

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY JUNE 24, 2025

### 7:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. May 20, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.
  - b. June 3, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes (For Information Only).
- 4. <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> Arman Taghizadeh (Applicant) and Mark Moorhouse (Owner) are requesting the following actions for the property located at 7949 County Road 11 (PID No. 09-118-24-22-0004) in the City of Independence, MN.
  - a. A conditional use permit (CUP) to allow a ground mounted solar system which is greater than 500 SF.
  - b. A variance to allow the ground mounted solar system to be located less than 100' from the side property line. The applicant owns both of the properties on either side of the property line.
- 5. <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> Chloe Kirks (Applicant) and Andrew Fairbairn (Owner) are requesting the following actions for the property located at 7975 County Road 6 (PID No. 33-118-24-23-0001) in the City of Independence, MN.
  - a. A conditional use permit (CUP) to allow a ground mounted solar system which is greater than 500 SF.
- 6. Open/Misc.
- 7. Adjourn.



### CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY JUNE 3, 2025

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call

### 4. \*\*\*\*Consent Agenda\*\*\*\*

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Council and will be acted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- a. Approval of City Council Minutes from the April 30, 2025, City Council Workshop.
- b. Approval of City Council Minutes from the May 20, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.
- c. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 Checks No. 23679-23689, Batch #2 Checks No. 23690-23702).
- d. Approval of the following Assembly Permits:
  - i. 3350 County Road 90 Wedding on Saturday, June 7, 2025.
  - ii. 6625 Fogelman Road Wedding on Saturday, June 7, 2025.
- e. Approval of a Solicitor Application for Curbside Waste.
- 5. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.
- 6. Tyler and Kaitlin Johnson (Applicant/Owner) are requesting the following actions for the property located at 4610 Lake Sarah Dr. S. (PID No. 02-118-24-21-0001) in the City of Independence, MN.
  - a. **RESOLUTION No. 25-0603-01** Considering a variance to allow the subdivision of property in the RR-Rural Residential and S-Shoreland Overlay zoning districts that does not meet the minimum lot size and a minor subdivision to allow the subdivision of the subject parcel into two (2) lots.
- 7. A proposed text amendment to the City of Independence Ordinance as follows:
  - a. **ORDINANCE No. 2025-03** Considering a text amendment to Chapter VII, Section 705 of the city's ordinance relating to regulations governing On-Site Sewage Treatment. The amendment will consider minor changes that will bring the ordinance into alignment with

recent changes to state statute and also establish provisions relating to the "type" of systems allowed as alternate systems in the city. Council will also consider establishment of language requiring more specific language pertaining to the transfer of properties in the city.

- b. **RESOLUTION No. 25-0603-02** Approving publication of a summary of Ordinance No. 2025-03.
- 8. Recommendation to establish a new Capital Fund for Public Safety and the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the newly created Public Safety Capital Fund.
  - a. **RESOLUTION No. 25-0603-03** Considering establishment of a Public Safety Capital Fund.
  - b. **RESOLUTION No. 25-0603-04** Considering a transfer of \$69,227 from Fund 100 General Fund to Fund 407 Public Safety.
- 9. Consider amendment to the Employee Handbook relating to the recent statutory changes requiring cities to provide Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST). The proposed would stipulate provisions relating to part-time employees.
  - a. **RESOLUTION No. 25-0603-05** Considering an amendment to the Employee Handbook.
- 10. Open/Misc.
- 11. Adjourn.

### City of Independence

### Request for a Conditional Use Permit and Variance to Construct a Ground Mounted Solar System on the Property located at 7949 County Road 11

To: | Planning Commission

From: | Mark Kaltsas, City Planner

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Applicant: Arman Taghizadeh

Property Owner: | Mark Moorhouse

Location: 7949 County Road 11

### Request:

Arman Taghizadeh (Applicant) and Mark Moorhouse (Owner) are requesting the following actions for the property located at 7949 and 7855 County Road 11 (PID No.s 09-118-24-22-0004 and 09-118-24-22-0005) in the City of Independence, MN.

- a. A conditional use permit (CUP) to allow a ground mounted solar system which is greater than 500 SF.
- b. A variance to allow the ground mounted solar system to be located less than 100' from the side property line. The applicant owns both of the properties on either side of the property line.

### Property/Site Information:

The property is located on the south side County Road 11 and just west of the intersection of County Road 92 and County Road 11. The property has an existing home and several detached accessory structures. The property has the following characteristics:

Property Information: 7949 and 7855 County Road 11

Zoning: Agriculture

Comprehensive Plan: Agriculture Acreage: 40 acres/40 acres



### Discussion:

The applicant approached the City about the possibility of installing a ground mounted solar system on the subject property. The City provided the applicant with the requirements and discussed the process for considering ground mounted solar systems that exceed 500 SF. All ground mounted solar systems require a conditional use permit. Ground mounted solar systems are limited to a maximum square footage of 500 square feet but can now be expanded up to a total of 2,500 SF if additional criteria are satisfied by the applicant. Ground mounted solar systems have the following requirements:

- <u>Subd. 5. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems</u> shall conform to the following standards:
  - (a) Ground-mounted systems shall only be allowed on a parcel with an existing principal structure.
  - (b) Ground-mounted systems shall be located only in rear or side yards.
  - (c) Ground-mounted systems shall not be located in the Shoreland Overlay District.
  - (d) Ground-mounted systems shall be wholly screened from view from the public right of way and adjacent residential structures. Methods for screening shall include berming, fencing, landscaping and/or combination thereof.
  - (e) Ground-mounted systems shall be located on a parcel of at least 2.5 acres.
  - (f) Ground-mounted systems shall have a maximum area of 500 SF.
  - (g) Ground mounted systems shall be setback a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines.
  - (h) The maximum height for any component of the system shall be 15 feet.
  - (i) Ground-mounted systems shall be in compliance with any applicable local, state and federal regulatory standards, including building, electrical and plumbing codes.
  - Ground-mounted systems and their support structures shall be designed by a certified professional to meet applicable professional standards for the local soil and climate conditions.
  - (k) The city may permit a ground mounted solar energy system which exceeds 500 SF, if the following additional criteria are wholly satisfied:
    - 1. The ground mounted solar system does not exceed 2,500 SF.
    - 2. The ground mounted solar energy system is located on a property that is 5 acres or larger.
    - 3. The ground mounted solar energy system shall be located a minimum of 100 LF from any property line and 500 LF from any residential structure on an adjoining property.
  - (I) The city will also consider the following additional criteria to determine if a ground mounted solar energy system will be permitted to exceed the maximum size limitations established in this code:

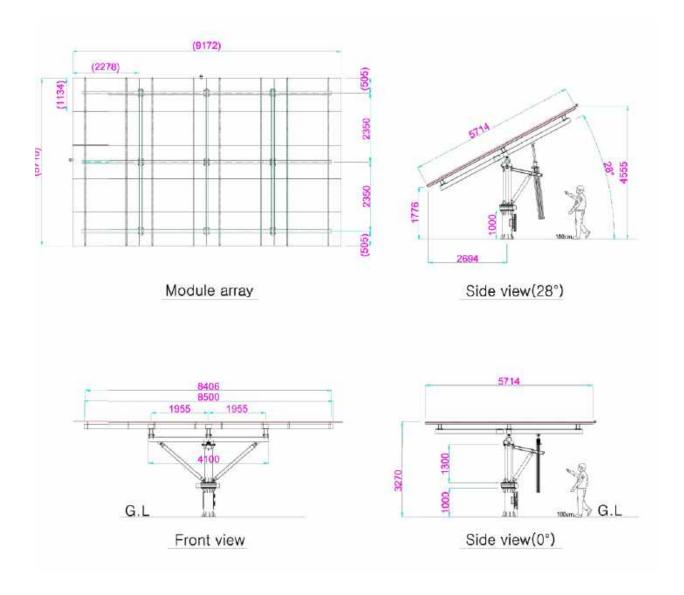
- The ground mounted solar energy system is not visible from any public street or from adjacent properties. Screening can be used to meet this standard.
- 2. The applicant has provided with the application, the written consent of the owners of privately or publicly owned real estate directly abutting the premises for which the permit is being requested.
- The city finds that granting permission for a ground mounted solar energy system, that exceeds 500 SF, will not be detrimental to the public or take away from the reasonable use and enjoyment of the surrounding property.

The proposed ground mounted solar system would be located on a portion of the property that is to the south and east of the existing home. The proposed solar system would be comprised of four (4) ground mounted tracking solar arrays. The total square footage of each array is 561 SF for a total of 2,244 SF. The arrays are proposed to be located on one of the applicants' multiple properties (7855 County Road 11) which is directly east of the subject property. The applicant owns approximately 375 acres in this area, most of which is contiguous. Due to the location of the proposed arrays on the adjacent property, the applicant cannot meet the requisite 100-foot setback from the property line separating their two properties. The closest of the four (4) proposed solar arrays would be approximately 15-20 feet from the property line that currently separates the two parcels. The panels are proposed to meet all other setbacks and would be located approximately 250 feet from County Road 11 (north) property line, 475 feet from the east property line and more than 2,000 feet to the south property line. The required setback from any property line is 100 feet.

The proposed array is also required to be located a minimum of 500 feet from any residential structure on a surrounding property. The proposed array would be located approximately 685 feet from the residential property to the northwest (across CSAH 6) and 715 feet from the residential structure to the north (across CSAH 6 - see image below showing 500-foot radius).



The proposed ground mounted system would have a maximum height of approximately 15' when the trackers are raised to a 28-degree angle. This would be the maximum angle that the trackers could be positioned without exceeding the 15-foot height limitation (see below). The city will want to ensure that the maximum height is not exceeded. Additional discussion and or conditions may need to be considered to ensure compliance with this provision.



