



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

Docket No. IP-7137/GS-24-267

LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota (“LIUNA”) appreciates the opportunity provided by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to offer supplemental comments on the application of Castle Rock Solar, LLC for a Site Permit for development of an up to 150-megawatt (“MW”) solar generation project in Dakota County. We believe that the project has the potential to deliver significant economic and energy benefits to LIUNA members and other residents.

We agree with comments filed by the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (“EERA”) unit which conclude that the application is substantially complete. We are not aware of any contested issues of fact that would require a Contested Case Hearing, and we do not recommend that the Commission appoint an advisory task force. We look forward to further development of the record with respect to local socioeconomic benefits through the process.

We have had the opportunity to discuss plans for project construction with representatives of SunStone and Matrix Renewables, and appreciate their willingness to work with us to maximize high-quality local employment and career opportunities on the project. We anticipate that, as those conversations continue, there will be enough support for the Commission to conclude that the project meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, Subd. 7(b)(15).

We thank Commissioners for their thoughtful consideration.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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