

June 27, 2024

**VIA E-MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Steven Kahl  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Harmony Solar ND, LLC's Ten Year Plan for 2024-2034  
Case No. PU-24-\_\_\_\_  
and  
Harmony Solar ND 2, LLC's Ten Year Plan for 2024-2034  
Case No. PU-24-\_\_\_\_  
and  
Prosperity Wind Farm, LLC's Ten Year Plan for 2024-2034  
Case No. PU-24-\_\_\_\_**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for filing are two copies of the following documents:

1. Harmony Solar ND, LLC's Ten Year Plan: 2024-2034;
2. Notice of Filing Ten Year Plan (Harmony Solar ND, LLC): 2024-2034;
3. Harmony Solar ND 2, LLC's Ten Year Plan: 2024-2034;
4. Notice of Filing Ten Year Plan (Harmony Solar ND 2, LLC): 2024-2034;
5. Prosperity Wind Farm, LLC's Ten Year Plan: 2024-2034;
6. Notice of Filing Ten Year Plan (Prosperity Wind Farm, LLC): 2024-2034;  
and
7. Certificate of Service.

Electronic versions of the above-referenced documents and this letter were filed with the Commission today via e-mail.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Enclosures

cc: Alia Mohammad (w/ encls. via e-mail)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mollie M. Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

MOLLIE M. SMITH

**TEN YEAR PLAN: 2024-2034**

**Harmony Solar ND, LLC**

**June 2024**

In accordance with N.D.C.C. § 49-22-04 and N.D.A.C. Ch. 69-06-02, Harmony Solar ND, LLC (“Harmony Solar”), submits the following Ten Year Plan for years 2024 through 2034.

- (1) *A description of the general location, size, and type of all facilities to be owned or operated by the utility during the ensuing ten years, as well as those facilities to be removed from service during the ten-year period.*

Harmony Solar is proposing to develop and construct an up to 200 MW solar energy conversion facility known as the Harmony Solar Project (“Project”). The Project will be located 15 miles west of Fargo in Cass County, North Dakota. The Project will consist of solar arrays, inverters, access roads, an electrical collection system, an O&M building and a Project step-up substation. The Project will be fully enclosed within a safety fence.

On August 27, 2017, Harmony Township issued a Conditional Use Permit for the Project. On January 7, 2021, Harmony Township issued an extension to the Conditional Use Permit for the Project. On March 21, 2023, Harmony Township issued another extension to the Conditional Use Permit for the Project.

On February 26, 2019, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order granting Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 58 to Harmony Solar for the Project (*see* Case No. PU-18-219). Harmony Solar plans to submit a certification of continuing suitability to the Commission in Q3 2024. Harmony Solar plans to begin construction as early as Q2 2025 and to have the Project commercially operational as early as Q4 2026.

Other than the proposed Project, Harmony Solar does not have any transmission or generation facilities located in North Dakota. The Project will have an estimated life of greater than 10 years. As such, Harmony Solar does not have any plans to decommission any transmission or generation facilities within the timeframe of this plan.

- (2) *An identification of the location of the tentative preferred site for all electric energy conversion facilities and the tentative location of all electric transmission facilities on which construction is intended to be commenced within the ensuing five years and such other information as may be required by the commission. The site and corridor identification shall be made in compliance with the criteria published by the commission pursuant to section 49-22-05.1.*

As noted above, Harmony Solar is developing the above-referenced Project, and proposes to have the Project in-service as early as Q4 2026. The proposed Project will be located west of Fargo, North Dakota approximately four miles northeast of Casselton in eastern Cass County. As set forth in the Commission’s Order (referenced above), the location of the Project complies with the Commission’s siting criteria, including the exclusion and avoidance area criteria

referenced in N.D.C.C. § 49-22-05.1 and identified in N.D.A.C. Section 69-06-08-01. A map depicting the Project's designated site is attached as **Exhibit A**, and additional detail regarding the site is provided in Case No. PU-18-219.

- (3) *A description of the efforts by the utility to coordinate the plan with other utilities so as to provide a coordinated regional plan for meeting the utility needs of the region.*

Harmony Solar is in the process of identifying an offtaker for the Project's output. Energy produced by the Project may help local or regional utilities to meet applicable renewable energy needs.