The City requires ground mounted solar systems to be wholly screened from view of the public right of way and adjacent residential structures. The applicant is proposing to install a combination of an earthen berm and landscaping to screen the proposed solar arrays from surrounding views. The applicants plan shows two berms and associated landscaping to the north (between the proposed arrays and CSAH 11). A lower berm (approximately 5 feet tall) with landscaping is shown along CSAH 11 frontage. A second taller berm (approximately 10 feet tall is shown directly north of the proposed solar arrays (see attached grading and landscape plans). The distance from the proposed solar arrays to the County Road 6 right of way is approximately 250 feet.

View Looking SE Towards Property from CSAH 6



The applicant has provided the City with a site plan and details of the proposed solar system. The system is comprised 64 panels. The panels are designed to track the sun throughout the day/year and would have a variety of orientations. The tracking system is proposed to be secured to the ground using pilings.

The criteria for granting a conditional use permit are clearly delineated in the City's Zoning Ordinance (Section 520.11 subd. 1, a-i) as follows:

- 1. The conditional use will not adversely affect the health, safety, morals and general welfare of occupants of surrounding lands.
- 2. The proposed use will not have a detrimental effect on the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the proposes already permitted or on the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.
- 3. Existing roads and proposed access roads will be adequate to accommodate anticipated traffic.
- 4. Sufficient off-street parking and loading space will be provided to serve the proposed use.
- 5. The proposed conditional use can be adequately serviced by public utilities or on-site sewage treatment, and sufficient area of suitable soils for on-site sewage treatment is available to protect the city form pollution hazards.
- 6. The proposal includes adequate provision for protection of natural drainage systems, natural topography, tree growth, water courses, wetlands, historic sites and similar ecological and environmental features.
- 7. The proposal includes adequate measures to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, or vibration so that none of these will constitute a nuisance.
- 8. The proposed condition use is consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Independence.
- 9. The proposed use will not stimulate growth incompatible with prevailing density standards.

The proposed ground mounted solar system exceeds the City's maximum size for ground mounted solar systems; however, the city adopted provisions to allow systems to exceed 500 SF if additional conditions can be satisfied by the applicant. It should be noted that the tracking arrays would only be a portion of the total solar installed on this property. The applicant is also proposing roof mounted solar on one of the detached accessory structures. The combined energy

generated by this system is estimated to be 120kW (AC). The applicant has noted that the proposed system will generate enough electricity to support the electrical loads of the existing residence, and some of the farm operations and accessory buildings. There are a few additional considerations that should be noted by the City:

- The City recently updated the solar energy ordinance to allow for ground mounted systems that are larger than 500 SF if they can meet the additional criteria provided. The applicant has demonstrated that they can meet the additional criteria.
- The proposed system meets the prescribed setbacks and maximum height requirements of the zoning ordinance with the exception of the side property line setback previously noted. The applicant has stated that they own the adjacent property. It should also be noted that the applicant has been discussing the combination of several of their properties.
- The location of the solar tracking arrays would currently be visible from CSAH 11 and several of the surrounding properties. The requirements relating to screening state the following:

The ground mounted solar energy system is not visible from any public street or from adjacent properties.

The applicant is proposing to construct a larger berm to the north of the proposed tracking arrays as well as complete the installation of landscaping on the existing berm along CSAH 11. The combination of the additional berm and landscaping should help to mitigate the visibility of the proposed solar arrays. The city requires the solar arrays to be wholly screened from view. The applicant has provided additional graphics (attached) which are intended to show how the proposed berming and screening would look from various vantage points on CSAH 11 or adjacent properties. Planning Commissioners will need to review this information and determine if the proposed screening achieves the requirements set forth in the ordinance.

• The applicant did not provide any written consent from surrounding property owners, but it should be noted that all were notified of the public hearing. The city did receive one letter from a resident located at 7910 County Road 11 that is opposed to the proposed solar arrays (directly across the street to the north).

The City will need to consider the requested CUP and variance as presented and determine if it meets applicable criteria and can be supported. The orientation of the proposed solar system and the relationship to the surrounding properties helps to aid in the mitigation of potential impacts relating to the ground mounted solar array.

### **Neighbor Comments:**

The City has not received any comments or questions relating to the requested CUP and variance.

### Recommendation:

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Planning Commission pertaining to the request for a conditional use permit and setback variance with the following findings and conditions:

- 1. The proposed conditional use permit and variance request meets all applicable conditions and restrictions stated in Chapter V, Section 510, Zoning, in the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. The conditional use permit will include the following conditions:
  - a) The conditional use permit will allow a 2,244 SF ground mounted solar system that is installed in accordance with the approved plans attached hereto as Exhibit A.
  - b) The ground mounted solar system shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable zoning code, building code and other applicable standards.
  - c) The maximum height of the solar arrays is 15'. This height cannot be exceeded at any time during the life of the system.
- 3. The applicant shall pay for all costs associated with the review and recording of the resolution granting approval of the conditional use permit and variance.

### Attachments:

- 1. Application
- 2. Ground Mounted Solar Site Plan
- 3. Ground Mounted Solar Plans and Details
- 4. Grading Plan
- 5. Illustrative Screening Exhibits



Date Submitted: 05-08-2025

**Applicant Information Owner Information** 

Name: arman taghizadeh Name: Mark Moorhouse

Address: 3401 Nevada Ave N
Address: 7949 County Rd 11

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

Independence, Minnesota 5533

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Primary Phone: 6128039000 Primary Phone: 7633545635

Email: solar@apadanatechnology.com Email: mmoorhouse@dominiuminc.c

Property Address:

