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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 Clear Lake Township Board are writing to express our support for the 460 megawatt (MW) Sherco Solar Project, which is currently being developed by Xcel Energy, with support from National Grid Renewables, in Sherburne County, Minnesota. We have no issues or concerns with the proposed site or route permits, and we have no concerns or procedural issues regarding Xcel Energy's petition approval. The Project's west block, other than a temporary staging area, is entirely contained within Clear Lake Township limits. We believe the Sherco Solar Project represents cost effective renewable energy generation, and we look forward to the Project adding economic development to our township and the surrounding community. We also recognize the importance of the Project for future electric generation in the area.

The Clear Lake Township Board appreciates National Grid Renewables ongoing communication and updates regarding the Project. The board has received regular updates from National Grid Renewables over the past few years, and finds that the Project is compatible with the township's long-term vision and planning efforts. The board also respects the decision of individual landowners in the township to determine what is best for their property, including their decision to participate in the proposed solar project.

We believe this project will bring a long-term financial benefit to our township and the surrounding community. Once constructed, the Sherco Solar Project will provide a boost in the local economy through production tax payments to Sherburne County and Clear Lake Township, and through the generation of both temporary and long-term full-time jobs.

We are excited that the project will bring clean renewable energy to our region while simultaneously benefiting the economy and the community.

Sincerely,

Clear Lake Township Board