Throughout the development of the Project, Harmony Solar has engaged and will continue to engage and coordinate with the Midcontinent Independent Transmission System Operator ("MISO"), the local transmission owner, Xcel Energy, and the local electrical cooperatives regarding the Project. Harmony Solar is in the process of finalizing a Generator Interconnection Agreement with MISO and Xcel Energy.

- (4) *A description of the efforts to involve environmental protection and land-use planning agencies in the planning process, as well as other efforts to identify and minimize environmental problems at the earliest possible stage in the planning process.*

Harmony Solar utilized internal environmental experts, as well as qualified external environmental consultants, to study and identify avoidance and exclusion areas within the Project site, in accordance with N.D.C.C. Ch. 49-22 and N.D.A.C. Section 69-06-08-01. As set forth in the Commission's Order (referenced above), the location of the Project complies with the Commission's siting criteria, including the exclusion and avoidance area criteria referenced in N.D.C.C. § 49-22-05.1 and identified in N.D.A.C. Section 69-06-08-01. As discussed above, Harmony Township issued an extension of the Conditional Use Permit for the Project on March 21, 2023.

Additionally, throughout Project development, Harmony Solar has consulted with applicable local, state, and federal agencies and entities, and will continue to do so, as appropriate.

- (5) *A statement of the projected demand for the service rendered by the utility for the ensuing ten years and the underlying assumptions for the projection, with that information being as geographically specific as possible, and a description of the manner and extent to which the utility will meet the projected demands.*

As discussed above, Harmony Solar is in the process of identifying an offtaker for the Project's output. Harmony Solar is actively marketing the project to a number of potential off-takers and may sell the power in the form of a power purchase agreement ("PPA"), or the Project could be owned directly by a utility. Harmony Solar is proposing to construct this facility to sell energy, capacity and renewable energy credits ("RECs"), either bundled or unbundled, to one or more electric utilities and/or commercial customers. As an independent power producer, Harmony Solar is able to bid into a variety of markets. Utilities and other customers seeking to diversify and build their energy generation portfolios are attracted to solar energy projects because of their ability to offer high capacity value and long-term contracts at a fixed and

competitive price while simultaneously providing the associated environmental benefits to meet existing and future renewable energy procurement and sustainability goals and mandates. In general, renewable energy sources provide lower costs per megawatt hour than conventional sources.<sup>1</sup> Thus, the Project could help satisfy local, regional, or even national renewable energy demands.

Locally, in 2021, the North Dakota Legislature enacted a statutory provision adopting a low-emission technology initiative, which establishes a goal that the “agricultural, forestry, natural resources, and working land of the United States should provide energy from low-emission technology and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, fuel, feed, and fiber.”<sup>2</sup> As used in this initiative, low-emission technology includes, among others, solar. Additional renewable resources will be needed to meet the low-emission technology initiative.

A need also exists for renewable energy produced in North Dakota to meet state renewable portfolio standards. Ten of the MISO states currently have either mandated or voluntary renewable portfolio standards or policies.<sup>3</sup> Under current state standards, aggregate United States renewable portfolio standard demand more than doubles from 400 terawatt hours (“TWh”) in 2023 to 900 TWh in 2050.<sup>4</sup> Given existing renewable energy capacity, roughly 300 TWh of additional clean electricity supply will be required by 2030 and 800 TWh by 2050.<sup>5</sup> In addition, the regional transmission grid is being expanded to deliver renewable energy generation in a cost-effective manner.<sup>6</sup> North Dakota’s available land and good insolation, along with newly constructed transmission lines, create an ideal environment for solar energy projects to meet regional renewable and solar standards or policies.

With improving technology and falling costs, utilities are beginning to include solar projects in their resource plans as long-term economic energy and capacity resources. In North Dakota, peak solar generation has a high correlation with the MISO’s coincident peak, which determines the reserve margins MISO utilities must maintain for reliability and reserve sharing purposes. Recent solar pricing has shown that utility scale solar provides electricity during daylight hours at a cost per MW-hour on par, or less than, many gas-fired electric generators. New solar energy facilities are less expensive to construct than new conventional energy sources,

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<sup>1</sup> Lazard, *Lazard’s Levelized Cost of Energy Analysis – Version 16.0* (April 2023), at 2. Accessed online May 28, 2024. Retrieved from <https://www.lazard.com/media/typdggmm/lazards-lcoeplus-april-2023.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> See N.D.C.C. § 17-01-01.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Energy and Information Administration, *Renewable energy explained, Portfolio standards* (last updated November 30, 2022). Accessed online May 24, 2024. Retrieved from <https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/renewable-sources/portfolio-standards.php>.

