

September 13, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Elk Creek Solar, LLC for a Certificate of
Need for the up to 80 MW Elk Creek Solar Project in Rock County, Minnesota
Docket No. IP-7009/CN-19-351**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Enclosed for filing is the Certificate of Need Application of Elk Creek Solar, LLC (“Elk Creek”) in connection with the above-referenced matter.

In accordance with Minn. R. 7829.0500, and Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, Elk Creek has designated as **TRADE SECRET** certain commercially sensitive information, *i.e.*, project costs included with the **TRADE SECRET** version of Appendix A of the Certificate of Need Application, which, if released, would have a detrimental effect on Elk Creek by providing potential competitors and others with valuable information not otherwise readily ascertainable and from which these persons would obtain economic value.

Given the need to include trade secret information, Elk Creek has prepared and is e-filing both **NON-PUBLIC AND TRADE SECRET** and public versions of Appendix A of the Certificate of Need Application.

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Elk Creek is providing copies of the Certificate of Need Application and the **TRADE SECRET** Appendix A to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Elk Creek is also providing copies of the Certificate of Need Application to other state agencies with regulatory responsibilities related to the proposed facility. Please notify the undersigned if additional hardcopies are required. A copy of this filing is also being served upon the persons on the Official Service List of record. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeremy P. Duehr

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Breann Jurek, of the City of Minneapolis, the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that on the 13th day of September, 2019, she e-filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission the following:

1. Elk Creek Solar, LLC's Certificate of Need Application;
2. Certificate of Need Application Public Appendix A
3. Certificate of Need Application TRADE SECRET Appendix A;
4. Certificate of Need Application Figures; and,
5. Affidavit of Service.

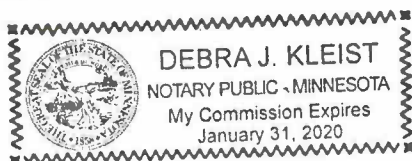
A copy has also been served on the individuals listed on the attached Official Service List.


Breann Jurek

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 13th day of September, 2019


Notary Public

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Generic Notice	Commerce Attorneys	commerce.attorneys@ag.state.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-DOC	445 Minnesota Street Suite 1800 St. Paul, MN 55101	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_19-351_CN-19-351
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