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To: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
From: Jason George – Business Manager, International Union of Operating Engineers,
Local 49
Date: July 27, 2020
RE: Docket Number: **IP7009/CN-19-351 & IP7009/GS-19-495**

In the Matter of the Application of Elk Creek Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Need and a Site Permit for the up to 80 MW Elk Creek Solar Project in Rock County, Minnesota.

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49 ("Local 49") which represents over 14,000 heavy equipment operating engineers across Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, I am submitting a formal comment related to the Elk Creek Solar Project certificate of need and site permit.

Specifically, Local 49 would like to applaud Elk Creek Solar, LLC for its commitment to using local labor, at prevailing wage and benefit rates, to complete the project. This commitment ensures the economic benefits of this project will go back into our communities and the local region.

The economic benefits of this project combined with its ability to increase our region's renewable energy production capacity drive Local 49's strong support for this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jason A. George
Business Manager - Financial Secretary
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