



# COMMUNITY ENERGY SOLAR

February 25, 2015

County Administrator Bruce Messelt  
Chisago County  
313 N. Main St  
Room 172  
Center City, MN 55012

Dear County Administrator Messelt,

I just wanted to formally introduce you to the North Star Solar Project, a 100 MW solar photovoltaic generating facility being proposed in Chisago County, Minnesota. I am sending you this notice because your constituents may have questions about the Project. For the last year, Community Energy has been consistently investing in the North Star Solar Project and looks forward to working with the local community in building a responsible and beneficial project.

Community Energy has been pioneering renewable energy development and marketing for over 15 years. Since its inception, Community Energy has maintained a strong track record of building high-quality projects and being a good neighbor. Our solar portfolio includes projects completed or underway in Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Community Energy proposed the North Star Solar Project to Northern States Power Company (NSP), a subsidiary of Xcel Energy, on June 20, 2014, in response to a NSP Solar Resource Solicitation. The North Star Solar Project was selected as one of three competitive projects out of more than 100 proposals. On February 12, 2015, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approved the 25-year power purchase contract between the North Star Solar Project and NSP.

Included with this letter is a formal notice with additional information about the North Star Solar Project and the permitting process being conducted by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

We are committed to keeping you informed about the North Star Solar Project. Please don't hesitate to contact Chase Whitney, our project representative, if you have any questions or would like additional information about the North Star Solar Project. His contact information is below.

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Sincerely,

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