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November 20, 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-4600-0112; Amended Application of ABD Farm Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 4.99 MW Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility in Randolph Co. Docket #SP-4345, 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 G

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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

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Lyn B Hardison

DATE:

Nov. 13, 2017

*Please refer to comment provided
for project # 15-0020 and 18-0038*

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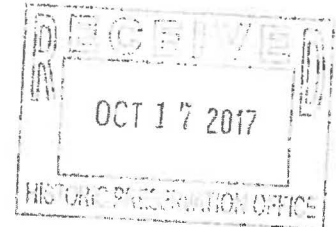
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Assistant Commissioner

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

RE: S# 18-E-4600-0112

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
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joseph.hudyncia@ncagr.gov

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JAMES H. TROGDON, III
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October 18, 2017

MEMORANDUM TO: NC State Clearinghouse
Administrative Building, 5th Floor, Room #5106

FROM: Hemang M. Surti, PE *HMS*
Transportation Engineer
Triad and Forecasting Planning Group – Transportation Planning Branch

SUBJECT: 18-E-4600-0112

These are comments from the NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch regarding North Carolina State Clearinghouse of Administration Intergovernmental Review #18-E-4600-0112.

US 64, near the project area, traveling east to west transitions from an existing 5 lane major thoroughfare to a 4 lane divided expressway. It is recommended within the Asheboro Comprehensive Transportation Plan (adopted by NCBOT on March 6, 2014) to be upgraded to freeway standards with a nearby proposed interchange at US 64 and the Asheboro Southern Bypass. These improvements have the potential to affect the project area.

Please see the attached CTP map which includes the proposal. The CTP maps can be viewed online at

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/Comprehensive-Transportation-Plans.aspx?county=randolph>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 919-707-0989 or email at hmsurti@ncdot.gov.

Attachment:
Asheboro CTP Highway Map