<sup>4</sup> See Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, U.S. Renewable Portfolio Standards, *2023 Annual Status Report* (June 2023), at 23. Accessed online May 24, 2024. Retrieved from [https://eta-publications.lbl.gov/sites/default/files/lbnl\\_rps\\_ces\\_status\\_report\\_2023\\_edition.pdf](https://eta-publications.lbl.gov/sites/default/files/lbnl_rps_ces_status_report_2023_edition.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> See Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, U.S. Renewable Portfolio Standards, *2023 Annual Status Report* (June 2023), at 23.

<sup>6</sup> MTEP 18 MISO Transmission Enhancement Plan, at 42. Accessed online May 24, 2024. Retrieved from <https://cdn.misoenergy.org/MTEP18%20Full%20Report264900.pdf>.

even without government subsidies.<sup>7</sup> In general, renewable energy sources provide lower costs per megawatt hour than conventional sources.<sup>8</sup>

In addition to traditional local and regional utility demand for solar energy, a growing number of corporations are turning to renewable energy to save money on energy and meet sustainability goals. Corporate customers either purchase renewable energy directly or obtain renewable benefits and cost savings through financially settled contracts, sometimes called virtual PPAs. In addition, many utilities are creating “green tariffs,” which allow customers to purchase up to 100 percent renewable energy from the utility.<sup>9</sup>

Beyond the growing demand from utilities, corporations such as Apple, Google and Facebook, along with many others, have recently set goals to obtain 100 percent of their energy from renewables. These clean energy goals fuel the demand for corporate renewables procurement and subsequent PPAs. According to Wood Mackenzie’s report titled an “*Analysis of Commercial and Industrial Wind Energy Demand in the United States*,” the United States is “at the beginning stage of a corporate renewables procurement boom,” with approximately “85 gigawatts of renewable energy demand” from the “largest U.S. companies” alone through 2030.<sup>10</sup>

In summary, the renewable energy produced by Harmony Solar’s proposed Project will be positioned to help meet local renewable energy initiatives/goals, the regional need for renewable energy, or national C&I customer demand.

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<sup>7</sup> Lazard, *Lazard’s Levelized Cost of Energy Analysis – Version 16.0* (April 2023), at 6. Accessed online May 24, 2024. Retrieved from <https://www.lazard.com/media/typdgxmm/lazards-lcoeplus-april-2023.pdf>.

