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Project: Jeremy Hill Solar, Stonington, CT; Installation of a 5 Megawatt AC Photovoltaic

Generating Facility

NDDB Determination Number: 202106900 One Year Extension

Original Expiration Date: June 18, 2023 New Expiration Date: June 18, 2024

Dear Jeffrey Shamas,

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) maps and files regarding the area of work provided for the Jeremy Hill Solar project; installation of a 5 MW AC photovoltaic generating facility, proposed for Jeremy Hill Road, Stonington. According to our records, there are State Listed Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern species in the vicinity of the project. Based on the information provided, I do not anticipate negative impacts to State Listed species (RCSA Sec. 26-306) resulting from the proposed activity at the site. The result of this review does not preclude the possibility that listed species may be encountered on site and that additional action may be necessary to remain in compliance with certain state permits. This determination, originally expiring on June 18, 2023, is extended for one year. Please submit a new NDDB Request for Review if the scope of work changes or if work has not begun on the project by June 18, 2024.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural History Survey, cooperating units of DEEP, landowners, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the NDDB should not be substituted for on-site surveys necessary for a thorough environmental impact assessment. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional population of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the database as it becomes available.

Please contact me at <u>robin.blum@ct.gov</u> if you have further questions. Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Database.



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