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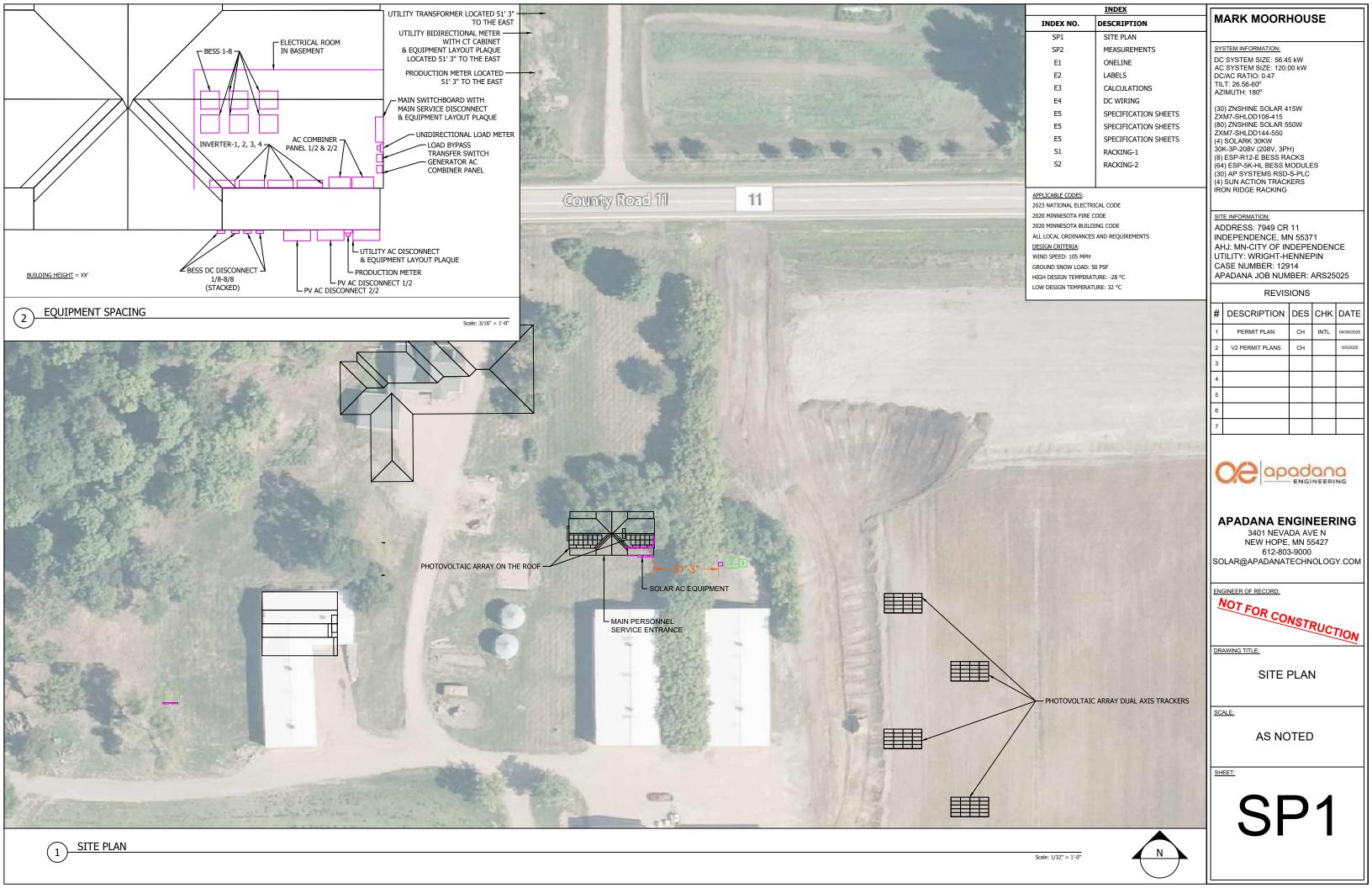
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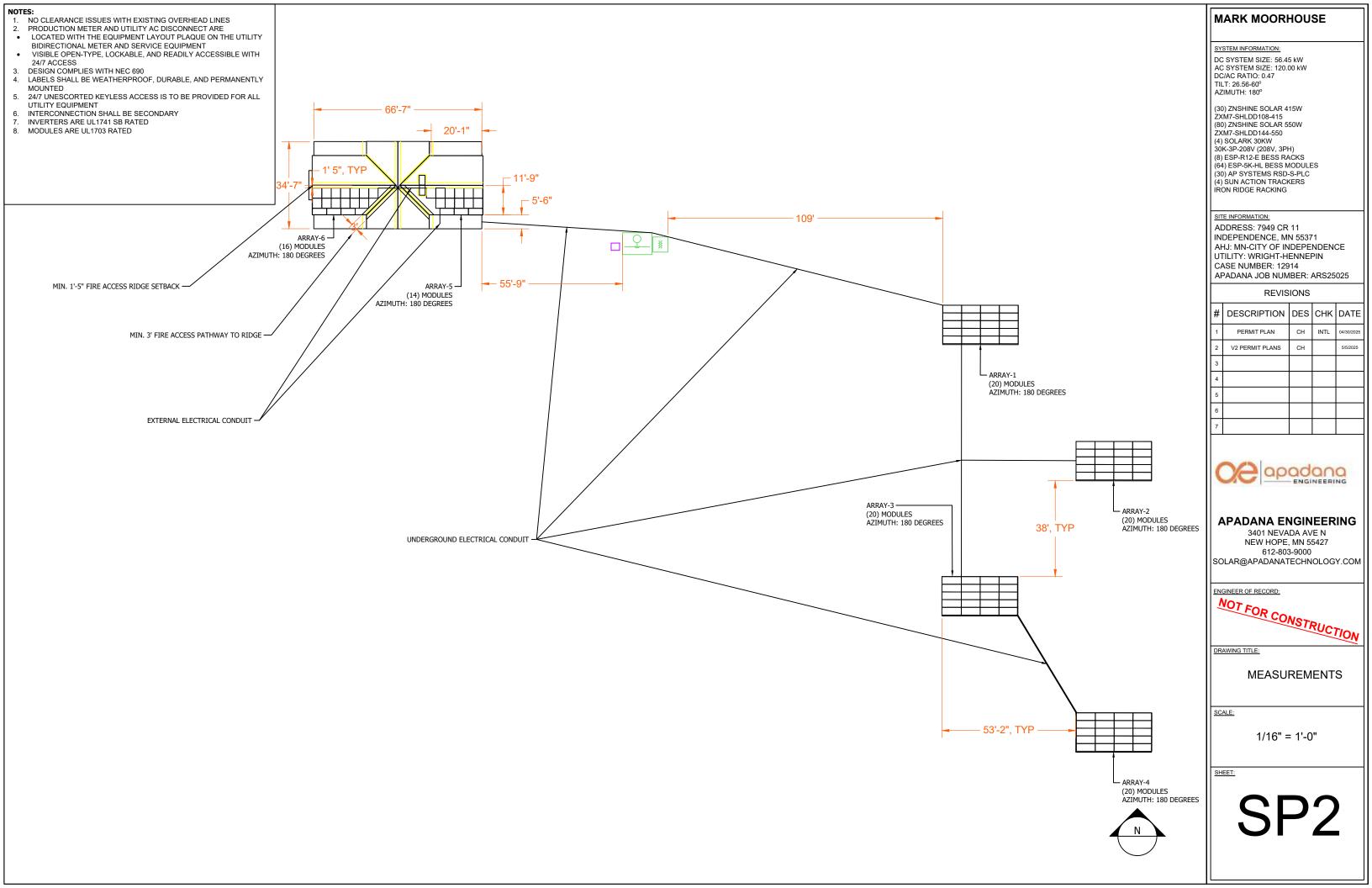
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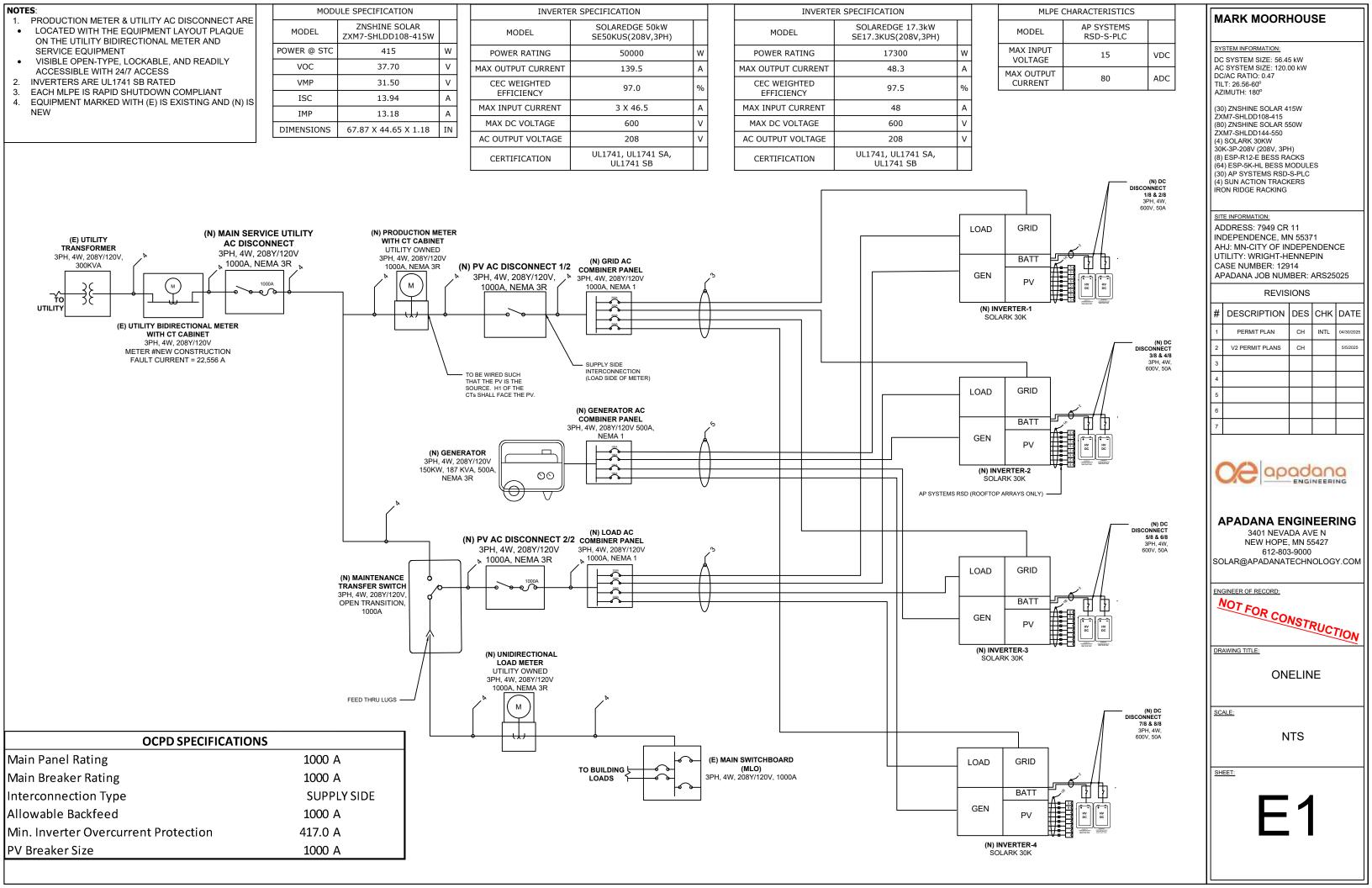
Description:

Supporting Documents: Site Survey (Existing Conditions), Site Survey (Proposed Conditions), Building Plans, Construction Plans, Preliminary/Final Plan

Signature:







### **UTILITY AC DISCONNECT**

LABEL LOCATION UTILITY AC DISCONNECT [PER CODE: NEC690.13(B)]

### **PV AC DISCONNECT**

LABEL LOCATION PV AC DISCONNECT [PER CODE: NEC690.13(B)]

### **PRODUCTION METER**

LABEL LOCATION PRODUCTION METER

[PER CODE: NEC690.13(B)]

### **UTILITY BIDIRECTIONAL METER**

LABEL LOCATION

UTILITY BIDIRECTIONAL METER [PER CODE: NEC690.13(B)]

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LABEL LOCATION

PV UTILITY AC DISCONNECT 1/2 [PER CODE: NEC690.13(B)]

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LABEL LOCATION

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LABEL LOCATION

ESS AC DISCONNECT 1/8-8/8 [PER CODE: NEC690.13(B)]

### MAXIMUM DC VOLTAGE OF PV SYSTEM 550 VDC

LABEL LOCATION INVERTER(S)

[PER CODE: NEC690.7(D)]

PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM AC DISCONNECT RATED OPERATING CURRENT 800 AMPS AC NOMINAL OPERATING VOLTAGE 208 VAC

LABEL LOCATION

UTILITY AC DISCONNECT, POINT OF INTERCONNECTION [PER CODE: NEC690.13(B)]

### **DO NOT RELOCATE THIS OVERCURRENT DEVICE**

LABEL LOCATION

MAIN SERVICE AC DISCONNECT, POINT OF INTERCONNECTION [PER CODE: NEC705.12(B)(2)]

SYSTEM: 409.6 VDC

MAXIMUM DC VOLTAGE OF ESS

LABEL LOCATION INVERTER(S)

[PER CODE: NEC690.7(D)]

### **SOLAR PV SYSTEM EQUIPPED** WITH RAPID SHUTDOWN

URN RAPID SHUTDOWN SWITCH TO THE "OFF" POSITION TO SHUT DOWN PV SYSTEM AND REDUCE SHOCK HAZARD IN THE ARRAY



LABEL LOCATION POINT OF INTERCONNECTION [PER CODE: NEC690.12(D)]

### **WARNING: PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER SOURCE**

**LABEL LOCATION** CONDUIT, COMBINER BOX [PER CODE: NEC690.4(F)]

**RAPID SHUTDOWN** SWITCH FOR SOLAR PV **SYSTEM** 

LABEL LOCATION INVERTER(S), POINT OF INTERCONNECTION [PER CODE: NEC690.12(D)(1)]

### **WARNING: DUAL POWER SUPPLY** SOURCES: UTILITY GRID AND SOLAR **PV SYSTEM AND ESS**

LABEL LOCATION POINT OF INTERCONNECTION [PER CODE: NEC705.12(B)(3)]

