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July 8, 2010

Mr. Javier Marqués
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Old Post Office Building
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW #809
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

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Sincerely,



Jennifer Anderson
President

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City of Rockford
Community Development Department
425 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61104

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Ms. Janet M. Odeshoo
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 5
175 West Jackson Boulevard, 4th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

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Mr. Thomas Jennings
Illinois Department of Agriculture
Division of Natural Resources
State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281
Springfield, IL 62794-9281

Re: **Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois**

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Record of Communication

Date: 7/15/2010

AEE Representative: Jennifer Anderson

Regarding: Rockford Solar

Contact Person: Carrie Sauko

Company: IL Dept. of Ag - Bureau of Land + Water Resources

Phone: 217-785-4458

How Contact Initiated: Phone

Summary:

Ms. Sauko indicated the project area is in
property owned by the airport, therefore they
will have no comments.

Recommended contacting Terry Schaddel at
Dept. of Aeronautics



Pat Quinn, Governor
Thomas E. Jennings, Director

Bureau of Land and Water Resources

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September 1, 2010

Ms. Jennifer Anderson
Anderson Environmental Engineering Company
124 N. Water Street, Suite 206
Rockford, Illinois 61107

Re: Proposed Solar Field on Chicago/Rockford International Airport
Rockford, Illinois
USDOT – Tiger II Discretionary Grant Program Funds

Dear Ms. Anderson:

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) has examined the above-referenced project for its potential impact to agricultural land in order to determine its compliance with the Illinois Farmland Preservation Act (505 ILCS 75/1 et seq.). Our analysis also relates to the federal Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 USC 4201 et seq.) which specifies that federal actions affecting farmland conversion shall be consistent with state and local programs to protect farmland.

The project involves the construction of 20 MW solar power panels on the east side of the south approach to the North-South runway. The solar field will provide renewable energy to power residential, commercial and industrial customers in the Rockford area within the footprint of airport-owned property.

The panels and inverters will cover ±65 acres, which includes the space between the panels and the access road. All panels will be positioned east of the runway lights at a height of 16 feet above the ground. In addition, panels will not be located under the approach to the runway, nor will any be in the runway protection zone.

Because the project will be constructed on airport property and the site is zoned and planned for nonagricultural use, the IDOA has determined the project complies with the Illinois Farmland Preservation Act.

Sincerely,

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Steven D. Chard, Acting Chief
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

SDC:JL

cc: Terrence L. Schaddel, IDOT Division of Aeronautics
Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County SWCD
Agency Project File

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Illinois Department of Conservation
Transportation Review Program
524 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62701-1781

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Endangered Species Project Manager
524 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62701

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Illinois Department of Natural Resources

One Natural Resources Way Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
<http://dnrc.state.il.us>

Pat Quinn, Governor
Marc Miller, Director

March 09, 2010

Alyson Grady
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
620 East Adams
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: Rockford Solar Partners ARRA REPP
Project Number(s): 1006012
County: Winnebago

Dear Applicant:

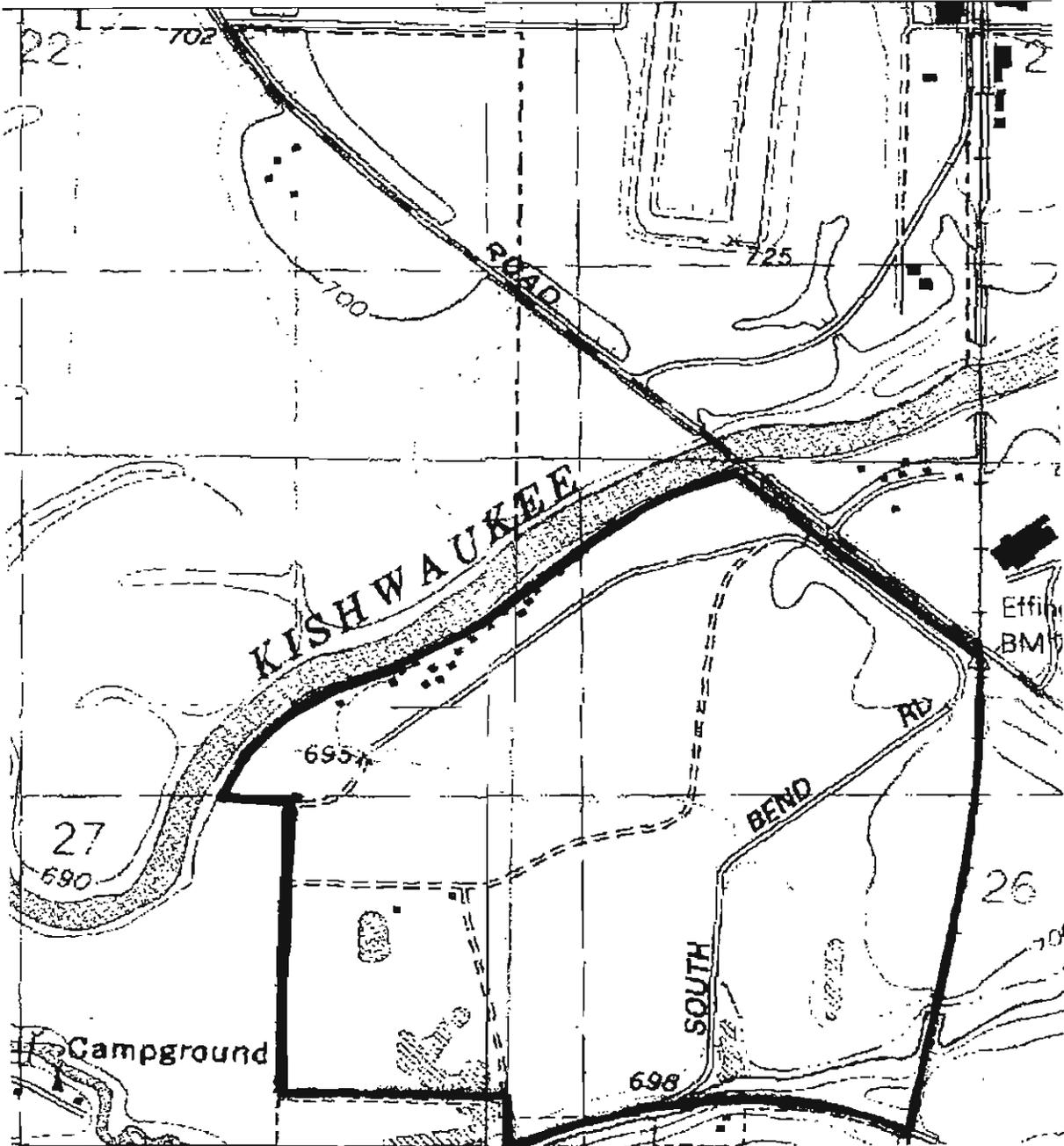
This letter is in reference to the project you recently submitted for consultation. The natural resource review provided by EcoCAT identified protected resources that may be in the vicinity of the proposed action. The Department has evaluated this information and concluded that adverse effects are unlikely. Therefore, consultation under 17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075 and 1090 is terminated.

