

August 25, 2021

Attn: Bill Storm
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Sherco Project Support and Becker Economic Expansion
Docket # 20-891, 21-189, 21-190, 21-191

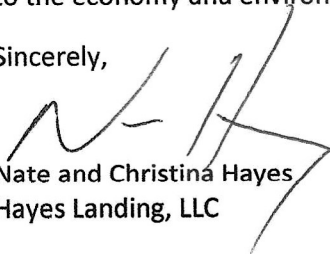
Dear Commissioners,

We are writing on behalf of Hayes Landing, LLC, a participant in the Sherco Solar Project. We would like to state our full support for the development of the Sherco Solar Project. We decided some time ago that the solar project is the best financial option for our family and business in the long term. We also appreciate that while the Project will be in solar use for the foreseeable future, the project can be converted back to agricultural use following project decommissioning.

We have been tracking the solar project's progress through the state permit process, and noted that the City of Becker had requested our parcels of land that is a part of the solar project be set aside for City economic expansion plans. We were surprised by this, as our parcel is located in Clear Lake Township, outside of the city boundary. We want to emphasize our support for the solar project and want our land to be developed for solar energy production. We do not want to miss out on the economic opportunity that the solar project provides.

We look forward to the construction of the Sherco solar project. We think it will have significant benefits to the economy and environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Nate and Christina Hayes", written over a large, stylized checkmark or "H" shape.

Nate and Christina Hayes
Hayes Landing, LLC