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Via Hand Delivery and Email

Pamela Monroe, Administrator
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
c/o New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: SEC Docket No. 2019-02, Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 30MW Solar Generating Facility in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire – Request for Waiver from Certain Decommissioning Requirements – Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment - Appearance

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Enclosed for filing with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (“the Committee”) in the above-captioned docket are an Application of Chinook Solar, LLC (“the Applicant”) for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 30MW Solar Generating Facility in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire (“the Application”). Also enclosed are a Request for a Waiver from Certain Decommissioning Plan Requirements, a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment, an Appearance by Orr & Reno, the original signature page for the application, as well as a check in the amount described below to cover the Committee’s application fee. In accordance with RSA 162-H:7,V(f) copies have been provided to the Town of Fitzwilliam, the host community for the Project.¹ Letters have also been sent to other affected communities. Copies of those letters will be filed separately.

The Application was prepared in accordance with RSA 162-H:7 and Admin. Rules Part Site 301 and includes appendices, pre-filed testimony, exhibits, each agency’s completed application forms and other information required to satisfy application requirements.

Because the Application contains confidential financial information and information regarding archaeological resources, we are submitting a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment regarding these materials. We have submitted one unredacted hard copy to the Committee of the confidential materials and one thumb drive containing those confidential materials in a separate enveloped stamped “CONFIDENTIAL”. The other paper and electronic copies have redacted versions of these materials. The Applicant also requests that the Committee

¹ Chinook Solar, LLC coordinated with the Town of Fitzwilliam and will be providing the Town of Fitzwilliam with the number of electronic and paper copies that it requested.

only post and/or release the redacted copies of the Application and supporting materials to the Committee's website, to individual members of the Committee, or to the public.

The Applicant is also submitting a request for waiver from certain provisions of the Committee's rules pertaining to the decommissioning plan.

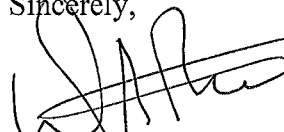
We have included a check payable to the Treasurer-State of NH in the amount of \$96,000.00 to cover the filing fee required by RSA 162-H:8-a, in accordance with the revised fee schedule (eff. October 19, 2018) posted on the Committee's website. We are also delivering the alteration of terrain ("AOT") permit accompanying the Application and the AOT application fee directly to the NH Department of Environmental Services, as well as a courtesy copy of the thumb drive that includes the application to the Attorney General's Office. We note that this Project as proposed does not require a wetlands permit.

We are filing the one complete original copy of the Application, the pre-filed testimony, and all related appendices and reports in 8 ½ x 11 inch binders; the Project maps, plans and visual impact assessment photo simulations in an 11 x 17 inch binder; one tube containing a rolled-up copy of the 24 x 36 plans; 6 paper copies of the Application and pre-filed testimony in binders; and ten electronic copies of the Application and associated attachments on USB thumb drives, all in accordance with the Order on Procedural Waiver Request issued by the Committee on September 5, 2019 and further discussions we have had with you regarding these copies. It is our understanding that you will be forwarding a copy of the Application to the state agencies having permitting or other regulatory authority and to other state agencies identified in administrative rules, and that you will be posting the Application and materials on the Committee website. See RSA 162-H:7, IV.

We are prepared to assist the Committee and state agencies in any way that we can to ensure as expeditious review of the Application as possible. We also respectfully request that once the Application is deemed complete and is accepted in accordance with RSA 162-H:7, VI that the Committee schedule a pre-hearing conference as soon as possible hereafter so that we can establish a procedural schedule for the docket.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Douglas L. Patch

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Enclosure

cc (via email): Service List in SEC Docket 2019-02

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