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July 22, 2025

Lime Township Board
3030 N Airport Rd
Mankato, MN 56001

We are requesting to extend the time allowed to make use of our approved IUP with Lime Township. We received approval for a 1MW community solar site as an interim use on September 10, 2024. It includes condition number 27 that reads: "This interim use permit shall become invalid unless a land development permit authorizing the work has been issued within 12 months after the final approval by the Lime Township Board." We are asking for a 12 month extension to that condition. There are two main reasons we are asking for this amendment.

1 The Xcel interconnection application for our solar project is behind the one that Sunvest Solar is working to develop on the same parcel. The IUP application for the Sunvest project was recently denied by the Lime Township Board. Sunvest is working to remedy the shortcomings of their permit application and reapply but cannot do that for 12 months from the denial. Meanwhile their interconnection application with Xcel is still ahead of ours with no forward progress. Our site can't move forward without the approved interconnection, and we can't finalize construction plans without the final approval from Xcel on our design. This makes it impossible for us to apply for a Land Development Permit with Lime Township within the 12 month window.

2 We have also been working with the Union Pacific Railroad to secure the Private Road Crossing Agreement required to satisfy Condition #1. This work has taken far longer than anticipated due to the slow response of the railroad. We are confident that we will obtain the agreement, but it's taken longer than anticipated to get through the railroad process.

Extending the time allowed to make use of the IUP will allow us to fully comply with all conditions. All other aspects of our application and the approved IUP remain unchanged. The amendment of the time allowed to make use of the permit does not affect the Township in any material way. There are no increased costs or burdens being put on the Township.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Keenan".

Brian Keenan

Sr Project Developer