

AURORA SOLAR PROJECT

State of Minnesota

PROJECT OVERVIEW

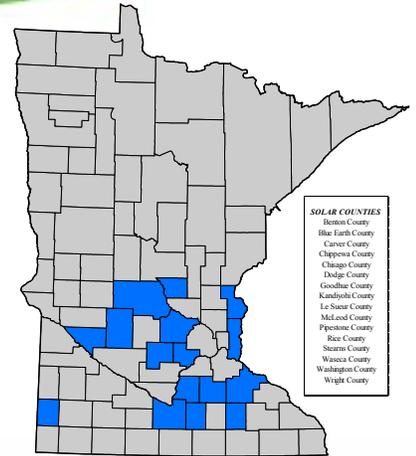
The Aurora Solar Project is a 100 megawatt peaking resource proposal for Xcel Energy. The project is a development by Geronimo Energy LLC, a utility-scale renewable energy developer based out of Edina, Minnesota. The project utilizes solar arrays ranging in size from 2 MW and 10 MW across Xcel's service territory. With the arrays located throughout 16 counties in the region, the Aurora Solar Project will bring energy to the grid efficiently and cost-effectively while protecting our environment.

PROJECT DETAILS

The Project will interconnect to multiple Xcel substations across the state, providing energy and capacity for the local distribution network. This unique design will provide many benefits including a reduction in line loss, elimination of transmission costs, and geographic diversification of generation assets. As a peaking resource, the Project will provide a cost effective alternative to fossil fuel resources.

ABOUT GERONIMO ENERGY

Geronimo Energy is a Minnesota based utility-scale renewable energy developer focused on developing projects in the Midwestern United States. With deep roots in agriculture, Geronimo prides itself on developing projects that are farmer-friendly, community-driven and beneficial for rural communities. Geronimo has built three wind farms in Minnesota, including the recently completed 200 megawatt Prairie Rose Wind Farm. Its total aggregate development pipeline is about 3,000 megawatts.



PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Operational Capacity:	100 MW
Location:	16 counties in Minnesota
Project Developer:	Geronimo Energy
Number of Sites:	~25
Construction Timeline:	2015, 4-9 months for each site (estimated)
Project Cost:	~\$250 million
Local Tax Revenue:	\$180,000 Annually*
Expected COD:	December 1, 2016

* Amount of production tax is determined by the size of each project.

