

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION BY WILD SPRINGS
SOLAR, LLC FOR A PERMIT OF A
SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY IN
PENNINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH
DAKOTA**

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* **AFFIDAVIT OF MELISSA SCHMIT**
* **ATTESTING THAT ALL PERMITS**
* **WERE PROPERLY OBTAINED PRIOR**
* **TO COMMERCIAL OPERATION**
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* **EL20-018**
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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Melissa Schmit, being first duly sworn on oath, state and allege as follows:

1. I am the Senior Director of Permitting at National Grid Renewables, which is assisting Wild Springs Solar, LLC (“Wild Springs”) in the development of the Wild Springs Solar Project (“Project”). I have the authority to provide this affidavit on behalf of Wild Springs.
2. I am providing this Affidavit pursuant to paragraph 1 of the Permit Conditions approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) and included with its December 4, 2020 Order Granting Motion to Approve Decommissioning Condition and Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility; Notice of Entry (“Order”) in the above-referenced docket.
3. Wild Springs has obtained all governmental permits which were reasonably required by any township, county, or federal agency, or any other governmental unit for construction and operation activity of the Project prior to engaging in the particular activity covered by that permit.
4. An itemized list of the permits obtained is attached to this affidavit as **Exhibit A**.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


WILD SPRINGS SOLAR, LLC

Dated this 28th day of March, 2024.



Melissa Schmit

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 28th day of March, 2024.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 1/31/28

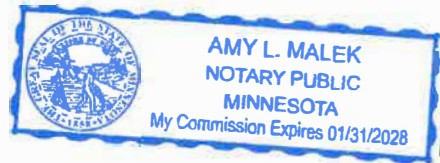


EXHIBIT A

Permitting Authority	Permit/Approval	Issuance Date
FEDERAL		
Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”)	Determinations of No Hazard (Form 7460-2), Aeronautical Study Numbers 2021-AGL-13838-OE through 2021-AGL-13881-OE	Issued June 8, 2021; Extensions issued October 25, 2022
United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration	Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Document, DOE/EA-2068	September 29, 2021
United States Army Corps of Engineers	Clean Water Act (“CWA”) Section 404 Coverage (Nationwide Permits 33 and 57, including Regional Conditions)	N/A (Wild Spring Solar, LLC Self-Determination of Coverage)
STATE		
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission	Energy Facility Permit for a Solar Energy Facility, pursuant to the Order Granting Motion to Approve Decommissioning Condition and Final Decision and Order Granting Permit to Construct Facility; Notice of Entry, Docket No. EL20-018	December 4, 2020
South Dakota Department of Transportation, Office of Aeronautics	Notification of FAA Determinations of No Hazard	Notification acknowledged June 17, 2021
South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (“SD DANR”)	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”)/ South Dakota General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities, Permit No. SDR10K855	Notice of Coverage and Coverage Effective: September 23, 2022
SD DANR	Reauthorization under NPDES/South Dakota General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities	Notice of Intent for Reauthorization submitted September 19, 2023
SD DANR	CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification	December 14, 2020 (This certification is not Project-specific, but applies to NWP)
SD DANR	Septic System Plan Approval	December 1, 2023

South Dakota Electrical Commission	Electrical Inspection/Permit (O&M)	January 17, 2024
LOCAL		
Pennington County	Approach Permits, Permit Nos. 08-16-22-1; 08-18-22-1; 09-12-22-3; 09-12-22-4; 09-12-22-5; 09-12-22-6; 09-12-22-7; 09-12-22-8; 09-12-22-9	Various dates
Pennington County	Building Permits, Permit Nos. COBP22-0516; COBP22-0509; COBP22-0510; COBP22-0511; COBP22-0512; COBP22-0513; COBP22-0514; COBP22-0515; COBP22-0517; COBP22-0518; COBP23-0351	Various dates
Pennington County	Certificate of Building Code and Construction Compliance	January 22, 2024
Pennington County	Conditional Use Permit (utility scale solar energy system) and Amendment, Permit No. CU 20-18	August 24, 2020; April 26, 2021
Pennington County	Variances, Permit Nos. VA 21-05, VA 21-06	May 4, 2021
Pennington County	Floodplain Development Permit	February 27, 2023
Pennington County	Storm Water Permit	October 5, 2022
Pennington County	Permit for Utility Installation and Excavation within the Public Right-of-Ways	January 23, 2023
Pennington County	Utility Permit	March 7, 2023
Pennington County	Noxious Weed Management Plan Approval	July 12, 2020
Pennington County	Agreement for Use and Restoration of Haul Road	October 6, 2022
Pennington County	Conditional Use Permit (Laydown Yard)	June 26, 2023