Dakota County, Minnesota (24-267)*

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this matter.

As the Commission knows, our unions represent workers in the construction industry who build and maintain energy infrastructure. Much of the traditional energy infrastructure built in the state was built by highly skilled union men and women who received good pay and benefits. As we transition towards more renewables it is important that we keep the same labor standards in place.

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with the developers of the Castle Rock project prior to their submission to have an initial discussion of the project and how it can benefit local, union workers. As the regulatory process moves forward, we look forward to continuing those discussions and learning more specifics about their approach to contracting and how they will maximize local benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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