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Ms. Emily Truebner
 Saratoga Solar Project, LLC
 422 Admiral Boulevard
 Kansas City, MO 64106

Re: Application of Saratoga Solar Project, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Solar Electric Generation Facility in the Town of Saratoga, Wood County, Wisconsin 9816-CE-100

Dear Ms. Truebner:

By letter dated March 28, 2024, ([PSC REF#: 495069](#)) Saratoga Solar Project, LLC (applicant) requested an extension of the deadline established in Order Condition 21 of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin's (Commission) Final Decision in this docket, issued on May 22, 2023. ([PSC REF#: 468825](#).) That Order Condition provides that:

If the applicant has not begun on-site physical construction of the authorized project within one year of the effective date of this Final Decision, the certificate authorizing the applicant project for which construction has not commenced shall become void unless the applicant:

- a. Files a written request of an extension of time with the Commission before the effective date on which the Certificate becomes void; and
- b. Is granted an extension by the Commission.

Without further action by the applicant, the Certificate would have become void on May 22, 2024. However, the applicant's letter suffices as the required written request of an extension of time. That letter and the applicant's response to two subsequent data requests from Commission staff describe postponements in the anticipated project construction start date due to MISO interconnection study process delays and supply chain issues. In particular, the applicant noted that the Generator Interconnection Agreement, originally expected in January 2023, was not executed until February 2024 due to MISO delays. Further, the applicant cited a 170-week lead time on procurement of a 138 kV circuit breaker necessary for project interconnection.

In response to Data Request PSCW-ANG-2.1, the applicant indicated that some components not relying on the 138 kV circuit breaker have lead times of several months. Some construction activities could therefore take place far in advance of delivery of the 138 kV circuit breaker. ([PSC REF#: 502462](#).) However, when considering all delay factors, the applicant

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“conservatively sought” an extension to commence construction until nearly the end of August 2027, which would better coordinate the end of the project schedule with delivery of the 138 kV circuit breaker. ([PSC REF#: 502462.](#)) In response to Data Request PSCW-ANG-1.1 and PSCW-ANG-1.2, the applicant indicated that its anticipated start date of construction is now in the first quarter of 2027, and it provided a realistic schedule for construction in the response to PSCW-ANG-1.3 consistent with that target.

The Commission has delegated authority under Wis. Stat. § 15.02(4) to the Administrator of the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis to authorize routine requests for extension of compliance deadlines pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.39.

The request for extension of the deadline established in Order Condition 21 of the Final Decision in this docket is approved and the deadline extended to April 1, 2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Christensen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kate Christensen
Administrator
Division of Energy and Regulation and Analysis

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