

Harmony Solar – PSC Pre-Construction Meeting Notes

Date: July 27, 2026

Attendees: ND PSC (Victor Schock), Stantec (Matthew Retka), Fredrikson and Byron (Mollie Smith), Geronimo Power, and Burns & McDonnell

Purpose

Conduct the required pre-construction meeting for the Harmony Solar Project (Project) and review North Dakota PSC permit conditions, inspection requirements, and construction coordination.

Key Discussion Topics

Project Schedule

- Construction is currently anticipated to begin in mid-to-late August 2026, pending issuance of the township building permit.
- The building permit application has been submitted and is currently under township review.

PSC Permit Conditions

Victor Schock reviewed the provisions of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions, incorporated into the PSC's Order issuing a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Project, including:

- Compliance with all applicable state, federal, county, and township permits and regulations.
- Coordination with the PSC's third-party inspector before topsoil removal begins.
- Monthly construction progress reporting to the PSC once construction commences.
- Requirements for topsoil segregation, restoration, reclamation, road repair, waste management, and reporting of extraordinary events.
- DC cable burial depth requirement remains at 24 inches to the top of cable, while AC cables must be buried at 48 inches to the top of cable.

Third-Party Construction Inspections

Matt Retka (Stantec) outlined the PSC inspection process:

1. Initial topsoil handling inspection.

2. Construction-phase inspection.
3. As-built inspection.
4. Final reclamation/revegetation inspection.

Topsoil Handling Expectations

- The PSC expects the inspector to be present when significant topsoil stripping or grading activities begin.
- Particular attention will be paid to:
 - Access road construction.
 - Laydown yard preparation.
 - Open-trench excavation activities.
- Topsoil should be stripped and segregated before fill or road material is placed.
- PSC confirmed that handling approximately 12 inches of topsoil is generally sufficient for compliance.

Site Conditions

- Team confirmed there are currently no known drainage tiles within the Project site.
- No tree and shrub mitigation plan is required for the Project because there are no impacted tree or shrub resources.

O&M Building

- The Project will include an Operations & Maintenance (O&M) building.
- The O&M building will be subject to applicable building and electrical inspections.
- The team confirmed compliance with National Electric Code requirements through the building permitting process.

Action Items

Action Item	Responsible Party
Obtain township building permit.	Geronimo Power

Coordinate initial topsoil inspection date with Stantec prior to significant earthwork activities.	Burns & McDonnell / Geronimo Construction Team
Include primary construction and inspection contacts in meeting minutes filed with PSC.	Geronimo Power / Burns & McDonnell
Provide notice of start of construction to PSC and Stantec.	Geronimo Power / Burns & McDonnell
Submit monthly construction progress reports to PSC and copy Stantec once construction begins.	Geronimo Power / Burns & McDonnell
Coordinate inspection scheduling approximately 1–2 weeks before major earthwork activities commence.	Geronimo Power / Burns & McDonnell

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