

Appendix B

Completeness Checklist

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Site Permit Application Completeness Checklist

Authority	Site Permit Application Required Information	Location in Application
Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, Alternative Review of Applications		
Subd. 1	An applicant who seeks a site permit for one of the projects identified in this section shall have the option of following the procedures in this section rather than the procedures in § 216E.03. The applicant shall notify the commission at the time the application is submitted which procedure the applicant chooses to follow.	Section 1.0
Subd. 2(8)	The requirements and procedures for alternative review apply to the following projects: Large electric power generating plants that are powered by solar energy.	Section 1.0
Minn. R. 7850.1900, Subpart 1, Site Permit For Large Electric Power Generating Plant		
A.	A statement of proposed ownership of the facility as of the day of filing and after commercial operation.	Section 1.1.1 (Statement of Ownership)
B.	The precise name of any person or organization to be initially named as permittee or permittees and the name of any other person to whom the permit may be transferred if transfer of the permit is contemplated.	Section 1.1.2 (Permittee and Contact Information)
C.	At least two proposed sites for the proposed large electric power generating plant and identification of the applicant's preferred site and the reasons for preferring the site.	Section 3.4 (Alternative Solar Project Sites Considered but Rejected) Alternatives not required under alternative process (2023 Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, subd. 2 and 3)
D.	A description of the proposed large electric power generating plant and all associated facilities, including the size and type of the facility.	Section 1.2 (Capacity)
E.	The environmental information required under Subpart 3.	Section 5.0
F.	The names of the owners of the property for the proposed site.	Section 2.2 (Facility Description)
G.	The engineering and operational design for the large electric power generating plant.	Section 4.0 (Engineering and Operational Design)
H.	A cost analysis of the large electric power generating plant, including the cost of constructing and operating the facility that is dependent on design and site.	Section 2.3 (Cost Analysis) Appendix F (public and nonpublic)
I.	An engineering analysis of the site, including how the site could accommodate expansion of generating capacity in the future.	Section 3.5 (Future Expansion) Section 4.0 (Engineering and Operational Design)

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J.	Identification of transportation, pipeline, and electrical transmission systems that will be required to construct, maintain, and operate the facility.	Section 4.1.8 (access roads/transportation systems) Section 4.1.10 (pipeline systems) Section 4.1.4 (Transmission System)
K.	A listing and brief description of federal, state, and local permits that may be required for the project.	1.5 (Required Project Permits)
L.	A copy of the Certificate of Need for the project from the Public Utilities Commission or documentation that an application for a Certificate of Need has been submitted or is not required.	Exemption discussed in Section 1.5.2
Minn. R. 7850.1900, Subpart 3, Environmental Information		
A.	A description of the environmental setting for the site.	Section 5.1 (Environmental Setting)
B.	A description of the effects of construction and operation of the facility on human settlement, including, but not limited to, public health and safety, displacement, noise, aesthetics, socioeconomic impacts, cultural values, recreation, and public services.	Section 5.2 (Human Settlement)
C.	A description of the effects of the facility on land-based economies, including, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining.	Section 5.3 (Land-Based Economies)
D.	A description of the effects of the facility on archaeological and historic resources.	Section 5.4 (Archeological and Historical Resources)
E.	A description of the effects of the facility on the natural environment, including effects on air and water quality resources and flora and fauna.	Section 5.5 (Natural Resources)
F.	A description of the effects of the facility on rare and unique natural resources.	Section 5.5.8 (Rare and Unique Natural Resources)
G.	Identification of human and natural environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the facility is approved at a specific site or route.	Section 5.6 (Unavoidable Impacts)
H.	A description of measures that might be implemented to mitigate the potential human and environmental impacts identified in items A to G and the estimated costs of such mitigation measures.	Section 5.8 (Cumulative Potential Effects) Mitigation measures discussed in relation to impacts throughout Chapter 5.