### **SOLAR PV DC CIRCUIT**

LABEL LOCATION

AT LEAST EVERY 10 FT & AT TURNS ON ALL DC CONDUIT, RACEWAYS, ENCLOSURES, AND CABLE ASSEMBLIES, ABOVE/BELOW PENETRATIONS, AT COMBINER(S), AND AT JUNCTION BOXES [PER CODE: NEC690.31(D)(2)]

**WARNING:** PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM **COMBINER PANEL** DO NOT ADD LOADS

LABEL LOCATION AC COMBINER PANEL [PER CODE: NFPA 11.12.2.1.1]

ALL PLACARDS SHALL

BE WEATHERPROOF, DURABLE, AND PERMANENTLY MOUNTED

### REVISIONS

CASE NUMBER: 12914

**MARK MOORHOUSE** 

SYSTEM INFORMATION:

TILT: 26.56-60°

DC SYSTEM SIZE: 56.45 kW

AC SYSTEM SIZE: 120.00 kW DC/AC RATIO: 0.47

(30) ZNSHINE SOLAR 415W

(80) ZNSHINE SOLAR 550W

(8) ESP-R12-E BESS RACKS

(30) AP SYSTEMS RSD-S-PLC (4) SUN ACTION TRACKERS

ADDRESS: 7949 CR 11

INDEPENDENCE, MN 55371

UTILITY: WRIGHT-HENNEPIN

AHJ: MN-CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

APADANA JOB NUMBER: ARS25025

RON RIDGE RACKING

SITE INFORMATION:

(64) ESP-5K-HL BESS MODULES

ZXM7-SHLDD108-415

ZXM7-SHLDD144-550 (4) SOLARK 30KW 30K-3P-208V (208V, 3PH)

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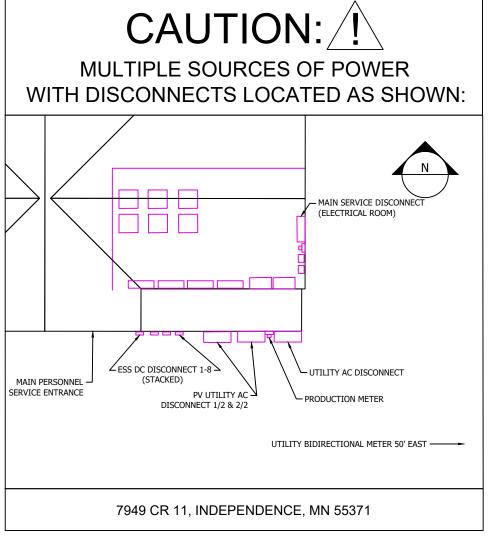
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**LABELS** 

SCALE:

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UTILITY AC DISCONNECT, MAIN SERVICE DISCONNECT, UTILITY BIDIRECTIONAL METER [PER CODE: NEC705.10]

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3	1 1/2"EMT OR EQUIV	(3) 3/0 CU THHN	(1) 1/0 AWG CU THHN	(1) 6 AWG CU THHN					
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### MARK MOORHOUSE

SYSTEM INFORMATION:

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(30) ZNSHINE SOLAR 415W ZXM7-SHLDD108-415 (80) ZNSHINE SOLAR 550W ZXM7-SHLDD144-550 (4) SOLARK 30KW 30K-3P-208V (208V, 3PH) (8) ESP-R12-E BESS RACKS (64) ESP-5K-HL BESS MODULES (30) AP SYSTEMS RSD-S-PLC (4) SUN ACTION TRACKERS IRON RIDGE RACKING

SITE INFORMATION:

ADDRESS: 7949 CR 11 INDEPENDENCE, MN 55371 AHJ: MN-CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
UTILITY: WRIGHT-HENNEPIN
CASE NUMBER: 12914 APADANA JOB NUMBER: ARS25025

REVISIONS

#	DESCRIPTION	DES	СНК	DATE
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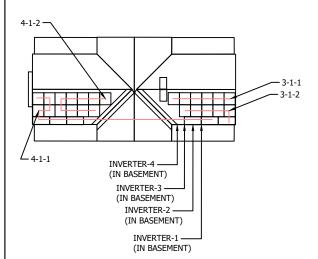
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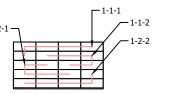
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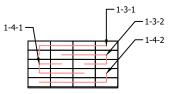
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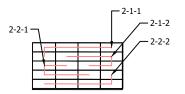


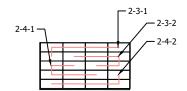












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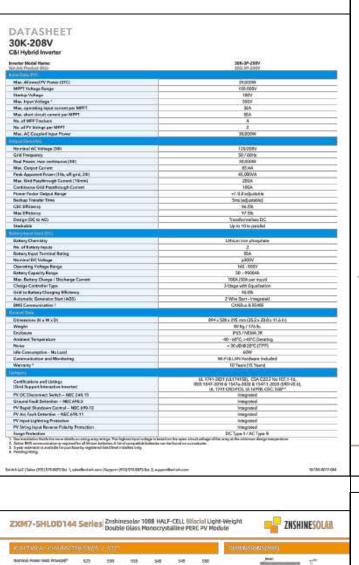


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525W | 530W | 535W | 540W | 545W | 550W Excellent cells efficiency MRR technology decreases the distance between busher and finger grid line which is benefit to power increase. Better Weak Illumination Response More power output in weak light condition, such as hape, Ensured PID resistance through the quality control of cell manufacturing procees and raw materials. Adapt To Harsh Outdoor Environment Resistant to harsh environments such as salt, ammonia, sand, high temperature and high humidity environment.

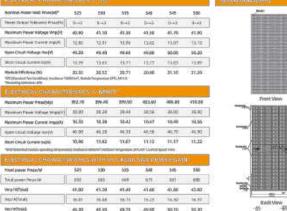
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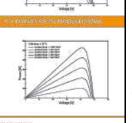
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0.45% annual degradation over 30 years



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Fully-Integrated Battery Energy Storage Systems



	Nominal Voltage	51.2V
	Working Voltage	48 V - 57.6 V
	Nominal Battery Energy	5 kWh
	Peak Power	5 kW 3s
	Max. Continuous Discharge Rate	3 kW
	Max. Continuous Charge Rate	3 kW
	Max. Battery Bank Size	80 kWh per string (16 packs per string)
	Max. Battery System Capacity	640 kWh per system (8 strings with 16 packs each)
	Recommended C rate	0.5 C
CO	Max. Charge & Discharge Current	60 A
JP/	Round Trip Efficiency	97%
	Recommended DoD	90%
he Oifference.	Charge Temperature Range	32 °F to 122 °F (0 °C to 50 °C)
the Pawer.	Discharge Temperature Range	14 °F to 131 °F (-10 °C to 55 °C)
	Life Cycles	6000
	Protection Level	IP20
	Size L x W x H	17.40 x 19.70 x 5.24 in (442 x 500 x 133 mm)
	Weight	101.413 lb (46.00 kg)
	Battery Type	Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP)
	Warranty	10/Year
	Compliance	UL1973, UL9540A, UL9540, OGPe, SGIP and CEC listed.

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Warranty

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UL9540, UL1973, CEC and SGIP pending

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10-Year

Battery Packs in Series	1	2	.3	4	5	6	7.
Storage Capacity	100Ah	100 Ah	1007h	100 Ah	100 Ah	100 Ah	100 Ah
Working Voltage	46V-56V	96V-112V	144V-168V	192V-224V	240 V - 280 V	288 V-336 V	336 V - 392 V
Nominal Energy	510Wh	1016Wh	15 kWh	20 kWh	25kWh	30 W/h	35 kWh
Wright (lb)	4256lb	527 lb	628.4 lb	729.9 lb	831.3 lb	932.7 lb	1034.1 lb
Weight (kg)	193kg	239 kg	285 kg	331 kg	377 kg	423 kg	469 kg
Configurations							
Battery Packs in Series	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Storage Capacity	100.Ah	100 Ah	100 Ah	100.Ah	100 Ah	100 Ah	

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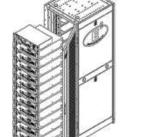
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WorkingVoltage 364V-446V 432V-504V 480V-560V 528V-616V 576V-672V 624V-728V Nominal Energy 40 kWh 45 kWh 50 kWh 55 kWh 60 kWh 65 kWh



Configurations								
Battery Packs in Parallel	1	2	3	4	5	. 6	7	
Storage Capacity	100 Ah	200 Ah	300 Ah	400 Ah	500 Ah	600 Ah	700 Ah	
Working Voltage	48V-56V	48V-56V	48V - 55V	48V-56V	48V-56V	48V-56V	48V - 56V	
Nominal Energy	5 kWh	10 kWh	15 kWh	20 kWh	-25 kWh	30 kWh	35 kWh	
Weight (lb)	425.6 lb	5271b	628/41b	729.9 lb	831.3 lb	932.7 lb	1034.1 lb	
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Working Voltage	48V-56V	48V-56V	48V-56V	48V-56V	48V-56V	48V - 56V	
Nominal Energy	40 kWh	45 kWh	50 kWh	55 kWh	6056Wh	65 KWh	
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Exploded View

Twelve-Battery with Control Unit Configuration

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30K-3P-208V (208V, 3PH)

IRON RIDGE RACKING

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(64) ESP-5K-HL BESS MODULES

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(4) SOLARK 30KW

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## RSD-S-PLC

- Means NEC 2007 & 2020 MBS 125 redeferrer
- · Executes regal Watches of policy When Transmitter PLC signal is about

The RED-S-PLC meets SurBips: regularments maintaining normal function by continuely vacabling a heartbear signal from the Affernert. Transmitter. The RSD executes rapid system shubdown when the Transmitter signal is absent. Uters can manually execute rapid shubdown

### RSD-S-PLC TECHNICAL DATA

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Competible with Flat & Pitched Roofs

