

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

August 17, 2022

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

*RE: In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of the Sherco Solar Project  
(EOO2/M-20-891)*

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 (IUOE Local 49) and the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters (NCSRCC) submit these brief comments to reaffirm our support for the Sherco Solar project. As outlined in our previous comments, along with environmental and energy system benefits, the project will result in significant work opportunities for local construction workers.

We would like to express our appreciation for the work of the Department of Commerce and Xcel Energy in arriving at an agreement that includes important protections for ratepayers. We would respectfully encourage the Commission to approve the agreement in order to allow the project to move forward in a timely manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Adam Duininck, Director of Government Affairs, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters