

Under Minnesota Statute § 216I.04, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must provide a written determination to any applicant that requests whether a proposal meets the definition of large energy infrastructure facility and is subject to the Commission's siting or routing jurisdiction under Chapter 216I, or which review process is applicable at the time of the initial application.

For the Commission to make a determination on the applicability of Chapter 216I, you will need to provide the information requested below. If questions are not applicable to your project, you may indicate N/A. Attach maps and supporting information as necessary.

Once submitted, Commission staff will review and contact you if any additional information is needed to inform project-specific determinations. For assistance completing this form, please contact either Bret Eknes (bret.eknes@state.mn.us) and Ray Kirsch (raymond.kirsch@state.mn.us).

A. Project Description

Briefly describe the proposed project or projects, including name(s); location; and a brief discussion of the need for the project(s).

B. Project Design and Location

Siting Determinations: *Provide the following information regarding each electric generating facility or energy storage system:*

B-1. Describe the 1) project equipment and associated facilities; 2) site boundary location(s) (county, township, and sections); 3) the area within the site boundary (acres); and 4) area within the site boundary that will be developed for the facility (acres).

B-2. Describe the anticipated point of electrical interconnection. Describe interconnection requests and the status of each request. Provide any assigned project or queue interconnection numbers.

B-3. Provide the alternating current nameplate capacity of the proposed project(s); and the combined alternating current nameplate capacity. Discuss whether the proposed project(s) are designed for or capable of operating at a capacity of 50,000 kilowatts or more.

B-4. Provide a map showing the proposed site boundary, the interconnection site, anticipated project layout, and associated facilities. "Associated facilities" includes components defined in Minn. Stat. 216I.02, subd. 2. Maps should be at 1:24,000 scale using an aerial imagery basemap. The map must include a legend and scale bar.

Routing Determinations: *Provide the following information regarding each high voltage transmission line:*

B-5. Describe the proposed route, including length (miles), transmission line voltage (kV), current type (AC or DC), structure design, circuit configuration, right-of-way width, and the interconnection site(s). Also include any proposed alteration to existing lines, if applicable.

B-6. Provide a map showing the proposed route, anticipated alignment, and associated facilities as applicable. “Associated facilities” includes components defined in Minn. Stat. 216I.02, subd. 2. Maps should be at 1:24,000 scale using an aerial imagery basemap. The map must include a legend and scale bar.

C. Project Management

Provide the following information regarding each proposed energy infrastructure project:

C-1. List and describe the entity responsible for operating and maintaining the project.

C-2. Describe the ownership structure, sales agreement(s), interconnection(s), revenue sharing, debt or equity financing, and any other ownership characteristics of the proposed project. Include a statement indicating whether these characteristics are “independent” or “shared.” If shared, indicate with what existing or proposed project and the related entities.

C-3. Provide the anticipated schedule for completion, including dates for permitting, construction (start and end dates), and commercial operation.

D. Applicant Information

D-1. Provide the name, address, email, and telephone number of the applicant and any authorized representative.

D-2. Provide the name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the person or persons who would prepare the application to the Commission or to a Minnesota county or local unit of government.

D-3. Provide the applicant’s business entity including its ownership and financial structure.

D-4. Provide the Minnesota Secretary of State organizational ID number for the applicant business entity, all subordinate entities, and all developer entities involved with the project.

D-5. Identify and provide contact information for the person or persons who would be the permittees, if different than the applicant, if the facility were permitted by the Public Utilities Commission or a Minnesota county or local unit of government.

E. Other Projects in Minnesota

E-1. In determining the nameplate capacity of the proposed energy infrastructure project, the Commission is required to combine the alternating current nameplate capacity of solar, wind, or energy storage projects that are constructed within the same 12-month period and that exhibit characteristics of being a single development, including but not limited to ownership structure, an umbrella sales arrangement, shared interconnection, revenue-sharing arrangements, and common debt or equity financing (Minn. Stat. 216I.04, Subd.2).

Identify any additional solar, wind, or energy storage projects in Minnesota in which the applicant, or principal, partner, or affiliate of the applicant, has an ownership or other financial interest and is currently under construction, or construction is planned to begin within 12 months of the proposed project(s) estimated completion date. Describe any facilities identified, including their location, alternating current nameplate capacity, and their interconnection requests.