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RE: City of Becker Business Park expansion area and Becker Township Transportation (eDocket ID Nos. 20-891, 21-189, 21-190, 21-191)

Dear Public Advisor,

I am writing to you on behalf of R.D. Offutt (RDO) Farms to provide comment about information posted to dockets for Xcel Energy's proposed Sherco Solar Project that directly impacts our private property.

RDO is family-owned and operated, and we've been responsibly farming potatoes for more than 50 years in Minnesota. Together with our partners, we operate 10 farms across 15 counties. Part of our Becker farm is in Sherburne County in the proposed Xcel Sherco Solar Project area. Through negotiations with Xcel, RDO has signed a voluntary lease agreement to participate in the project.

We work closely with the City of Becker and Becker Township and value our relationship with each jurisdiction. We offer the following comments regarding correspondence from the City and Township:

- The City of Becker noted its Comprehensive Plan includes a proposed Business Park expansion, potentially impacting our property. While RDO has signed an easement for the proposed Sherco Solar Project, we have not discussed other economic development opportunities with the City.
- Becker Township has documented interest to develop a major collector road through the East Block of the proposed Sherco Solar Project, where RDO maintains sole land ownership. RDO has not discussed such a project with Becker Township or MNDOT officials, nor is the company interested in pursuing public road development through our farm.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding Xcel Energy's Sherco Solar Project. We look forward to participating in this project and to the benefits it will bring to Sherburne County and Minnesota residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith McGovern", is written over a horizontal line.

Keith McGovern  
R.D. Offutt Farms President