



414 Nicollet Mall,
Minneapolis, Mn 55401

February 27, 2026

Eric Meyer
Haven Township Chairman
4230 45th Avenue SE
St. Cloud, MN 56304

RE: Notice per Minn. Stat. § 216I.05, Subd. 5 for the Proposed Sherco Solar 4 Project in Sherburne County, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Meyer,

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, is gathering information and requesting comments for a proposed utility-scale solar-energy project in Sherburne County, Minnesota, the Sherco Solar 4 Project (“Project”). Xcel Energy will be submitting a joint application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“MPUC”) for this 200-MW solar energy generation facility (“Solar Facility”) and the associated 345-kV high voltage transmission line (“Transmission Facility”). Upon receipt of applicable permits and approvals, Xcel Energy anticipates construction beginning in 2027 and commercial operations commencing in 2028. We welcome any comments you may have at this time and throughout the permit application process.

The Solar Facility will encompass approximately 1,160 acres of agricultural lands located in Clear Lake, Haven, and Palmer Townships, just north of the City of Clear Lake. The Solar Facility is located approximately 6 miles northwest of the existing Sherco Coal Generation Plant and operational Sherco Solar 1 and 2 project, and approximately 2 miles north of the Sherco Solar 3 project, which is anticipated to commence commercial operations this year. The Transmission Facility will extend approximately 2.8 miles from a proposed Project Substation to a proposed Switchyard located in the southeast quadrant of 90th Street SE and County Road 8 SE. Please see the attached exhibit for the proposed Project location.

Xcel Energy continues to collect information to inform Project design. The racking layout, access roads, electrical connections, and exact transmission line route have not been finalized. In general, the Project’s permanent facilities will include:

- Solar modules, inverters, and racking
- Fencing
- Access roads
- On-site below-ground collection lines



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- Project substation
- Above-ground transmission lines
- Switchyard

The MPUC must approve the proposed Project before it can be constructed. Multiple stakeholder and public input proceedings will be included in the permitting process. Xcel Energy is actively compiling information in support of the application for approval of the Solar Facility and Transmission Facility preparing to file an application to the MPUC in mid-2026. If you would like to request a meeting or have any questions about the Project, please contact me at 651-249-6543 or by email at carrie.boecher@westwoodps.com.

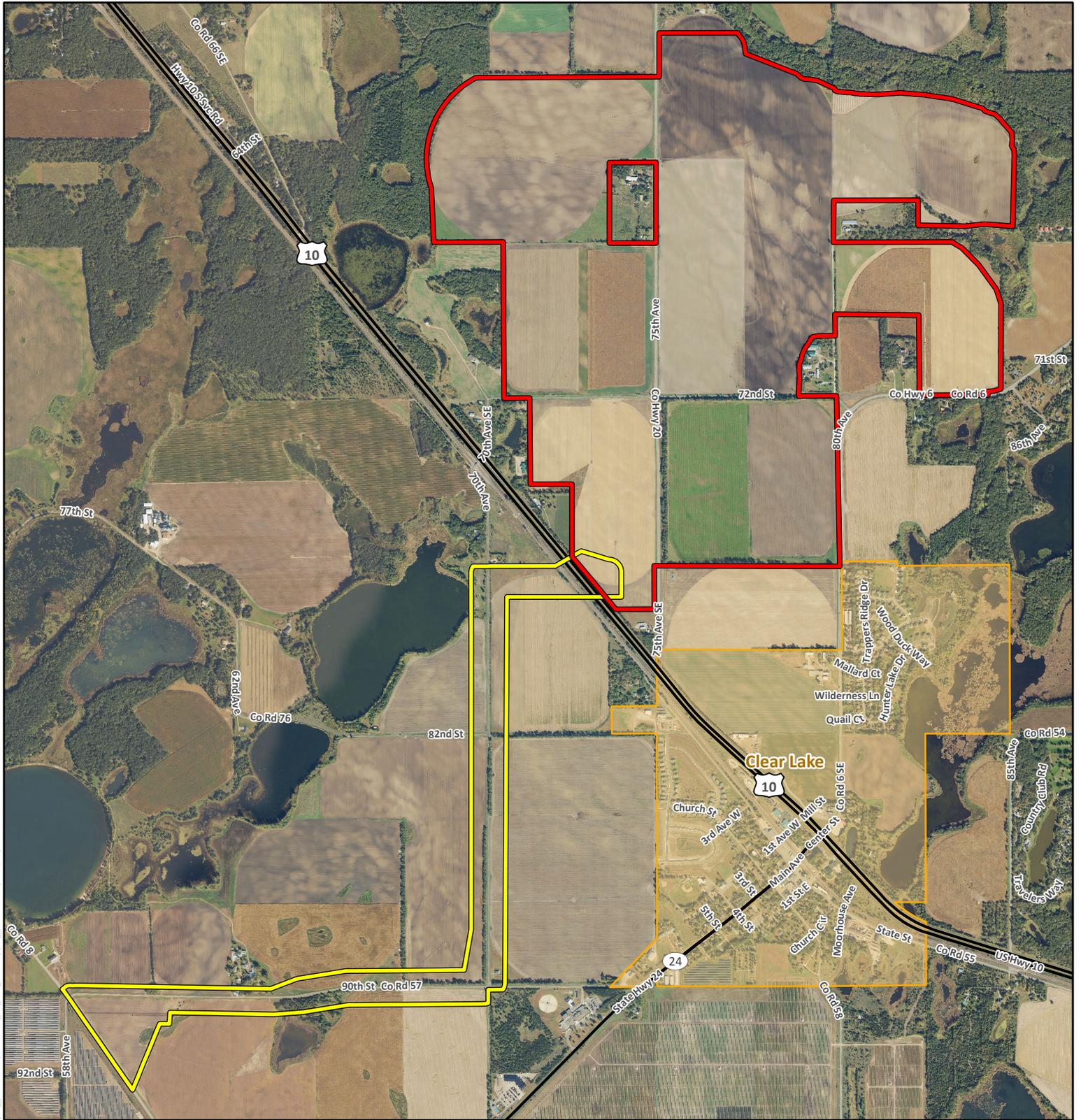
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carrie Boecher'.

Carrie Boecher [on behalf of Ellen Heine, Xcel Energy]
Permitting Specialist

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Attachment: Project Location Map



Data Source(s): Westwood (2026); Esri WMS World Streets Basemap (Accessed 2026); NAIP (2025); Sherburne County, Minnesota (2026); OpenStreetMap (2024); Census Bureau (2025).

Sherco Solar 4 Project

Sherburne County, Minnesota

Project Location Map

February 25, 2026



Legend

- Solar Project Site
- Transmission Line Route
- Municipal Boundary
- Major Road

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