Consultation for Part 1075 is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary. Consultation for Part 1090 (Interagency Wetland Policy Act) is valid for three years.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database and the Illinois Wetlands Inventory at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Michael Branham
Division of Ecosystems and Environment
217-785-5500





Applicant: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Contact: Alyson Grady
Address: 620 East Adams
Springfield, IL 62701

IDNR Project #: 1006012
Date: 02/08/2010

Project: Rockford Solar Partners ARRA REPP
Address: 5985 Logistics Parkway, Rockford

Description: The project will construct a 20 MW solar farm on approximately 100 acres of land.

Natural Resource Review Results

Consultation for Endangered Species Protection and Natural Areas Preservation (Part 1075)

The Illinois Natural Heritage Database shows the following protected resources may be in the vicinity of the project location:

Bell Bowl Prairie INAI Site
Kishwaukee River INAI Site
Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*)

Wetland Review (Part 1090)

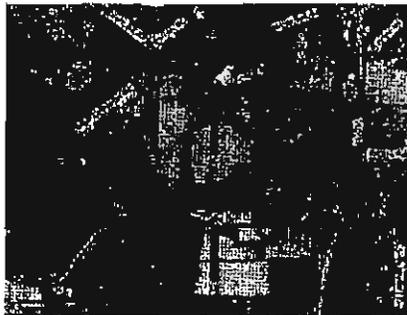
The National Wetlands Inventory shows wetlands within 250 feet of the project location.

An IDNR staff member will evaluate this information and contact you within 30 days to request additional information or to terminate consultation if adverse effects are unlikely.

Location

The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the location submitted for the project.

County: Winnebago
Township, Range, Section:
43N, 1E, 26



IL Department of Natural Resources Contact
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Local or State Government Jurisdiction
IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
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Springfield, Illinois 62701

Disclaimer

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July 8, 2010

Ms. Susan Shea
Illinois DOT
One Langhorn Bond Drive, Capital Airport
Springfield, IL 62707-8415

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

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Illinois Department of Transportation
819 Depot Avenue
Dixon, IL 61021

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Intergovernmental Liaison
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

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James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph, Suite 11-300, Chicago, IL 60601 • (312) 814-6026

PAT QUINN, GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS P. SCOTT, DIRECTOR

July 13, 2010

Ms. Jennifer Anderson
President
Anderson Environmental & Engineering
124 N. Water St., Ste 206
Rockford, IL 61107

Dear Ms. Anderson:

We have had an opportunity to review the proposed project for the solar field on Chicago/Rockford International Airport property.

The Agency has no objections to the project as described in your letter received in our office on July 12, 2010. If more than one acre is disturbed during construction, a construction site activity stormwater NPDES permit will be required from the Division of Water Pollution Control. You may contact Al Keller, 217-782-0610, with questions on NPDES permits.

Solid and hazardous waste must be properly disposed of or recycled.

