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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCOPING DECISION

In the Matter of the Combined Application of North Star Solar PV LLC for a Site Permit and Route Permit for the North Star Solar Electric Power Generating Plant and Associated 115 kV High-Voltage Transmission Line in Chisago County, Minnesota

PUC Docket No. IP6943/GS-15-33

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has issued the Scoping Decision for the Environmental Assessment (EA) to be prepared for the proposed North Star 100 MW Solar Project

The EA will be prepared by the Department's Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff and will address the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Scoping Decision identifies the site and route that will be examined in the EA (see map on back). The document also identifies alternatives that will not be addressed.

The Scoping Decision and other relevant documents are available on the Department's website at <http://www.mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34064> and on the State of Minnesota's eDockets system at <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the year "15" and the number "33").

The EA is scheduled to be completed in September 2015. A public hearing will be held in the project area after completion of the EA.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Environmental Review Manager David Birkholz (651-539-1838, david.birkholz@state.mn.us) or Public Advisor Tracy Smetana (651-296-0406, consumer.puc@state.mn.us).

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