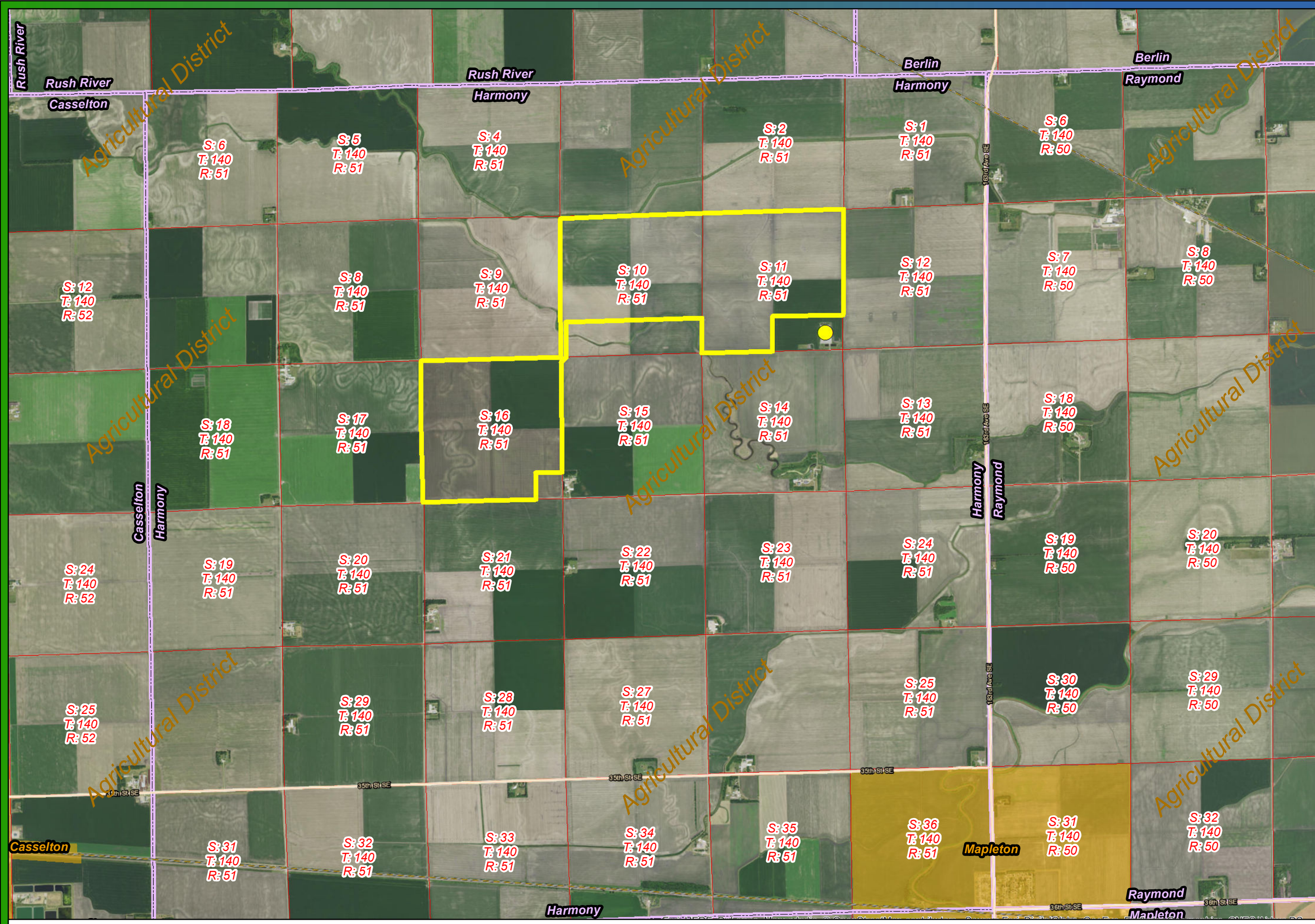
<sup>8</sup> Lazard, *Lazard’s Levelized Cost of Energy Analysis – Version 16.0* (April 2023), at 2. Accessed online May 24, 2024. Retrieved from <https://www.lazard.com/media/typdgxmm/lazards-lcoeplus-april-2023.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Green Power Partnership. Guide to Purchasing Green Power. Chapter 4 at 4-5. Accessed online May 24, 2024. Retrieved from [https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-01/documents/purchasing\\_guide\\_for\\_web.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-01/documents/purchasing_guide_for_web.pdf).

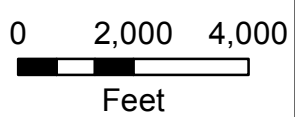
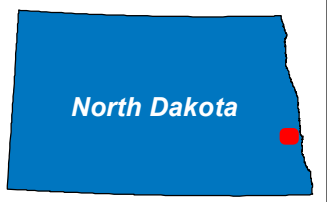
<sup>10</sup> Michelle Froese, *Corporates usher in new wave of US wind and solar growth* (Aug. 27, 2019). Accessed online May 24, 2024. Retrieved from <https://www.windpowerengineering.com/corporations-usher-in-new-wave-of-u-s-wind-and-solar-growth/>.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Harmony Solar**

-  Bison Substation
-  Harmony Solar Project Area
-  Townships
-  Sections
-  Municipality



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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF A  
TEN YEAR PLAN BY HARMONY  
SOLAR ND, LLC**

**Case No. PU-24-\_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTICE OF FILING TEN YEAR PLAN  
2024-2034**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Harmony Solar ND, LLC, in accordance with N.D.C.C. § 49-22-04 and N.D.A.C. Ch. 69-06-02, filed a Ten Year Plan for the years 2024 through 2034 with the North Dakota Public Service Commission on June 27, 2024, and the Cass County Auditor on June 27, 2024.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2024.