Normal response time is between 2-4 weeks for engineers to review and comment on your proposed project. If you have need for an Environmental Review in the future, please submit your information to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Deputy Director's Office/MC #1,
PO Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, **ATTN: DiAnne Schuerman**

Sincerely,

Lisa Bonnett
Acting Deputy Director

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Ms. Anne Haaker
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
1 Old State Capital Plaza
Springfield, IL 62701

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

Dear Ms. Haaker:

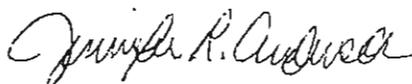
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**Illinois Historic
Preservation Agency**

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Winnebago County
Rockford

PLEASE REFER TO: IHPA LOG #043071210

Chicago/Rockford International Airport, South Bend/Baxter Roads

DOE
Solar Field/Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment

September 27, 2010

Jennifer Anderson
Anderson Environmental & Engineering Company
124 N. Water St., Suite 206
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Dear Ms. Anderson:

Acres: 200 Sites: 2 Archaeological Contractor: ARI/Keene and Parish

Thank you for submitting the results of the archaeological reconnaissance. Our comments are required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties".

Our staff has reviewed the archaeological Phase I reconnaissance report performed for the project referenced above. The Phase I survey and assessment of the archaeological resources appear to be adequate. Accordingly, we have determined, based upon this report, that no significant historic, architectural, and archaeological resources are located in the project area.

Please submit a copy of this letter with your application to the state or federal agency from which you obtain any permit, license, grant, or other assistance. Please retain this letter in your files as evidence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Haaker
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

AEH:DJH

cc: David Keene, Archaeological Research, Incorporated

**NEW GENERATION POWER
39 SOUTH LASALLE STREET
SUITE 600
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603**

March 20, 2010

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Preservation Services Division
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
1 Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1507

RE:Documentation Required for IHPA Review

We are requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Officer concerning possible project effects on cultural resources (both structural and archaeological) for purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act or the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Protection Act for the Rockford Solar Partners solar power plant located in Rockford, Illinois.

The names of all funding, licensing or permitting agencies are DOE, DNR, IEPA, City of Rockford.

Complete description of all elements of the proposed undertaking is as follows:

Rockford Solar Partners LLC ("Rockford Solar") is pleased and excited to introduce the Rockford Solar Project ("The Project") in Rockford IL. Rockford Solar has designed and will construct and operate a solar power generating facility in the City of Rockford. The Project's proposed location and size renders it one of the largest solar generating facilities in the country. The Project design allows for the development of approximately 40 MW of solar power capacity. The initial development will consist of 103 acres, which will generate up to 20 MW of environmentally conscious energy.

The Project's goals and objectives are to efficiently produce and deliver affordable and renewable energy to power residential, commercial and industrial customers in the Rockford area and beyond. Rockford Solar's mission is to create a solar facility that will not only provide customers with clean and affordable energy but will reduce Illinois's dependence on fossil fuels and nuclear power. The

Project will have significant positive impact on our environment. For instance, a 20MW solar facility will drastically reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions (CO₂), at a rate of approximately 37,000 tons annually. It will also reduce ultra fine particle emissions at a rate of approximately 37,000 lbs annually. Solar Energy will also significantly improve our fresh water conservation efforts, we can expect that approximately 32 million gallons will be saved annually. It is clear that renewable solar energy as proposed by Rockford Solar will have a profound positive impact on our environment.

The Project consists of two parcels of land. The 1st parcel consists of 103 acres and the 2nd parcel consists of additional 102 acres. The initial development of the Project will consist of the 1st parcel located on the west of the 2nd parcel. Preliminary analysis of the property from plat surveys' and site observation renders the property suitable for the development of a solar energy facility. The site is generally flat farmland, which is designated for agriculture use. The site, although mostly flat, has gentle rolling terrain (1' -2' swales). Furthermore, the land consists of a black loamy top soil. Preliminary soil reports indicate the sub surface soils as a mix of top soils, sand and gravel. This would require some excavation and grading. For instance, leveling of the ground will be required and drainage to south west. The site also contains timber on the south and west parameters of the property. . There is also an abandoned road traverse on the site, this road will need to be removed. Furthermore, weather patterns in the area indicate that the site gets sufficient rain and snowfall and there appears to be no standing water on the property. The 1st parcel is located on a floodplain which we have a conditional approval from the City of Rockford, we have also submitted for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approval for the 2nd parcel.

The site is leveled at an elevation of 698 ft. The maximum required by the State for 100yr flood height is 700 ft. Hence, a State ordinance requires all structures on a flood plain to be a minimum of 1 ft above maximum flood stage. As the ordinance is a minimum requirement, the Rockford Project will place all panels and structures above at least 4ft above grade to avoid any flood and soil related issues.

The Rockford Solar Project is committed to working with all state and local government officials to ensure that the project is developed in coordination with all of their requirements. There are several permits and licenses required to move this Project to the next phase. Local permits are required for tree removal. State and local permits are required for water mitigation. Local permits are required for building and electrical. Permits are required for property fencing and gate installation as well as signage on the property (i.e. electrical hazard signs). Rockford Solar has conducted extensive due diligence to ensure that the Project design conforms to the state and local ordinances and adheres to all of the requirements of all state and local government requirements. As the project enters the next stage, we will remain acutely aware of all state and local requirements and modify our design plan accordingly

A more detailed description of the site indicates that the two irregular shaped parcels numbered 1st parcel and 2nd parcel each measuring over 100 acres. The two parcels are split in the middle by the Rockford Airport Authority flight path which is considered the 3rd parcel. The Rockford Project will consist of the 1st and 2nd parcel not the 3rd parcel. The parcels are bordered on the north by Beltline Road, on the east by the Illinois Railway lines, on the northwest by the Kishwaukee River and on the

south by Baxter Road. The total area is over 300 acres including the flight path located in the middle of parcel 1 and 2.

