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March 13, 2020

Judith C. Whitney, Clerk
Vermont Public Utility Commission
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: MHG Solar, LLC – Richville Road, Manchester, Preferred Site Designation

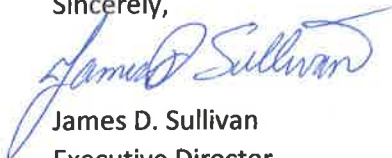
Dear Ms. Whitney,

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) has reviewed this proposed 500 KW solar generating facility, located on Richville Road in Manchester, in the context of the Bennington County Regional Energy Plan (March 2017). The Regional Energy Plan provides an outline for evaluating the suitability of sites for renewable energy development and the BCRC has determined that this site has access to sufficient solar energy resources and does not contain any known critical environmental, local, or regional constraints that would interfere with development of the site.

Moreover, the Regional Energy Plan states that municipalities should refine the regional analysis and renewable energy resource maps contained in the Plan and determine preferred sites for solar, wind, and hydro generation. Such local determinations are given deference unless there is a clear conflict with the Regional Energy Plan, and there is no such conflict in this case. Given that the Town of Manchester has determined that the subject site should be considered as a preferred site based on its geographic analysis and solar siting guidelines, the BCRC concurs with the designation as a preferred site under PUC Rule 5.103.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



James D. Sullivan
Executive Director