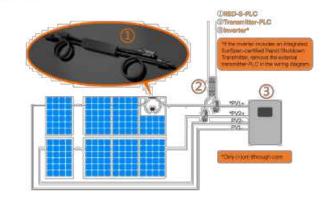
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Input Operating Votage Range	8-80V
Meximum Cont. Hout Current (max)	25A
Misimum Short Circuit Current (Isc.)	25A
OUTPUT DATA (DC)	
Culput Operating Voltage Renge	8-807
Maximum System Voltage	1000V/1500V
Meanium Series Fuee Reting	3OA
MECHANICAL DATA	
Cipersting Antivert Femperature Range	-40°P to +186°P (-40°C-to +85°C)
Dimensions (without cable & connections)	5'x1.7'x06(129mmx30mmx16mm)
Cable Length	Pgut 250mm/Cutput 1200mm
Cable Cross Section Size	UL124WG
Connector	Stauce MC4 PV KBT48KST4 or Customore
Enclase Rating	NEMA Type 6F/IP68
Over Temperature Protection	Yes
FEATURES & CONSPLIANCE	
Communication	R.C.
Safety Compliance	MEC 2017 & 2020 (890,12); VI,3741; OSA C22 2 No. 330-17; EC/EN60189-1; 29F02306

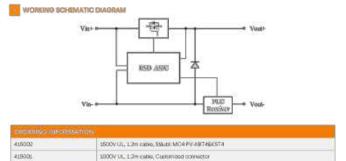
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RSD-S-PLC WIRING DIAGRAM





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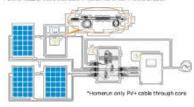
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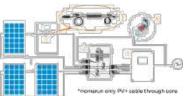
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The APeriest Read Shutdown System Transletter-PLC is part of a rapid shutdown solution when pailed with APeriest RSO, a PV module splid shutdown unit. While powered on, the Transletter-PLC sends a laigned to the RSO units to keep their PV modules corrected and accepting energy.

RSO units automatically enter racid shutdown mode when the Transmitter-RLC is switched off and resume energy production when power is restored to the Transmitter-RLC. The colutions complies with NEC 69032 specifications for 2017, 202082023 and supported the Strippies spanishly model shutdown.

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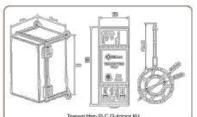




(I) Transmitter-PLC Outdoor Kit

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Main electrical data

Input Current

**Power Supply** 

Core data

Residential Coptions

Max. System Voltage

Number Of Strings Par I

Dimensions (W x H x D)

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Temperature

Structure data

EHC Compliance

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Internal Opening for Wires/Outside Dir

Max Number Of Strings Per Core



85-254VAC input, IZVDC Output, 90 mm x 175 mm x 58.4 mm

180-350VAC Input, 1250C Output, 125/2 mm x 32 mm x 102 mm

1500 YOC

198.5 mm x 298 mm x 179 mm

NEC 2017 202082023 (69012); UL1741; CSA C22:2 No. 330-17

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Single Core Transmitter-PLC-Outdoor KIL 180-550VAC Power Supply Dual Core Transmitter-PLC-Outdoor Kit, WD-850VAC Power Supply

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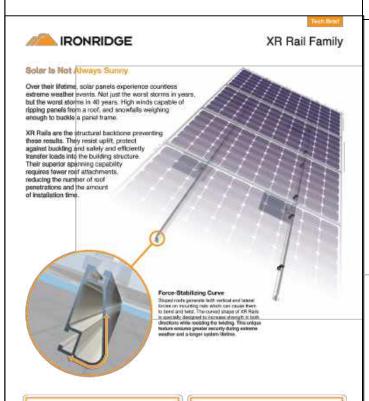
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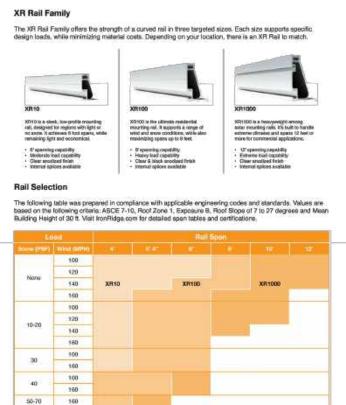
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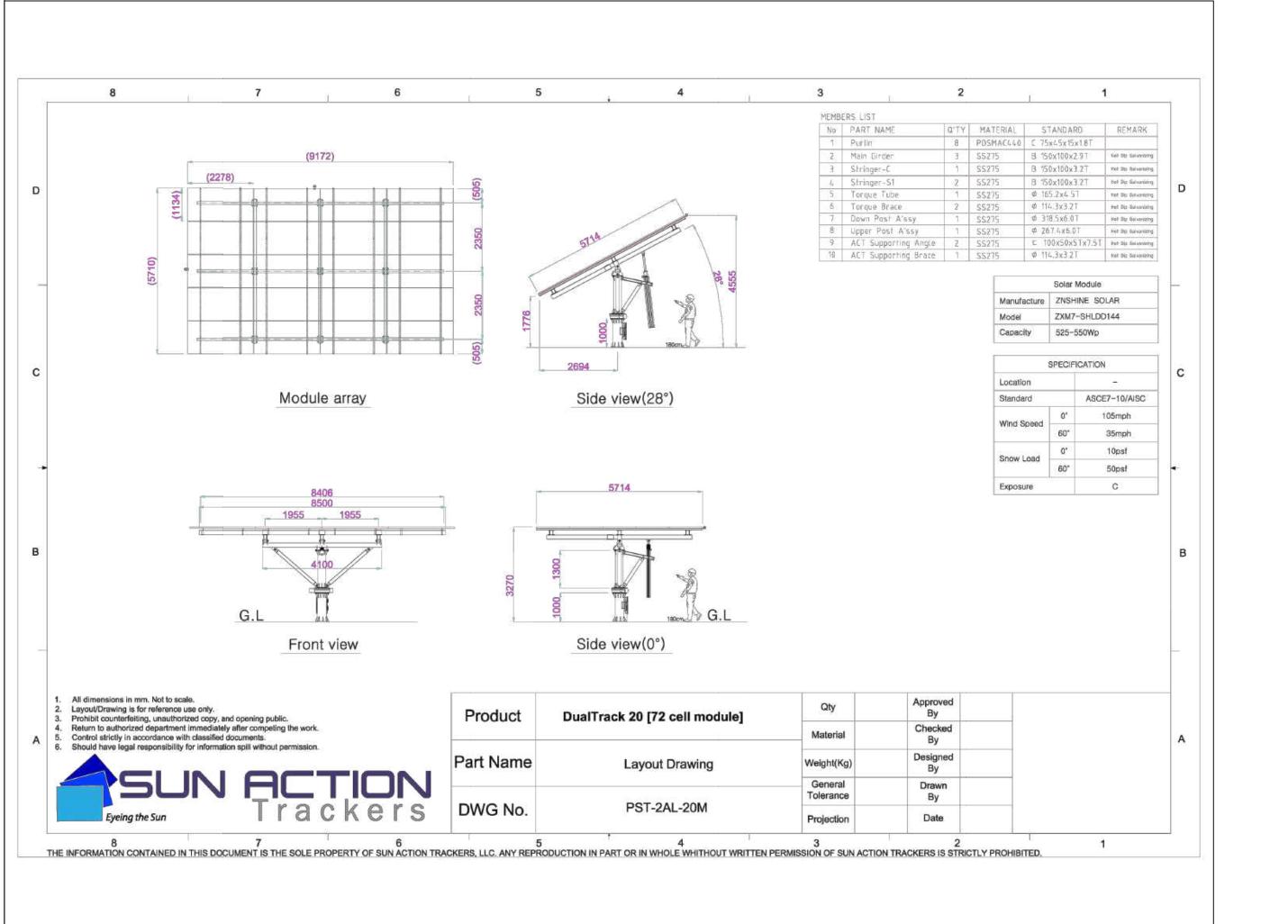


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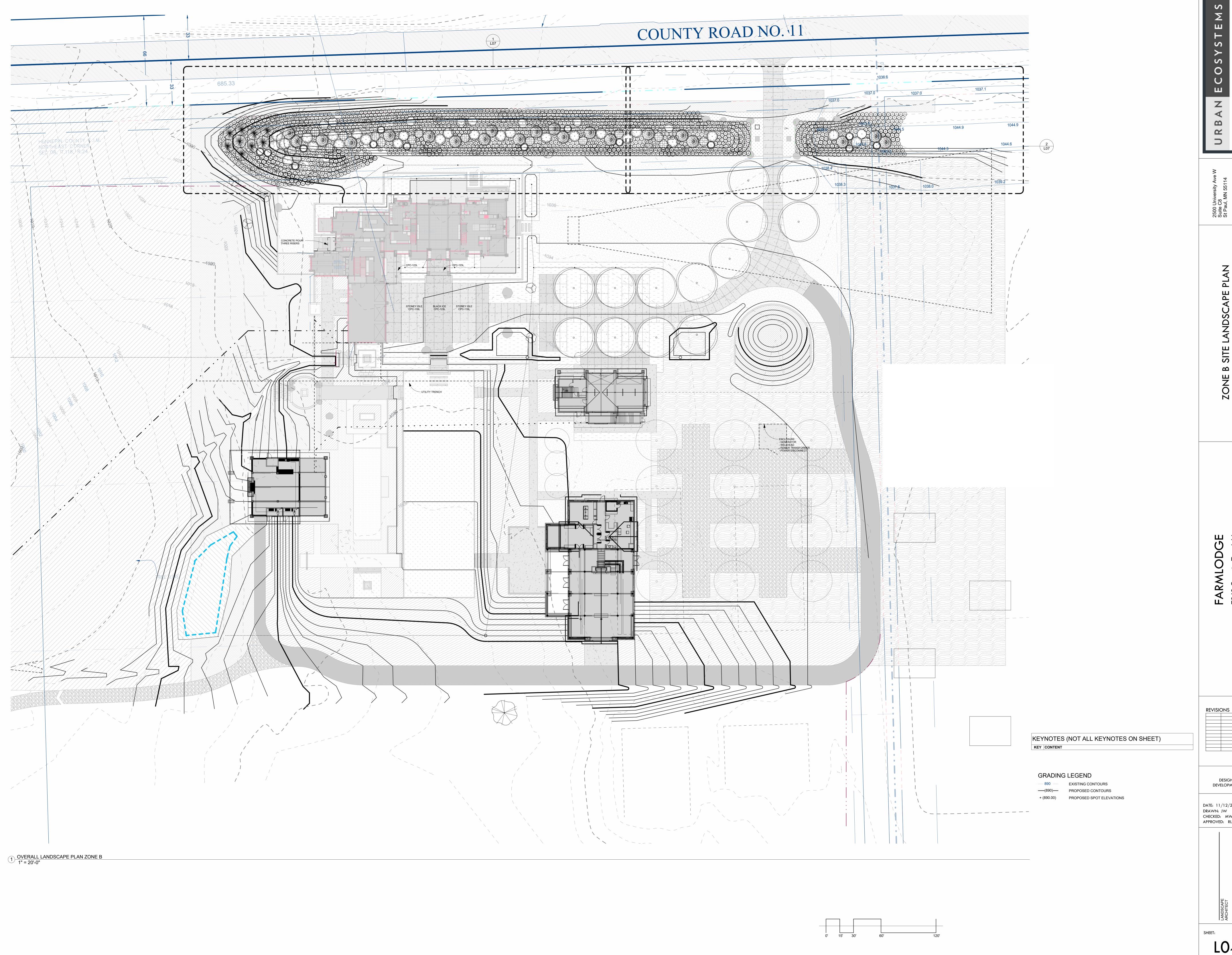