Legal Description:

Parcel #1, 2, 3

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| 1. West Parcel: 15-26-151-005 | Sec: 26 Twp.: 43 Rge.: 1 |
| 2. East Outer Parcel: 15-26-176-003 | Sec: 26 Twp.: 43 Rge.: 1 |
| 3. East Inner Parcel: 15-26-300-009 | Sec: 26 Twp.: 43 Rge.: 1 |

The site is currently owned by the Rockford Airport Authority, they have agreed to lease the land to the City of Rockford, who in turn will sublease the parcels to **Wanxiang Corporation**, which will then sublease the land to The Rockford Solar Partners; for a lease term of 30 years, with the option to renew for an additional 30 years.

The project is expected to break ground the 3rd quarter of 2010. The project will take approximately 1 year to construct the first 100 acres on west side. It will take an additional year to construct the 2nd parcel on the east side.

Renewable Energy System:

The Project lends itself to developing a solar power facility that would generate approximately 1 MW power for about 4-5 acres of land. Solar power systems are very low in maintenance and perform clean, silent and safely without moving parts, pollution, or radiation. Photovoltaics Solar Panels (PV) have a long proven track record of being a highly durable technology, powering everything from calculators to the Mars Rovers; typically supplying 40 years or more of dependable electricity. Solar power systems never need refueling and are beneficial to on-site worker's environmental conditions.

The Project's conceptual design proposal consists of the use of locally manufactured Wanxiang Solar Modules. Wanxiang Solar Modules are made from crystalline-silicon cells, the modules encapsulated and protected by anodized aluminum alloy and low-iron tempered glass. The Wanxiang Solar Modules are highly climate resistant and anti-aging. The Project is designed for 5940 Wanxiang WXS185W mono silicon modules per Mega Watt. The Project will use 118,800 Wanxiang WXS185W mono silicon modules per 20 MW. Each Wanxiang solar panel produces approximately 185 Watts DC. The 20 MW solar facility using 118,800 modules will produce 21,978,000 watts of DC power. The DC power will be circuited through Inverters and will have peak production of 20,0000 kwatts of AC power. A 20 MW facility operating an average of 5 hrs per day 365 days a year will produce an average of 37,000 kWh of energy per year.

The Project's 20 MW Photovoltaic Solar Modules will each be mounted on aluminum racks with 2 legs. There will be 297 such racks installed in rows on each 20MW field. The PV racking system will have to be placed on an elevated steel or aluminum superstructure with concrete frost foundations, to keep the system out of spring runoff and flood waters. Once the modules are mounted each string will be wired with USE type MC-IV Cable (not in conduit) to a NEMA 3R fusible combiner box. Each combined circuit will be installed in conduit and run to a transition box in one of the area inverter houses where the circuits will be re-combined into array circuits and connected to the inverter.

Each inverter house will include several sub out conduits and cables to the adjacent (Within 50') utility owned transformer / substation / electrical switchgear. The 500kW Inverters will be placed in "inverter houses" which are 12' tall 20' wide and 30' long. Each Inverter house will contain 8-500kW inverters or 4-1000kW inverters pending design decisions. The 5 bunker style inverter houses are to be constructed of concrete tip up panels with concrete floors and roofs and will be placed strategically throughout the array field. Each inverter house will include several stub out conduits to the adjacent (within 50') utility owned transformer / substation / electrical switchgear. The PPA and Interconnect agreements will determine the routing of the utility owned conduits cables and substations. The project will also include a complete Internet based inverter monitoring system and several weather stations for site data collection.

There are no other relevant permit, project or previous IHPA log numbers. Maps and project plans are provided at the end of this correspondence. NO Existing Structures are in the project.

The existing site condition is a plowed agricultural field . The is no documentation of any prior non-agricultural disturbance at project site.

Please review and comment and address correspondence to Michael Pontarelli at 455 Auburn Woods Court, Palatine, Illinois 60067. Phone# 773-370-4026. Fax # 312-284-6400. Email: paceamerica@aol.com.

Thank You,
NEW GENERATION POWER, INC.
ROCKFORD SOLAR PARTNERS, LLC.

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Winnebago County
Rockford

PLEASE REFER TO: IHPA LOG #043071210

Chicago/Rockford International Airport, South Bend/Baxter Roads
Solar Field/Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment

July 15, 2010

Ms. Jennifer Anderson
Anderson Environmental & Engineering Company
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Dear Madam:

Thank you for requesting comments from our office concerning the possible effects of the project referenced above on cultural resources. Our comments are required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 USC 470), as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties".

The project area has not been surveyed and may contain prehistoric/historic archaeological resources. Accordingly, a Phase I archaeological reconnaissance survey to locate, identify, and record all archaeological resources within the project area will be required. This decision is based upon our understanding that there has not been any large scale disturbance of the ground surface (excluding agricultural activities) such as major construction activity within the project area which would have destroyed existing cultural resources prior to your project. If the area has been heavily disturbed prior to your project, please contact our office with the appropriate written and/or photographic evidence.

