

May 26, 2026

Lime Township Board
3030 N Airport Rd
Mankato, MN 56001



MNCSG 2019-57 LLC is requesting to extend the time allowed to make use of the previously 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 requested and were granted a 12 month extension of that deadline on September 9, 2025. We are now asking for an additional 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 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 negotiated with Union Pacific Railroad to secure the Private Road Crossing Agreement required to satisfy Condition #1. This work took far longer than anticipated due to the slow response of the railroad. UP is requiring that we pay to have them reconstruct the crossing. That work can only be completed by UP and their crews. UP has not committed to a construction timeline but has said that it's doubtful they can start this work within 2026. We need that reconstruction completed before we can cross the rail tracks with construction equipment. The Township requires that we start construction work on our site within 120 days of receiving the Land Development Permit. If we make use of the IUP and apply for the Land Development Permit too early the 120 day window will expire before we can begin construction.

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.

We are not requesting to make any other changes to the IUP as originally approved.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Keenan".

Brian Keenan, Sr Project Developer
On behalf of MNCSG 2019-57 LLC