



# Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association

We Move Minnesota Solar + Storage Forward

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## 2024 Legislative Priorities:

**Improve Interconnection - H.F. 5097 (Acomb)** - Minnesota cannot reach its ambitious carbon-free energy goals without every scale of clean energy technology—including Distributed Energy Resources (DER). Changes to our state’s interconnection processes is crucial to deploying DER solar + energy storage quickly. MnSEIA is working on creating and implementing:

- **Distribution Grid Upgrade Cost Sharing Program** to split costs of needed distribution upgrades between developers and utilities to increase DER capacity on the grid.
- **Interconnection Dispute Ombudsperson** role to manage customer issues arising during the interconnection process.

**Reform Permitting** - Minnesota’s existing permitting process for large and small-scale solar adds unnecessary delays to clean energy project timelines. To remove unnecessary “red tape” and ease the burden on local governments, MnSEIA aims to:

- **Adopt SolarAPP+** to incentivize local governments to implement the SolarAPP+ platform that gives same-day approval of small-scale solar permits while prioritizing safety and local economic development.
- **Pass the Minnesota Energy Infrastructure Permitting Act - H.F. 4700 (Long)/S.F. 4784 (Frentz)** to ease permitting timelines for transmission-side clean energy projects.

**Accelerate Energy Storage - H.F. 1386 (Hollins)/S.F. 1614 (Xiong)** - Energy storage plays a crucial role in the clean energy transition. By standardizing storage rules across the state, Minnesota can evolve with changing technology while making our state’s grid more reliable and resilient. MnSEIA is working to:

- **Create a Statewide Energy Storage Standard** that uses the recently released Energy Storage Capacity Study by Siemens to build up to 2,800 megawatts of storage by 2040.
- **Standardize Energy Storage Interconnection Policies** to give customers guidance on how behind-the-meter (BTM) batteries count toward PV system size limitations.
- **Create Energy Storage Discharge Compensation Structure** to compensate Minnesota battery owners for stored energy deployed back to the grid that helps save ratepayers money.

**Advance Small-Scale Solar** - The residential and commercial & industrial solar + storage market is an important component of Minnesota’s clean energy transition. MnSEIA supports this sector by pushing to:

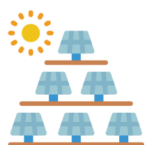
- **Fund Residential Solar + Storage Incentives** like Solar\*Rewards and Minnesota’s new behind-the-meter (BTM) storage incentive programs that help more Minnesotans invest in clean energy improvements on their properties.
- **Strengthen Restrictions on Homeowners Associations** to prevent HOA’s from unreasonable constraints on solar systems.

# Minnesota's Solar + Storage Industry:



**5,000 jobs**

Solar Installer is the fastest growing job in the U.S



**1.9 GWs**

Of installed solar - Enough to power 258,000+ homes!



**\$2.9 BN**

Solar investment in the state



**#17 in the U.S**

For installed solar capacity

## Member-Driven Advocacy for Minnesota Solar + Storage

The Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association (MnSEIA), a 501(c)(6) trade organization, represents over 165 organizations working at all levels of the Minnesota solar + energy storage industry. Our members include solar installers and developers, manufacturers, distributors, job trainers, trade unions, financiers, engineers, utilities, non-profits, government agencies, and more. These companies direct MnSEIA's work to create a stable industry that equitably deploys clean energy through public policy development and regulatory advocacy.

### MnSEIA works to highlight all the benefits of solar and energy storage, including:

- Creating local, family-sustaining jobs and supporting small businesses
- Increasing tax revenues for local governments and communities
- Stabilizing farming businesses
- Increasing grid resilience and reliability
- Lowering energy costs for schools, local governments, and utility customers
- Expanding clean energy options for customers across Minnesota, regardless of income or location

Learn more at [www.mnseia.org](http://www.mnseia.org)

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