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Re: Letter of Support for the Sherco Solar Project, Sherburne County, Minnesota (Cases 20-891, 21-189, 21-190, 21-191)

Dear Commissioners,

The members of the Big Lake Sno Cruisers are writing to express support for the 460 megawatt (MW) Sherco Solar Project in Sherburne County, Minnesota. Xcel Energy has been in regular contact with the Sno Cruisers to assist in planning of snowmobile trail reroutes associated with activities at the current Sherco Plant, in addition to planning for the proposed Solar Project.

The Sno Cruisers appreciate the transparency in Project planning efforts from Xcel Energy, and the club values the employment opportunities available to the region from Xcel Energy's continued presence and investment in new energy sources such as the proposed Solar Project. We are excited to see that Xcel is planning for a continued presence in the community for the long term.

We look forward to this Project bringing clean renewable energy to our region while simultaneously benefiting the economy and the community. We look forward to continued collaboration with Xcel Energy in the future.

Sincerely,

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