The area(s) that need(s) to be surveyed include(s) all area(s) that will be developed as a result of the issuance of the federal agency permit(s) or the granting of the federal grants, funds, or loan guarantees that have prompted this review.

Enclosed you will find an attachment briefly describing Phase I surveys and a list of archaeological contracting services. THE IHPA LOG NUMBER OR A COPY OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTRACTOR TO ENSURE THAT THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE CONNECTED TO YOUR PROJECT PAPERWORK.

If you have further questions, please contact David J. Halpin, Staff Archaeologist at 217/785-4998.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Haaker
Deputy State Historic
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Enclosure



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PROTECTING ILLINOIS' CULTURAL RESOURCES

An Introduction to Archaeological Surveys

Prepared by
ILLINOIS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

When you read the accompanying letter, you were notified that your Federal or State permitted, funded, or licensed project will require an archaeological survey. We also review projects that use public land. The purpose of this survey will be to determine if prehistoric or historic resources are present within the project area. If you are the average applicant you have had little or no experience with such surveys – this short introduction is designed to help you fulfill the Federal/State requirements and complete the process.

WHY PROTECT HISTORIC RESOURCES? Historic preservation legislation grew out of the public concern for the rapid loss of our prehistoric and historic heritage in the wake of increasingly large-scale Federal/State and private development. The legislation is an attempt to protect our heritage while at the same time allowing economic development to go forward.

WHAT IS THE LEGAL BASIS? The basis for all subsequent historic preservation legislation lies within the national Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA). Section 106 of NHPA requires all Federal Agencies "undertakings" to "take into account" their effect on historic properties. As of January 1, 1990, the State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (Public Act 86-707) requires the same for all private or public undertakings involving state agencies. An "undertaking" is defined to cover a wide range of Federal or State permitting, funding, and licensing activities. It is the responsibility of Federal/State Agencies to ensure the protection of historic resources and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regulates this effort. In Illinois the SHPO is part of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA).

WHAT IS AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY? An archaeological survey includes both (1) an examination of the written records, such as county plat books, published and unpublished archaeological reports, state site files, and (2) a field investigation of the project area to determine if prehistoric or historic resources are present. This process of resource identification is called a Phase I survey.

WHAT DOES A PHASE I SURVEY REQUIRE? Archaeological evidence is normally buried beneath the surface of the ground. To determine if an archaeological site is present it is necessary to get below this surface. The most efficient way is by plowing. If the project area is or can be plowed then the artifactual evidence will be brought to the surface and systematic pedestrian surveys (walkovers) will determine if a site is present. These walkovers are best done when the vegetation is low in the fall or spring. If the project area is covered with vegetation then small shovel probes (1' sq.) are excavated on a systematic grid pattern (usually 50' intervals) to sample the subsurface deposits. Where deeply buried sites may be present, such as in floodplains, deep coring or machine trenching may be required.

WHO DOES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYS? Professional archaeologists who meet the Federal standards set forth in the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards (48 FR 44738-9) may conduct Federal surveys, while those meeting the State standards set forth in the Archaeological and Paleontological Resources Protection Act (20 ILCS 3435) may conduct surveys on public land in the State (see the other side of this sheet for information on obtaining the services of a contract archaeologist). The applicant is responsible for obtaining and paying for such services.

AFTER THE SURVEY – WHAT NEXT? When the field investigations are completed the archaeologist will submit a report of their findings and recommendations to the applicant. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO FORWARD TWO (2) PAPER COPIES AND ONE (1) CD WITH THE REPORT IN PDF FORMAT TO THE SHPO FOR EVALUATION AND FINDINGS.** If no sites were found or the sites found are not eligible for the National Register the project may proceed. Occasionally, a significant archaeological site may be encountered. In such a case the SHPO and the Federal or State Agency will work with the applicant to protect both the cultural resources and to facilitate the completion of your project.

NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE? The IHPA is here to assist you and the Federal/State agencies in complying with the mandates of the historic preservation legislation. If you have questions or need assistance with archaeological resources protection or Federal/State compliance, please contact the Archaeology Section, Preservation Services Division, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, One Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217-782-4836).

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Illinois Historic Preservation Agency – Archaeology Section
Information for Developers and Agencies about general procedures for Phase 2 archaeology projects

Anyone notified of an archaeological site subject to Phase 2 testing in their project area, has several options:

1. Preserve the site by planning your project to avoid or greenspace the site, a deed covenant maybe necessary depending on the land ownership and the law the project is being reviewed under.
2. Hire an archaeological firm to conduct a Phase 2 project on the site.
3. Choose a different location for the project (generally means starting review process over from scratch, but there will be rare occasions when this is actually the fastest and cheapest option). This is something you may wish to consider if there are burials in the project area, or an extremely large or dense site in the project area.

Phase 2 archaeological projects consist of fieldwork, analysis, and report by the archaeological firm, and then review of the report by the IHPA and sometimes also by the funding or permitting agency, with additional work required part of time depending on the significance of the site(s). However, if a project has no significant sites after a Phase 2 project has been completed and reviewed, then the archaeology is completed as soon as IHPA accepts the report. If a project area has more than 1 site, each one is reviewed independently, in other words, one could be determined not significant and while another one is determined significant or potentially significant.

