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

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Mr. Rich Davis Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7th Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul, MN 55101

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Northern Crescent Solar LLC for a Solar Energy Generating System Site Permit and a Battery Energy Storage System Site Permit for the up to 150 MW Northern Crescent Solar and Storage Project in Faribault County, Minnesota (24-238)

Dear Mr. Davis,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on scoping for the Environmental Assessment (EA). Both unions represent workers in the construction industry who work on a wide array of energy infrastructure projects including solar. In our view this project will create good paying jobs for local construction workers. At this time, we don't have any additional suggestions for human or environmental impacts that should be considered in the EA.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

Nathan Runke, Regulatory and Political Affairs Coordinator, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49

Richard Kolodziejski, Public Affairs Director, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters