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L. Christopher Company
Windham Regional Commission
139 Main Street, Suite 505
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Re: Westminster Solar Park, 45-Day Notice Pursuant to the 30 V.S.A. 248

Dear Mr. Company,

Thank you for taking the time to review this project proposal and for your comments. Please accept this letter as an official response to your request for additional information regarding the potential impact of the project on prime agricultural soil.

While this project will impact prime agricultural soils, the impact will be minimal. The entire lot is around 5.5 acres. This project will extend over a little less than 5 acres, however the long-term ground disturbance of this project will only be around 1500 cubic feet. Each post is a U-beam with a length and width of 1 foot. Each of the 290 posts will be pile-driven approximately 7 feet into the ground. On a temporary basis there will be ground disturbance when a trench for conduit is dug. This will be refilled soon after laying the conduit. The trench will require ground disturbance of approximately 4,000 cubic feet of soil.

The project will consist of 10 rows with 40 feet between each row. While the system is in use, the space between rows can be used to plant crops or graze small animals.

Since there are no permanent footings involved in the construction or ongoing use of this project, once it is decommissioned, and the posts have been removed, the soil will be relatively undisturbed and will be functional as prime agricultural land the next day.

In addition, the mitigation of impacts on prime agricultural soils was addressed in connection with an Act 250 Land Use Permit that was previously obtained for the development of the project site as a business park. An agricultural easement was established preserving much of the prime soils in the area. This easement will not be encroached on by this project.

I hope my response has alleviated the concerns of the Windham Regional Commission. Please let me know if I can be of any further service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Thurrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maria Thurrell
Office Manager
Soveren, Inc