Phase 2 field work generally consists of obtaining good artifact type and location data from the site surface by methods such as grid collections, piece plotting, etc., this is followed by a small scale excavation. In some cases the fieldwork (commonly called test units) can be done with assistance of machines like backhoes or occasionally even large equipment like belly scrapers (plowed or partially disturbed sites), but sometimes it is necessary to dig by hand (mounds, unplowed sites, or inaccessible locations). The test units are excavated to the base of the plowzone or topsoil, and then the base of the unit is checked for presence of archaeological features (foundations, pits, hearths, burials, middens, etc.) If features are present, a small number (generally not more than 5-10) of them are excavated to provide information about the site's age, function, integrity, etc. Samples of soil from each feature for botanical and zoological analysis are usually taken. Also on floodplains of large rivers, several additional "deep" trenches are usually necessary to check for buried sites. The amount of time required for fieldwork is highly dependent on the size of a site, on whether machines can be used, and on the density of features, as well as the weather.

Analysis at Phase 2 consists of identifying and inventorying all of the artifacts recovered and preparing data recorded in the field for a report. The length of time needed is again highly variable based on the factors listed above. The report describes the field and lab information, provides a preliminary interpretation of the site, and makes recommendations concerning the significance of the site.

The archaeology staff at the State Historic Preservation Office (IHPA in Illinois) and sometimes the archaeologists at the lead funding or permitting agency review the report. Based on the report and their knowledge of regional archaeological, they determine (following criteria outlined in the appropriate law and regulations for each project) if the work done was acceptable, and whether the site(s) are not significant and need no further investigation or are significant. If a site is significant (meets the eligibility criteria for the National Register of Historic Places), the choices are mitigation (generally by complete excavation) or preservation.

Joseph S. Phillippe, Chief Archaeologist (1-1-2005)

ILLINOIS-BASED CONSULTING SERVICES WITH PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS (by zip code order, 3/22/2010 update)
In order to assist agencies, engineering firms, and others who require professional archaeological services the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) has listed below Illinois-based firms with professional archaeologists currently performing contract archaeological compliance work. Based on documentation supplied by them these individuals appear to meet current Federal qualifications. This list is provided for your assistance, however, you may use any archaeologist who meets the minimum qualifications as set forth in Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards (36 CFR 61). Federal and state regulations require a completed graduate degree with an emphasis in archaeology and 16 months of professional archaeological experience (**BOLD names** below). If you have any questions please contact IHPA at 217-785-4512. **THE INCLUSION OF INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS ON THIS LIST DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ANY RECOMMENDATION OR ENDORSEMENT OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE OR PERFORMANCE RECORD BY THE IHPA.**

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July 8, 2010

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Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

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President

Attachments: Study Area



July 8, 2010

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July 22, 2010

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson
Anderson Environmental & Engineering
124 N. Water St, Suite 206
Rockford, IL 61107

RE: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend & Baxter Road

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

The Rock River Water Reclamation District acknowledges the request for a review of our utility location for the site of the Rockford Solar Field on the south side of the Chicago/Rockford International Airport. The District does not have any existing facilities that would be impacted by your development. A map of our existing sewers and manholes is enclosed for your use.

Should your proposed development require sanitary sewer service and connection to the District's collection system we would request that you complete a Sewer Inquiry Form which is available on our web site at rwrddst.il.us.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Mike Rieger at (815) 387-7684.

