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AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Norwich Solar Technologies
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RE: Former Putney Paper Closed Landfill – Landfill Preferred Site Certification

Net Meter Rule 5.103 states that preferred sites include: “...a sanitary landfill as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6002, provided that the Secretary of Natural Resources certifies that the land constitutes such a landfill and is suitable for the development of the plant.”

The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) certifies that the former Putney Paper (Green Acres) closed landfill located off of River Road in Putney, Vermont, is a sanitary landfill as designed in 10 V.S.A. § 6602 and is suitable for the development of a photovoltaic project. This certification meets the definition for the landfill preferred site under the Vermont Public Utility Commission Net Meter Rule 5.103 effective July 2017, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. §§ 248, 8002 and 8010. This certification is based on the following findings.

1. The Putney paper Landfill was closed and soil-capped in 1994 under the authority of an Assurance of Discontinuance entered into by the ANR and Putney Paper Company on September 14, 1994 and in conformance with a subsequently submitted and ANR approved closure plan.
2. The owners and operators of the former landfill have maintained and monitored the capped landfill since closure was completed.
3. Any proposed changes in post-closure use must be approved by ANR and included within an approved post-closure plan. Given the current post-closure maintenance under an Assurance of Discontinuance, an updated post-closure plan will need to be submitted for approval by ANR in accordance with the 2020 Solid Waste Management Rules. Approval of the post-closure plan, with the inclusion of the solar array development will need to occur prior to any construction operations on the capped portion of the landfill site.
4. Given the site characteristics and history, the landfill is suitable for a properly designed and constructed photovoltaic project as approved by the SWMP.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at (802) 522-0561 or kasey.kathan@vermont.gov

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kasey Kathan".

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