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November 13, 2017

Ms. Lynn Jarvis  
North Carolina Department of Commerce  
Utilities Commission  
4325 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

**Re: SCH File # 18-E-4600-0102; Amended Application of Belafonte Farm, LLC for Certificate to construct a 3.4 MW Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility in Wayne Co. Docket #SP-5252 Sub 0.**

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

The above referenced environmental impact information has been reviewed through the State Clearinghouse under the provisions of the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

Attached to this letter are comments made in the review of this document. Because of the nature of the comments, it has been determined that no further State Clearinghouse review action on your part is needed for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act. The attached comments should be taken into consideration in project development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Crystal Best".

Crystal Best  
State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

Attachments  
cc: Region P

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STATE NUMBER: 18-E-4600-0102  
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Amended due to the change in capacity.

CROSS-REFERENCE NUMBER: 15-E-4600-0491

The attached project has been submitted to the N. C. State Clearinghouse for intergovernmental review. Please review and submit your response by the above indicated date to 1301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1301.

If additional review time is needed, please contact this office at (919)807-2425.

AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED: ☐ NO COMMENT ☐ COMMENTS ATTACHED

SIGNED BY: *Lyn B. Hardison*

DATE: 11-9-17

*Please refer to comments provided for  
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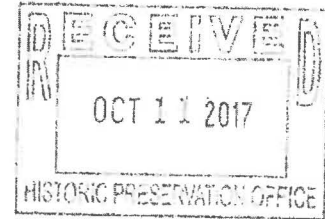
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*Renee Gledhill-Earley*

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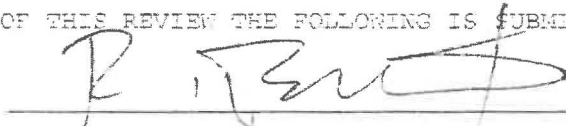
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Dr. Richard Reich  
Assistant Commissioner

North Carolina Department of Agriculture  
and Consumer Services  
*Agricultural Services*

Joseph Hudyncia  
Environmental Programs

Crystal Best  
State Clearinghouse  
N.C. Department of Administration  
1301 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1301

RE: S# 18-E-4600-0102

October 30, 2017

Dear Ms. Best:

The proposed ground-mounted photovoltaic electric generating facility has the potential to negatively impact agricultural, environmental and economic balance in the immediate area. As farmland is removed from production, the associated potential for providing food and fiber for a growing population is reduced; and with it a substantial amount of associated, recurring economic activity generated by farming dollars. Development of all types continues to be a threat to one of the state's most valuable natural resources – farmland.

If implementation of the solar project moves forward on this tract of land, we encourage conservation of highly productive soils for their best use, i.e. agriculture, and we encourage the developer to locate solar installations on less productive sites located on this tract if possible. Prioritization of sites based on potential agricultural productivity may help mitigate some of the impact of this type of development.

Additionally, the use of best practices in construction and maintenance of the facility are encouraged to ensure that the productive capabilities of the land for any future agricultural activity is maintained and the integrity of unique or sensitive habitats is not destroyed. It is also recommended that a decommissioning plan that clearly defines the responsible party, process, time-line, and specific responsibilities (including restoration to prior condition) is incorporated.

We have cross-referenced the parcel for existing easements related to agriculture and found no CREP conservation easements, swine buyout easements, ADFP easements, plant conservation easements or plant conservation priority sites on the subject property.

Respectfully,

Joseph Hudyncia  
Environmental Programs  
NCDA&CS  
joseph.hudyncia@ncagr.gov

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*Michelle Hester*

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