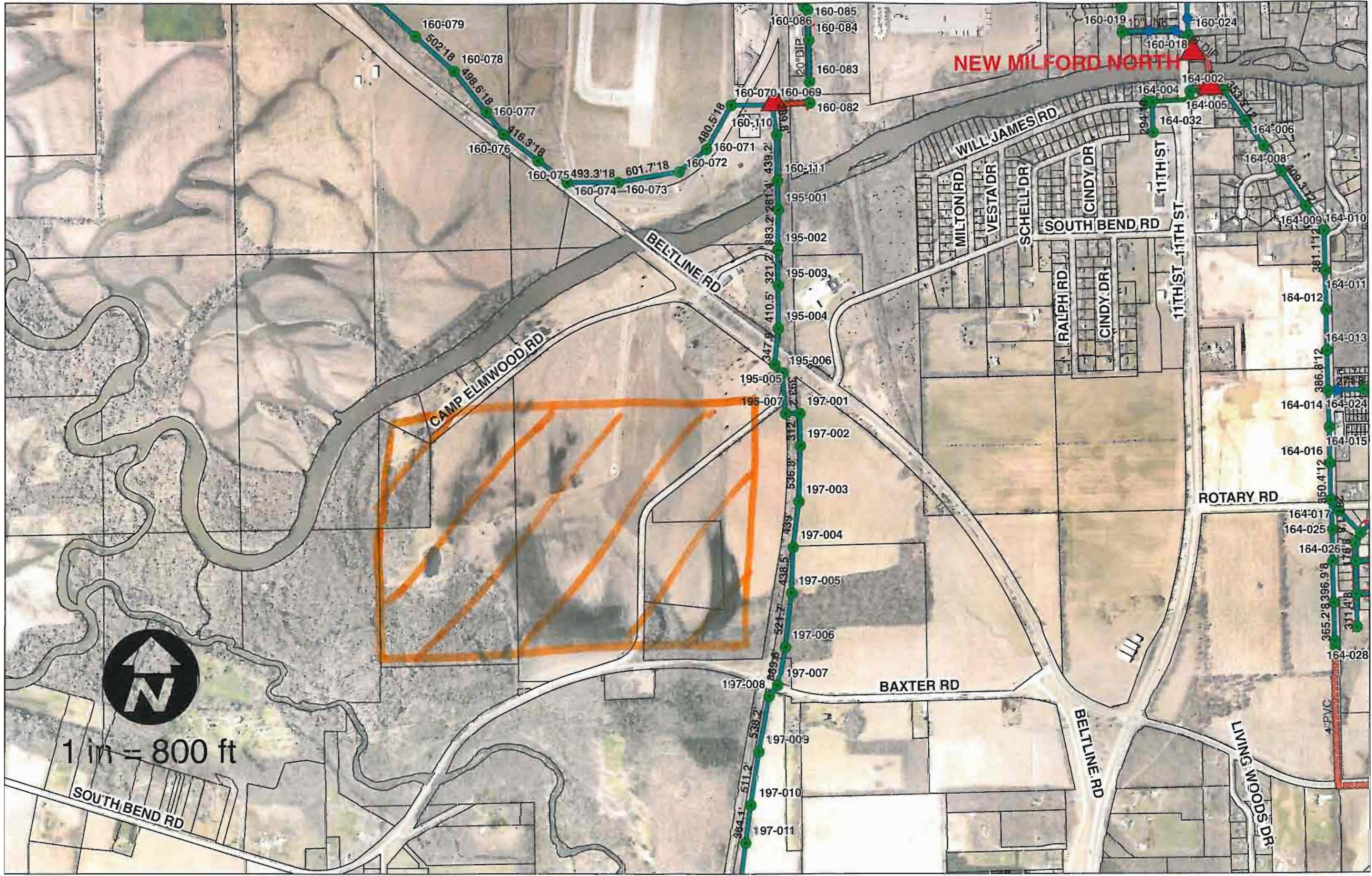
Sincerely,

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Dana L. Carroll, P.E.
Engineering Manager

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cc: M. Rieger, M. Weber, Jon Hollander (C.O.R.), File
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July 8, 2010

Rockford Park District
1401 North 2nd
Rockford, IL 61107

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

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We request your comments be returned to Anderson Environmental & Engineering Co. by July 20, 2010. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your assistance in this important planning effort.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Anderson
President

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July 8, 2010

Mr. Gary R. Meden
Corps of Engineers/ Rock Island District
Clock Tower Building, P.O. Box 2004
Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

Dear Mr. Meden:

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July 8, 2010

Commanding Officer
USCG Marine Safety Office
215 W. 83rd Street, Suite D
Burr Ridge, IL 60521

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

Dear Commanding Officer :

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Jennifer Anderson
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Record of Communication

Date: 7/12/2010

AEE Representative: Jennifer Anderson

Regarding: Rockford Solar

Contact Person: Brendan Otjen

Company: US Coast Guard

Phone: 630/986-2150

How Contact Initiated: Phone

Summary:

Brendan Otjen received inquiry letter dated 7/15/2010.
No navigable waterways are expected to be
impacted by this project. Nearby Kishwaukee
River would be only possible consideration, and it
is not a navigable waterway. The U.S. Coast
Guard offers no comments on this project

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July 8, 2010

Ms. Paige Buck
U.S. Department of Agriculture
2118 West Park Court
Champaign, IL 61821

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

Dear Ms. Buck :

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Jennifer Anderson
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Rockford, IL 61101
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Fax (815) 965-2447

www.il.nrcs.usda.gov

July 19, 2010

Jennifer Anderson
Anderson Environmental and Engineering
124 N. Water St.
Ste. 206
Rockford, IL 61107

Dear Ms. Anderson,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and make comment on the Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment at South Bend/Baxter Roads. Looking at the existing natural resources within the proposed project area there are a number of concerns that should be noted.

- A majority of the area is in the 100-year flood plain with approximately 64% of the site being listed as floodway. According to FEMA, a "Regulatory Floodway" means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height. Communities must regulate development in these floodways to ensure that there are no increases in upstream flood elevations.
- Frequent flooding, ponding, deposition of sediment and flood debris may be hazards that this project will need to address. It is not uncommon for fields adjacent to the Kishwaukee River and Kilbuck Creek during flood events to transport debris such as logs, tree limbs, branches, corn stalks, other organic debris, along with manmade materials such as tires and construction waste.
- 87 plus acres of the project site are considered hydric soil types. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) defines a hydric soil as a soil that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part of the soil horizon. The concept of hydric soils includes soils developed under sufficiently wet conditions to support the growth and regeneration of hydrophytic vegetation. Soils that are sufficiently wet because of artificial measures are included in the concept of hydric soils. Also, soils in which the hydrology has been artificially modified are hydric if the soil, in an unaltered state, was hydric. Some series, designated as hydric, have phases that are not hydric depending on water table, flooding, and ponding characteristics.
- Soil mapping units 3082A and 3776A are prime farmland and soil mapping unit 354A is listed as important farmland.