FREDRIKSON & BYRON, P.A.



By \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the following document:

**NOTICE OF FILING TEN-YEAR PLAN: 2024-2034**

was served on the 27th day of June, 2024 by placing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

North Dakota Aeronautics Commission  
P.O. Box 5020  
Bismarck, ND 58502-5020

North Dakota Office of Attorney General  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 125  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0040

North Dakota Department of Agriculture  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 602  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

North Dakota Department of Health  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0250

North Dakota Department of Human Services  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 325  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0250

North Dakota Department of Labor and Human Rights  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 406  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0340

North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education  
State Capitol, 15th Floor  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 270  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0610

North Dakota Department of Commerce  
1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 6  
P.O. Box 2057  
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057

Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office  
North Dakota Department of Trust Lands  
1707 North 9th Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501

North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
100 N. Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

North Dakota Industrial Commission  
State Capitol, 14th Floor  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

Office of Governor Doug Burgum  
State of North Dakota  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0001

North Dakota Department of Transportation  
608 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0700

State Historical Society of North Dakota  
612 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0830

North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission  
State Capitol Building  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
1st Floor, Judicial Wing - Rm. #117  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0300

Job Service North Dakota  
P.O. Box 5507  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5507

North Dakota Department of Trust Lands  
1707 North 9th Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department  
Liberty Memorial Building  
604 E Boulevard Ave, Dept. 750  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Natural Resources Conservation Service  
North Dakota NRCS State Office  
220 East Rosser Avenue  
Federal Building  
Bismarck, ND 58502-1458

North Dakota Department of Water Resources  
1200 Memorial Highway, Dept. 770  
Bismarck, ND 58504

United States Department of Defense  
1400 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1400

United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
North Dakota Ecological Services Field Office  
3425 Miriam Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58501-7926

United States Army Corps of Engineers  
North Dakota Regulatory Office  
3319 University Drive  
Bismarck, ND 58504

Federal Aviation Administration  
United States Department of Transportation  
800 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20591

North Dakota Transmission Authority  
c/o North Dakota Industrial Commission  
State Capitol 14th Floor  
600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

North Dakota Pipeline Authority  
c/o North Dakota Industrial Commission  
State Capitol 14th Floor  
600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality  
4201 Normandy Street  
Bismarck, ND 58503-1324

North Dakota Geological Survey  
600 East Boulevard Avenue,  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

North Dakota Forest Service  
State Headquarters - Molberg Center  
307 - 1st Street East  
Bottineau, ND 58318-1100

Federal Bureau of Land Management  
Montana/Dakotas State Office  
5001 Southgate Drive  
Billings, MT 59101

Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse  
3400 Defense Pentagon, Room 5C646  
Washington, DC 20301 – 3400

20<sup>th</sup> Airforce 91<sup>st</sup> Missile Wing  
196 Missile Ave.  
Minot AFB, ND 58705-5006

Minot Air Force Base  
196 Missile Ave.  
Minot AFB, ND 58705-5006

Grand Forks Air Force Base  
757 Tuskegee Amn. Blvd.  
Grand Forks Air Force Base, ND, 58205  
Building 418, East Entrance

Cass County Board of Commissioners  
c/o Brandy Madrigga, County Auditor/Finance Director  
Cass County Courthouse  
211 9th Street South,  
Fargo, ND 58103



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MOLLIE M. SMITH

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF A  
TEN YEAR PLAN BY HARMONY SOLAR  
ND, LLC

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IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF A  
TEN YEAR PLAN BY HARMONY SOLAR  
ND 2, LLC

Case No. PU-24-\_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Mollie M. Smith, being first duly sworn, does depose and state that on June 27, 2024, she served the following documents:

**Harmony Solar ND, LLC's Ten Year Plan: 2024-2034**  
**Harmony Solar ND 2, LLC's Ten Year Plan: 2024-2034**

by placing true and correct copies of said documents in an envelope addressed as follows:

Brandy Madrigga  
Cass County Auditor/Finance Director  
Cass County Courthouse  
211 9<sup>th</sup> Street South,  
Fargo, ND 58103

and depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota.



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Mollie M. Smith