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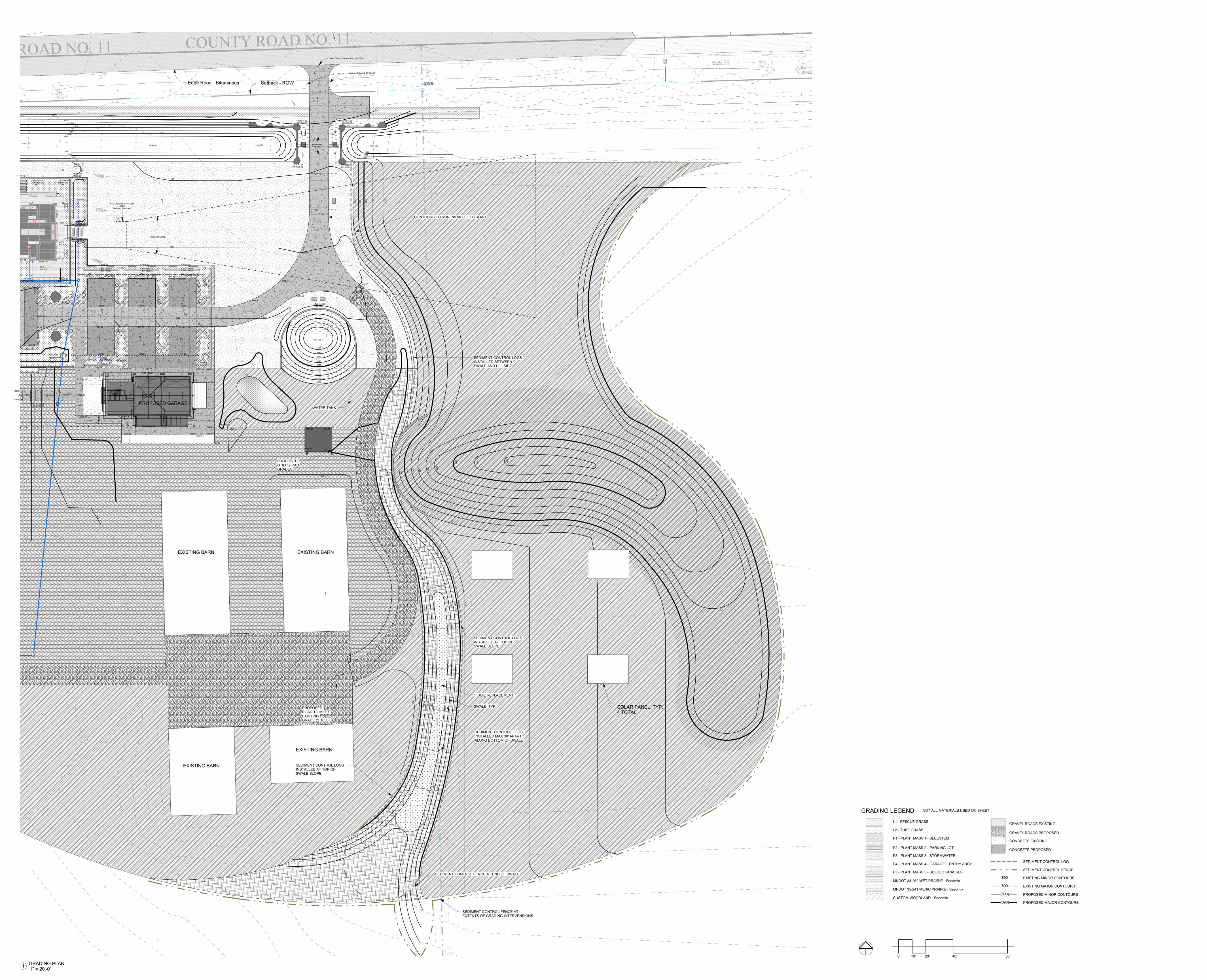
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DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 11/12/2024 DRAWN: JW CHECKED: MWK APPROVED: RLH



URBAN ECOSYSTEM LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

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SHEET WAS PREPARED BY ME
OR UNDER MY DIRECT
SUPERVISION AND
THAT I AM A DULLY LICENSED
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
UNDER THE LAW OF THE
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SOLAR FIELD GRADING PLAN

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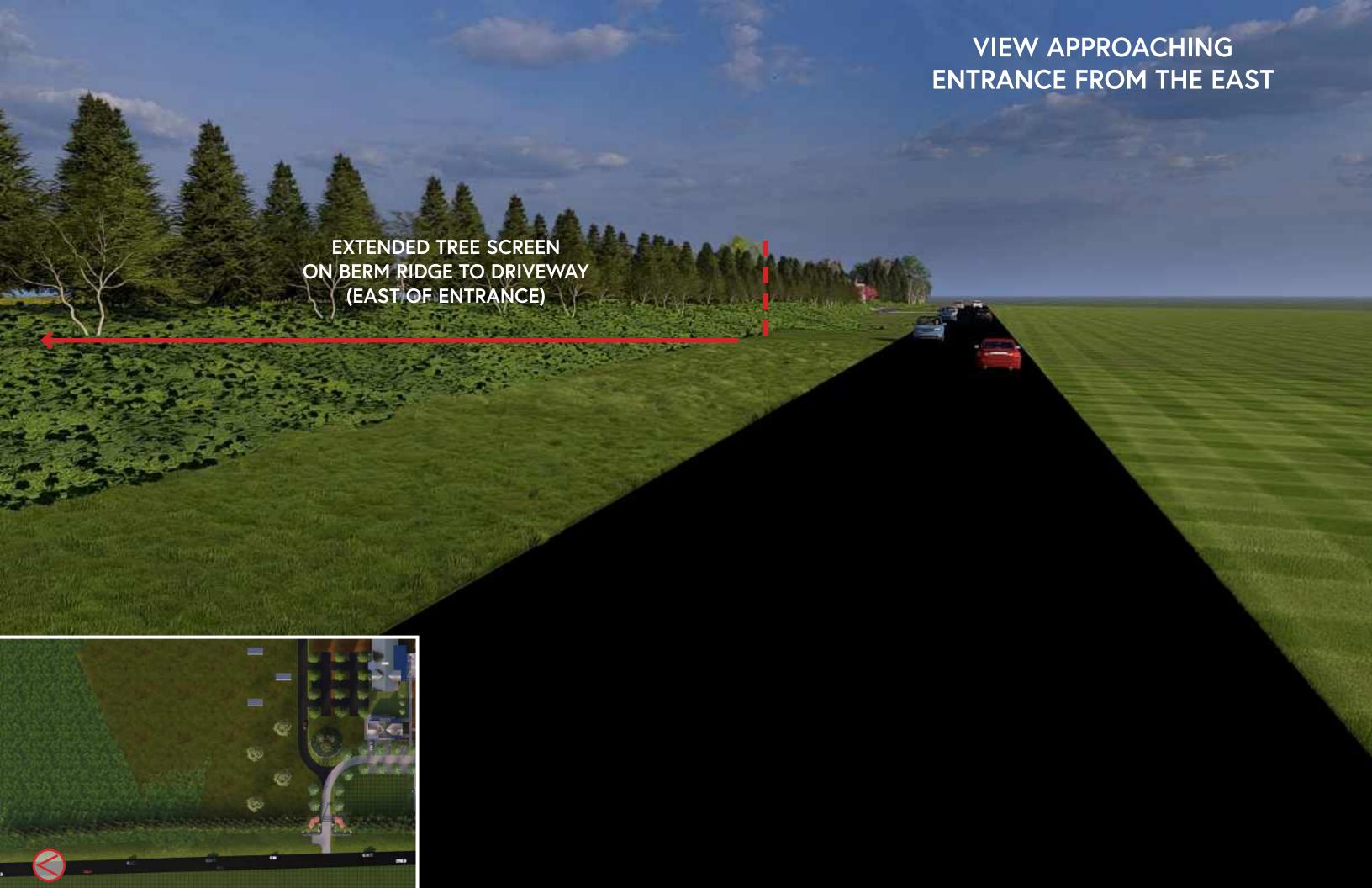
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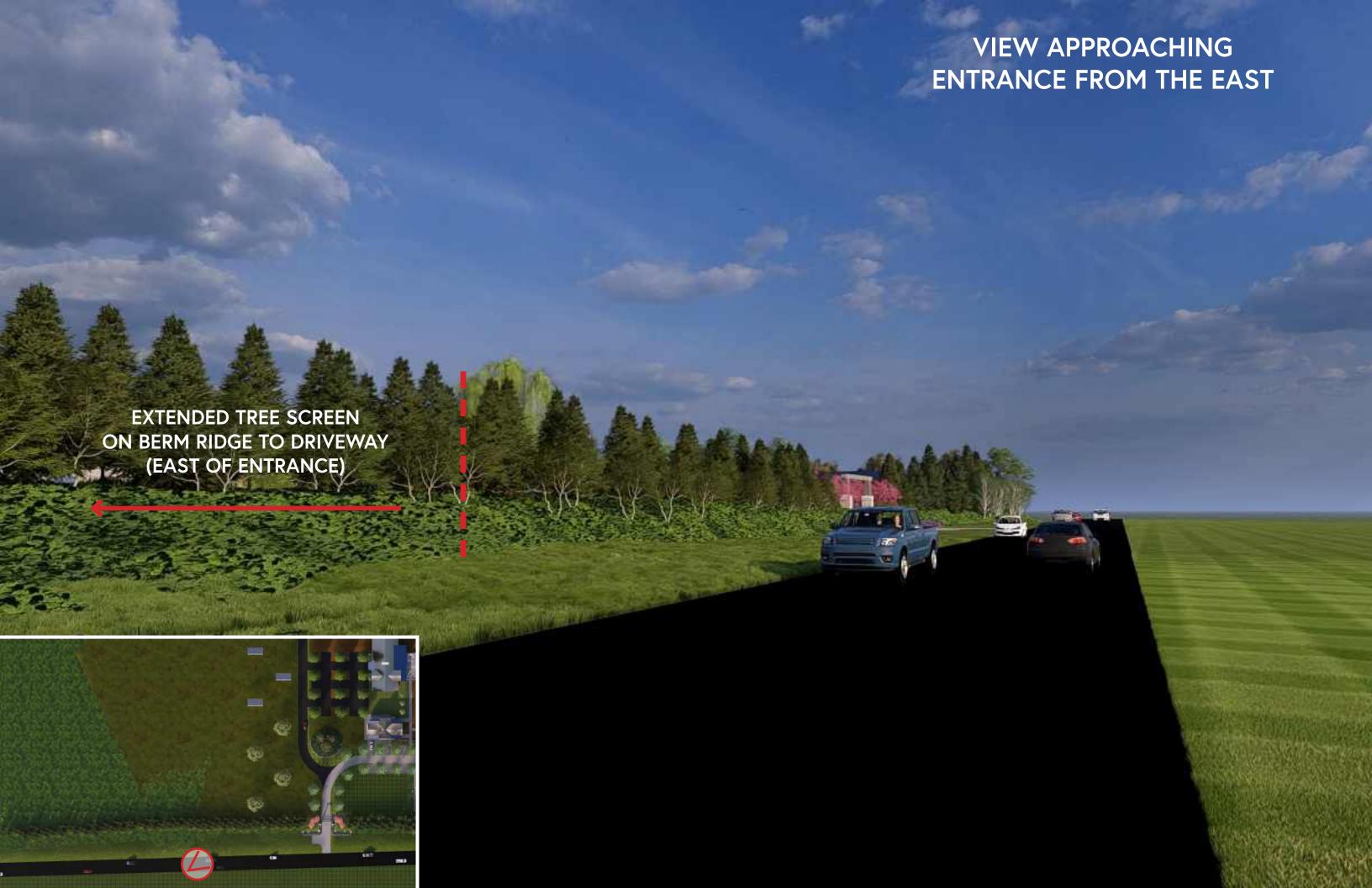
## **FARMHOUSE RESIDENCE**

