

July 28, 2017

MNO Solar FIT 4 LP
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RE: NHA Confirmation for Stafford Line Solar Project

Dear Dennis German:

In accordance with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's (MOECC's) Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) Regulation (O.Reg.359/09), the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has reviewed the natural heritage assessment (NHA) and environmental impact study (EIS) for the Stafford Line Solar Project located in the County of Elgin, the final version of which was submitted by German Solar Corporation on behalf of MNO Solar FIT 4 LP on July 26, 2017.

In accordance with Section 28(2) and 38(2)(b) of the REA regulation, MNRF provides the following confirmations following review of the NHA and EIS:

1. The MNRF confirms that the determination of the existence of natural features and the boundaries of natural features was made using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNRF.
2. The MNRF confirms that the site investigation and records review were conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNRF, if no natural features were identified.
3. The MNRF confirms that the evaluation of the significance or provincial significance of the natural features was conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNRF.
4. The MNRF confirms that the project location is not in a provincial park or conservation reserve.
5. The MNRF confirms that the environmental impact assessment report has been prepared in accordance with procedures established by the MNRF.

In accordance with Section 28(3)(c) and 38(2)(c), MNRF also offers the following comments in respect of the project:

Pre-construction Monitoring

A commitment has been made to complete pre-construction assessments of habitat use for the following candidate significant wildlife habitats (species of conservation concern):

- Monarch Butterfly
- Caughnawaga Hawthorn
- Riddell's Goldenrod
- Prairie Milkweed
- Cliff Conobea
- Winged Loosestrife
- Mead's Sedge
- Great Plains Ladies'-tresses
- Grooved Yellow Flax

MNRF has reviewed and confirmed the assessment methods and the range of mitigation options. Pending completion of the assessments and determination of significance, the appropriate mitigation is expected to be implemented, as committed to in the EIS.

Post-construction Monitoring

A commitment has been made in the EIS to conduct post-construction habitat mitigation for monarch butterfly, if monarch habitat is confirmed significant during pre-construction monitoring. A commitment has also been made in the EIS to conduct post-construction habitat mitigation for rare plant species (species are listed above under pre-construction monitoring), if these species are found to be present during pre-construction monitoring.

This confirmation letter is valid for the project as proposed in the NHA and EIS. Should any changes be made to the proposed project that would alter the NHA or EIS, MNRF may need to undertake additional review of the NHA and EIS. Where specific commitments have been made by the applicant in the NHA and EIS with respect to project design, construction, rehabilitation, operation, mitigation, or monitoring, MNRF expects that these commitments will be considered in MOECC's Renewable Energy Approval decision and, if approved, be implemented by the applicant.

In accordance with S.12 (1) of the Renewable Energy Approvals Regulation, this letter must be included as part of your application submitted to the MOECC for a Renewable Energy Approval. Please be aware that your project may be subject to additional legislative approvals as outlined in the Ministry of Natural Resources' *Approvals and Permitting Requirements Document*. These approvals are required prior to the construction of your renewable energy facility.

If you wish to discuss any part of this confirmation or additional comments provided, please contact Mike Poskin, A/Renewable Energy Coordinator, at 705-755-1362.

Sincerely,



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