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RE: NHA Confirmation for SunEdison Oro 4 Line Solar Farm

Dear Simon Gill,

In accordance with the Ministry of the Environment's (MOE's) Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) Regulation (O.Reg.359/09), the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has reviewed the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study for SunEdison Oro 4 Line Solar Farm in the township of Oro-Medonte in Simcoe County submitted by Oro-Medonte Solar Farm Inc. on October 29, 2012.

In accordance with Section 28(2) and 38(2)(b) of the REA regulation, MNR provides the following confirmations following review of the natural heritage assessment:

1. The MNR confirms that the determination of the existence of natural features and the boundaries of natural features was made using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
2. The MNR confirms that the site investigation and records review were conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR, if no natural features were identified.
3. The MNR confirms that the evaluation of the significance or provincial significance of the natural features was conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
   OR
   The MNR confirms that the project did not require evaluation of significance or provincial significance of natural features.
4. The MNR confirms that the project location is not in a provincial park or conservation reserve.
   OR
   The MNR confirms that the project location is in a provincial park or conservation reserve, and that engaging in the project is not prohibited by or under the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006*.
5. The MNR confirms that the environmental impact study report has been prepared in accordance with procedures established by the MNR.

In accordance with Section 28(3)(c) and 38(2)(c), MNR also offers the following comments in respect of the project:

Pre-construction and Post-construction Monitoring

In accordance with Appendix D of MNR's NHA Guide, a commitment has been made to complete pre-construction assessment(s) of habitat use for candidate significant wildlife habitat. MNR has reviewed and confirmed the assessment methods and the range of mitigation options. Where pre-construction monitoring results confirm candidate significant wildlife habitat to be significant, the appropriate mitigation is expected to be implemented, as committed to in the Environmental Impact Study. Results of the pre-construction and post-construction surveys will be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources. This applies to the following candidate significant wildlife habitats:

- Amphibian Breeding Habitat (Woodland) – (AWBH1)

This confirmation letter is valid for the project as proposed in the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study, including those sections describing the Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan and Construction Plan Report. Should any changes be made to the proposed project that would alter the NHA, MNR may need to undertake additional review of the NHA.

Where specific commitments have been made by the applicant in the NHA/EIS with respect to project design, construction, rehabilitation, operation, mitigation, or monitoring, MNR expects that these commitments will be considered in MOE's Renewable Energy Approval decision and, if approved, be implemented by the applicant.

In accordance with S.12 (1) of the Renewable Energy Approvals Regulation, this letter must be included as part of your application submitted to the MOE for a Renewable Energy Approval.

Please be aware that your project may be subject to additional legislative approvals as outlined in the Ministry of Natural Resources' *Approvals and Permitting Requirements Document*. These approvals are required prior to the construction of your renewable energy facility.

If you wish to discuss any part of this confirmation or additional comments provided, please contact Amy Cameron at amy.cameron@ontario.ca or 705-875-7481.

Sincerely,

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