INDEPENDENCE, MN

SOLAR ARRAY PLANNING NOVEMBER 2024











DIRECT VIEW AT PANELS FROM COUNTY ROAD 11







### City of Independence

### Request for a Conditional Use Permit to Construct a Ground Mounted Solar System on the Property located at 7975 County Road 6

*To:* | Planning Commission

From: | Mark Kaltsas, City Planner

Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Applicant: Chloe Kirks

Property Owner: | Andrew Fairbairn

Location: 7975 County Road 6

### Request:

Chloe Kirks (Applicant) and Andrew Fairbairn (Owner) are requesting the following actions for the property located at 7975 County Road 6 (PID No. 33-118-24-23-0001) in the City of Independence, MN.

a. A conditional use permit (CUP) to allow a ground mounted solar system which is greater than 500 SF.

### Property/Site Information:

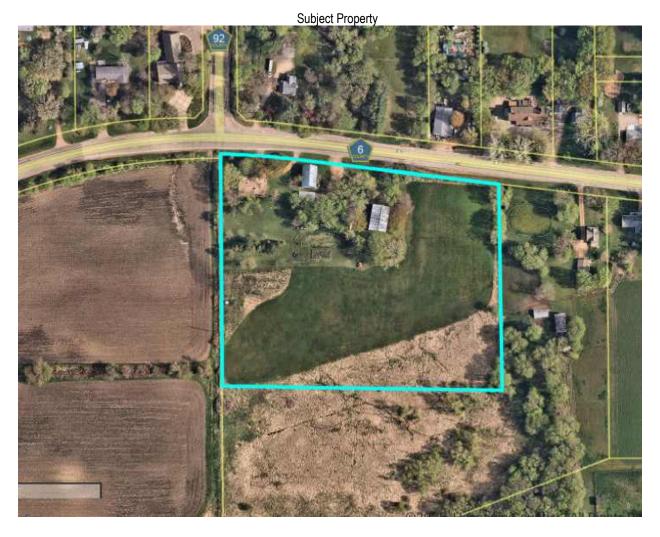
The property is located on the south side County Road 6 and just east of the intersection of County Road 92 and County Road 6. The property has an existing home and several detached accessory structures. The property has the following characteristics:

Property Information: 7975 County Road 6

Zoning: Agriculture

Comprehensive Plan: Agriculture

Acreage: 7.73 acres



### Discussion:

The applicant approached the City about the possibility of installing a ground mounted solar system on the subject property. The City provided the applicant with the requirements and discussed the process for considering ground mounted solar systems that exceed 500 SF. All ground mounted solar systems require a conditional use permit. Ground mounted solar systems are limited to a maximum square footage of 500 square feet but can now be expanded up to a total of 2,500 SF if additional criteria are satisfied by the applicant. Ground mounted solar systems have the following requirements:

<u>Subd. 5. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems</u> - shall conform to the following standards:

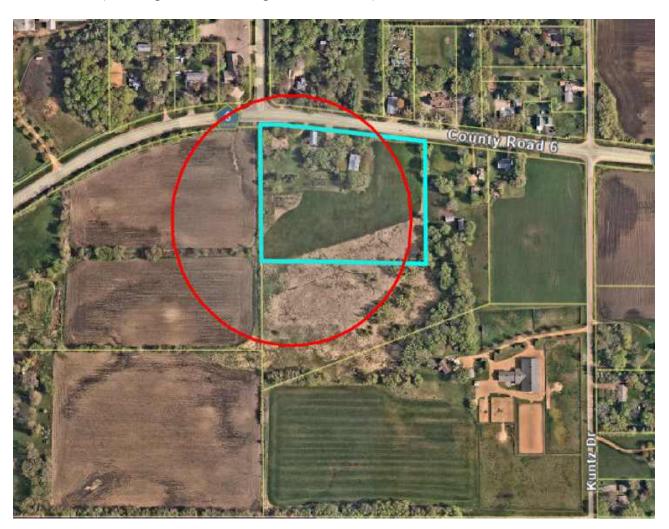
- (a) Ground-mounted systems shall only be allowed on a parcel with an existing principal structure.
- (b) Ground-mounted systems shall be located only in rear or side yards.

- (c) Ground-mounted systems shall not be located in the Shoreland Overlay District.
- (d) Ground-mounted systems shall be wholly screened from view from the public right of way and adjacent residential structures. Methods for screening shall include berming, fencing, landscaping and/or combination thereof.
- (e) Ground-mounted systems shall be located on a parcel of at least 2.5 acres.
- (f) Ground-mounted systems shall have a maximum area of 500 SF.
- (g) Ground mounted systems shall be setback a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines.
- (h) The maximum height for any component of the system shall be 15 feet.
- (i) Ground-mounted systems shall be in compliance with any applicable local, state and federal regulatory standards, including building, electrical and plumbing codes.
- Ground-mounted systems and their support structures shall be designed by a certified professional to meet applicable professional standards for the local soil and climate conditions.
- (k) The city may permit a ground mounted solar energy system which exceeds 500 SF. if the following additional criteria are wholly satisfied:
  - 1. The ground mounted solar system does not exceed 2,500 SF.
  - 2. The ground mounted solar energy system is located on a property that is 5 acres or larger.
  - 3. The ground mounted solar energy system shall be located a minimum of 100 LF from any property line and 500 LF from any residential structure on an adjoining property.
- (I) The city will also consider the following additional criteria to determine if a ground mounted solar energy system will be permitted to exceed the maximum size limitations established in this code:
  - The ground mounted solar energy system is not visible from any public street or from adjacent properties. Screening can be used to meet this standard.
  - 2. The applicant has provided with the application, the written consent of the owners of privately or publicly owned real estate directly abutting the premises for which the permit is being requested.

The city finds that granting permission for a ground mounted solar energy system, that exceeds 500 SF, will not be detrimental to the public or take away from the reasonable use and enjoyment of the surrounding property.

The proposed ground mounted solar system would be located on a portion of the property that is to the south of the existing home. The proposed solar system would be comprised of one (1) ground mounted array. The total square footage of the array is proposed to be 944 SF. The array would be setback approximately 109 feet from the west (side) property line and 186 feet from the south property line (rear yard). The required setback from any property line is 100 feet.

The proposed array is also required to be located a minimum of 500 feet from any residential structure on a surrounding property. The proposed array would be located approximately 525 feet from the residential property to the north (across CSAH 6), 750 feet from the residential structure on the property to the east and 700 feet from the residential structure on the property to the southeast (see image below showing 500-foot radius).



