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As an adjacent landowner of the Sherco Solar Project, attached is a letter of support for dockets 20-891, 21-189, 21-190, and 21-191.

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**Consumer Affairs Office
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul MN 55101**

**Re: Letter of Support for the Sherco Solar Project, Clear Lake Township, Minnesota
(Cases 20-891, 21-189, TL-21-190, 21-191)**

To Whom It May Concern:

As adjacent landowners to the Sherco Solar Project in Sherburne County, Minnesota, we are writing to express our full support for this project. We see this project benefiting the land and community both environmentally and economically.

One of the largest and most obvious benefits of the project is its environmental impact. A shift towards renewable resources from fossil fuels and the eventual decommissioning of the Sherco Coal Plant brings along with it cleaner air for our community, a lower carbon footprint, and a more hopeful future for generations to come. On an ecological level, the land where the solar farm is built will also benefit. With the acreage resting for 25-30 years, the microbiology of the soil will have a chance to build up and balance out. Similarly, the local flora and fauna will quickly return as the land shifts towards a more natural state. Not only will this benefit the natural environment, but it will also create healthier and more productive land for future farming if the owners chose to do so again.

Along with the environmental benefits of the project we believe the project provides economic opportunities as well. The generation of construction jobs to build the project is one of the short-term economic benefits, but there are also other long-term economic possibilities. The land that the solar farm sits on will require maintenance to keep vegetation growth from blocking the sun on the panels. Solar grazing, or grazing sheep within solar farms, has become popular in Europe and is growing in popularity in the US. With the project planned to be built in a largely agricultural community, we believe there is a desire to keep an agricultural feel to the land. Solar grazing fulfills that desire and allows the land to be multiuse, generating wealth in more than one way, and providing a greater contribution to our local economy.

Its apparent that the Sherco Solar Project will provide both environmental and economic benefits to our community and we look forward to its successful completion.

Sincerely,

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