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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Pl E #350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Letter of Support for the Elk Creek Solar Projects in Rock County

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Rock County Board of Commissioners, we are writing to express our support for the 80 megawatt (MW) Elk Creek and 120 MW Elk Creek 2 Solar Projects, which are currently being developed by Geronimo Energy in Rock County, Minnesota. We believe the Elk Creek Solar Projects represent cost effective renewable energy generation, and we look forward to the project adding economic development to our region.

We believe these projects will bring significant economic development and will have a long-term financial benefit to the area. Once constructed, the Elk Creek Solar Projects will provide a boost in the local economy through production tax payments to Rock County and the local Township, to the local school districts through the Education Fund, and full-time jobs.

Overall, we are excited about the economic benefits of the Elk Creek Solar Projects, as well as the beneficial community impact the projects will have while providing clean renewable energy.

Respectfully,

Kyle J. Oldre, Administrator  
Rock County

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