The proposed ground mounted system would have a maximum height of approximately 12' to the top of the highest portion of the panels. The City requires systems to be wholly screened from view of the public right of way and adjacent residential structures. The proposed array is located on the property in a location that is approximately 15 feet lower than the centerline of County Road 6 (see below). There is also existing vegetation that will block the view from County Road 6 and adjacent properties to the east. The distance from the proposed solar arrays to the County Road 6 right of way is approximately 450 feet and there is a stand of trees that runs along the road.



The applicant has provided the City with a site plan and details of the proposed solar system. The system is comprised 44 panels. The panels are oriented to the south and will be installed at a 35-degree angle to the ground. The proposed panels are mounted to a galvanized metal racking system. The racking system is proposed to be secured to the ground using pilings.

The criteria for granting a conditional use permit are clearly delineated in the City's Zoning Ordinance (Section 520.11 subd. 1, a-i) as follows:

- 1. The conditional use will not adversely affect the health, safety, morals and general welfare of occupants of surrounding lands.
- The proposed use will not have a detrimental effect on the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the proposes already permitted or on the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.
- 3. Existing roads and proposed access roads will be adequate to accommodate anticipated traffic.
- 4. Sufficient off-street parking and loading space will be provided to serve the proposed use.
- 5. The proposed conditional use can be adequately serviced by public utilities or on-site sewage treatment, and sufficient area of suitable soils for on-site sewage treatment is available to protect the city form pollution hazards.

- 6. The proposal includes adequate provision for protection of natural drainage systems, natural topography, tree growth, water courses, wetlands, historic sites and similar ecological and environmental features.
- 7. The proposal includes adequate measures to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, or vibration so that none of these will constitute a nuisance.
- 8. The proposed condition use is consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Independence.
- 9. The proposed use will not stimulate growth incompatible with prevailing density standards.

The proposed ground mounted solar system exceeds the City's maximum size for ground mounted solar systems; however, the city adopted provisions to allow systems to exceed 500 SF if additional conditions can be satisfied by the applicant. The energy generated by this system is estimated to be 16.89 kW (AC). The applicant has noted that the proposed system will generate enough electricity to support the electrical loads of the existing residence. There are a few additional considerations that should be noted by the City:

- The City recently updated the solar energy ordinance to allow for ground mounted systems that are larger than 500 SF if they can meet the additional criteria provided. The applicant has demonstrated that they can meet the additional criteria.
- The proposed system meets the location, setback and maximum height requirements of the zoning ordinance.
- There are no surrounding properties that appear to have any visibility into the existing site. The site sits higher than many of the surrounding properties and is buffered around the permitter by vegetative cover. The visibility of this system from the County Road 6 right of way is generally screened.
- The applicant did not provide any written consent from surrounding property owners, but it should be noted that all were notified of the public hearing.
- No additional screening is proposed by the applicant.

The City will need to consider the requested CUP as presented and determine if it meets applicable criteria and can be supported. The orientation of the proposed solar system and the relationship to the surrounding properties helps to aid in the mitigation of potential impacts relating to the ground mounted solar array.

### **Neighbor Comments:**

The City has not received any comments or questions relating to the requested CUP.

### Recommendation:

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Planning Commission pertaining to the request for a conditional use permit with the following findings and conditions:

- 1. The proposed conditional use permit request meets all applicable conditions and restrictions stated in Chapter V, Section 510, Zoning, in the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. The conditional use permit will include the following conditions:
  - a) The conditional use permit will allow a 944 SF ground mounted solar system that is installed in accordance with the approved plans attached hereto as Exhibit A.
  - b) The ground mounted solar system shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable zoning code, building code and other applicable standards.
- 3. The applicant shall pay for all costs associated with the review and recording of the resolution granting approval of the conditional use permit.

### Attachments:

- 1. Application
- 2. Ground Mounted Solar Site Plan
- 3. Ground Mounted Solar Plans and Details



Date Submitted: 05-02-2025

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Property Address:

PID:

Planning Application Type: Conditional Use Permit

Description:

Supporting Documents: Building Plans, Construction Plans

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Signature:

## PHOTOVOLTAIC GROUND MOUNT SYSTEM

44 MODULES-GROUND MOUNTED - 17.600 kW DC, 16.896 kW AC 7975 COUNTY ROAD 6. INDEPENDENCE. MN 55359

### PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS:

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16.896 KW AC

MODULE TYPE & AMOUNT: MODULE DIMENSIONS: INVERTER: (44) WAAREE ARKA SERIES WSMDI-400 [400W] (L/WH) 75,7'40,6'/1,37'

INVERTER: (44) ENPHASE IQ7HS-86-M-US [240V, 1 PHASE] BATTERY: (91) TESLA POWERWALL 3 BATTERY

INTERCONNECTION METHOD: WHOLE HOME BACKUP

GENERAL STRUCTURAL NOTES:

THE SOLAR PANELS ARE TO BE MOUNTED TO THE GROUND USING SUNMODO GROUND MOUNT RACKING.

b. DESIGN CRITERIA:

. GROUND SNOW LOAD = 50 PSF

2. WIND SPEED = 105 MPH

EXPOSURE CATEGORY = C
 RISK CATEGORY = I

### AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION:

BUILDING: INDEPENDENCE CITY ZONING: INDEPENDENCE CITY UTILITY: XOEL ENERGY UTILITY METER NO: N/A

### SHEET INDEX:

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### **GOVERNING CODES**

ALL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING CODES

2023 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL GODE
 2020 MINNESOTA RESIDENTIAL CODE

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 2020 MINNESOTA BUILDING CODE
 2024 MINNESOTA ENERGY CODE

e. 2020 MINNESOTA ACCESSIBILITY CODE

f. 2020 MINNESOTA MECHANICAL AND FUEL GAS CODE

g. 2020 MINNESOTA PLUMBING CODE

h. 2020 MINNESOTA STATE FIRE CODE L ANY OTHER LOCAL AMENDMENTS

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### GENERAL ELECTRIC NOTES:

ALL COMPONENTS ARE UL LISTED AND NEC CERTIFIED, WHERE WARRANTED.

 THE SOLAR PV SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 690 OF THE NEC 2023.

 THE UTILITY INTERCONNECTION APPLICATION MUST BE APPROVED AND PV SYSTEM INSPECTED-PRIOR TO PARALLEL OPERATION.

 ALL CONDUCTORS OF A CIRCUIT, INCLUDING THE EGC, MUST BE INSTALLED IN THE SAME RACEWAY, OR CABLE, OR OTHERWISE RUN WITH THE PV ARRAY CIRCUIT CONDUCTORS WHEN THEY LEAVE THE VICINITY OF THE PV ARRAY.

 WHERE METALLIC CONDUIT CONTAINING DC CONDUCTORS IS USED INSIDE THE BUILDING, IT SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AS "CAUTION: SOLAR CIRCUIT" EVERY 10FT.

HEIGHT OF THE AC DISCONNECT SHALL NOT EXCEED 6'-7" PER NEC CODE 240.24.

7. A GROUNDING ELECTRODE SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH CEC 690.47 AND 250.50 THROUGH 60 AND 250-166 SHALL BE PROVIDED. PER NEC GROUNDING ELECTRODE SYSTEM OF EXISTING SHILDING MAY BE USED AND BONDED TO THE SERVICE ENTRANCE. IF EXISTING SYSTEM IS INACCESSIBLE OR INADEQUATE A SUPPLEMENTAL GROUNDING ELECTRODE WILL BE USED AT THE INVERTER LOCATION CONSISTING OF A UL LISTED 8 FT. GROUND ROD WITH ACORN CLAMP, GROUNDING ELECTRODE CONDUCTORS SHALL BE NO LESS THAN #8 AWG AND NO LARGER THAN #6 AWG COPPER AND BONDED TO THE EXISTING GROUNDING ELECTRODE TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLETE SYSTEM.

PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED NON-COMBUSTIBLE.

 ALL WIRING MUST BE PROPERLY SUPPORTED BY DEVICES OR MECHANICAL MEANS DESIGNED AND LISTED FOR SUCH USE, WIRING MUST BE PERMANENTLY AND COMPLETELY HELD OFF THE ROOF SURFACE.

 ALL SINAGE TO BE PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL BUILDING CODE. IF EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT, IT SHALL BE UV RESISTANT. ALL PLAQUES AND SINAGE WILL BE INSTALLED AS REQUIRED BY THE NEC AND AHJ.

 AS SPECIFIED BY THE AHJ, EQUIPMENT USED IN UNGROUNDED SYSTEMS LABELED ACCORDING TO NEC 690.35(F).

12. INVERTER(S) USED IN UNGROUNDED SYSTEM SHALL BE LISTED FOR THIS USE (NEC 890.35(G)).

 THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT AND ALL ASSOCIATED WIRING AND INTERCONNECTION SHALL BE PERFORMED ONLY BY QUALIFIED PERSONS (NEC 690.4(C))

 ALL OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT SHALL BE NEMA 3R RATED (OR BETTER), INCLIDING ALL ROOF MOUNTED TRANSITION BOXES AND SWITCHES.

 ALL EQUIPMENT SHALL BE PROPERLY GROUNDED AND BONDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEC ARTICLE 250.

16. SYSTEM GROUNDING SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEC 690.41.

 PV SYSTEM CIRCUITS INSTALLED ON OR IN BUILDINGS SHALL INCLUDE A RAPID SHUTDOWN FUNCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEC 690.12

 DISCONNECTING MEANS SHALL BE LOCATED IN A VISIBLE, READILY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION WITHIN THE PV SYSTEM EQUIPMENT OR A MAXIMUM OF 10 FEET AWAY FROM THE SYSTEM [NEC 200 12:00.

9. ALL WIRING METHODS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEC 690.31

 WORK CLEARANCES AROUND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE MAINTAINED PER NEC 110.26(A)(1), 110.26(A)(2) AND 110.26(A)(3).

 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE CONDUIT EXPANSION JOINTS AND ANCHOR CONDUIT RUNS AS REQUIRED PER NEC.

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