

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON THE AURORA SOLAR PROJECT

Issued: July 13, 2017

In the Matter of the Aurora Distributed Solar, LLC Site Permit for the 100 MW Solar Energy Project Located at Multiple Facilities in Minnesota

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Comment Period: Initial comment period closes August 10, 2017 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes August 15, 2017 at 4:30pm

Topic/s Open for Comment:

- Is the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan and Vegetation Management Plan sufficient or should it be modified?
- Should the Commission modify the site permit to contract for inspection services as part of the terms and conditions of the Site Permit in accordance with Minn. Rule 7854.1300? If so, Staff proposes the following language:

Independent Inspector: The Permittee shall retain an independent third-party inspector. The selection of the inspector and scope of the inspection effort shall be approved by the Department of Commerce and Commission's Executive Secretary. The inspector shall monitor the construction and restoration process and ensure that the project conforms to the site permit terms, conditions, and the specifications outlined in the record. The inspector shall file reports at 30-day intervals with the Commission addressing compliance during construction and restoration.

- Should the Commission amend the permit to limit the sites to the 16 which proceeded with construction?
- Should the Commission take any other action in accordance with Minn. Rule [7854.1300](#), including other amendments or revocation of the Aurora Site Permit?

Project Background: On July 1, 2015, the Commission issued a site permit to Aurora Distributed Solar, LLC for the construction of the 100 MW distributed solar energy facility. The facilities have been under construction during 2016 and 2017 and are beginning the restoration phases.

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