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- All soil disturbances within the project area will need to have a sediment and erosion control plan developed and implemented in accordance with IEPA permitting and inspection regulations. Due to the sensitive location of the project area and the close proximity to high value waterways (Kishwaukee River) special measures will need to be taken.

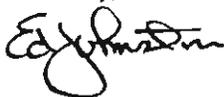
- Soil and Water Features
 - 3082A Flooding frequency is frequent; duration is brief from April through June. High water table depth 0 to 2.0 feet is apparent from March through July.
 - 3776A Flooding frequency is common; duration is brief to long from April through July. High water table depth 0 to 1.0 feet is apparent from April through July.

- Upon our site inspection we observed that a Wetland Delineation had been completed for the project area. We would recommend no disturbance occur in those areas. The project area contains multiple wetland types that are critical to native plant and wildlife species. The Illinois Natural Heritage Data base shows the following protected resources may be in the vicinity of the project location:
 - Bell Bowl Prairie INAI Site
 - Kishwaukee River INAI Site
 - Upland Sandpiper (Endangered species)
 - Close proximity to Kilbuck Bluffs Forest Preserve
 - Local reports reference sightings of Bald Eagle and other unique bird species that utilize the habitat types on and adjacent to your project area.

- The Kishwaukee River Ecosystem Partnership (KREP) at <http://krep.bios.niu.edu/index.htm> maybe a good source for additional natural resources information regarding your project area.

In closing your project area poses many interesting challenges; floodway and floodplain management, wetlands, soil limitations, endangered species and potential limited access during frequent flooding. Our office in conjunction with the Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District has staff available to review site development plans and sediment and erosion control plans if you reach that phase of the project. We also have available for review historic photos and slides that you and the developer of the project may find beneficial. If you have any question please feel free to call me at 815-965-2392 x 3.

Sincerely,



Ed Johnston
District Conservationist
Ed.Johnston@il.usda.gov

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July 8, 2010

Regional Director
U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office
601 Riverfront Drive
Omaha, NE 68102-2571

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

Dear Regional Director:

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Sincerely,



Jennifer Anderson
President

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United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Rock Island Field Office
1511 47th Avenue
Moline, Illinois 61265
Phone: (309) 757-5800 Fax: (309) 757-5807



IN REPLY REFER
TO.

FWS/RIFO

October 19, 2010



Mr. Daniel Godec
Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
4274 Glendale Milford Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Dear Mr. Godec:

This is in response to your letter of July 30, 2010, revised August 20, 2010, requesting comments on the footprint of the proposed Rockford Solar Field Project County, Illinois. According to the information provided in the August 20, 2010 revision and our telephone conversation of September 14, 2010, the area that will be disturbed by the project consists of agricultural ground and old field adjacent to an abandoned farmstead, which includes a few scattered living trees that may be removed in conjunction with the project. The old field area with scattered trees is approximately 12 acres and contains tree species (with the exception of red elm) that typically are not associated with primary Indiana bat summer roosting habitat. A review of project documentation and aerial photography also indicates that a substantial tract of unfragmented forested habitat exists within one-half mile of the proposed project within the boundaries of the Kilbuck Bluffs County Forest Preserve.

Based on the information provided, it appears that the proposed tree removal and project siting will not appreciably change the character of the Indiana bat habitat within a one-half mile radius of the project area. Therefore, we concur with your determination that the proposed siting of the Rockford Solar Field, as presented, is not likely to adversely affect federally threatened or endangered species, provided that tree clearing is conducted outside of the maternity season for the Indiana bat, which occurs between April 1 and September 30 in Illinois. This precludes the need for further action on this portion of the project as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Should the project be modified or new information indicate endangered species may be affected, consultation should be initiated.

Please note that the above statement of concurrence applies to vegetation disturbance within the spatial footprint delineated in Figure 2 of the correspondence dated August 20, 2010. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service review of potential impacts related to project construction, operation, and

maintenance can be conducted if the Department of Energy Environmental Assessment for the project is provided to this office.

This letter provides comments under the authority of and in accordance with provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.); and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). If you have any questions regarding our comments or would like to arrange a meeting, please contact Amber Address of my staff at (309) 757-5800, extension 222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard C. Nelson", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Richard C. Nelson
Field Supervisor

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July 8, 2010

U.S. Department of Interior
Office of Environmental Affairs
230 South Dearborn Street, Suite 3422
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

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July 8, 2010

U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Mines
Intermountain Field Operations Center
Denver Federal Center
P.O. Box 25086, Building 20
Denver, CO 80225

Re: **Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois**

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July 8, 2010

Ms. Virginia Laszewski
USEPA - Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

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Rockford Solar EA, Rockford, IL

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Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 1:45 PM

To: Jennifer Anderson

Jennifer,

We received the coordination letter on the Rockford Solar EA. This is the first time that we have seen a proposal for solar facilities in close proximity to the end of a runway. We contacted FAA to share this letter with them. I am interested in the feedback that you get from them and resource agencies. We have no comments at this time. Please continue to send us information on the project as it develops.

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July 8, 2010

Winnebago County Forest Preserve District
5500 Northrock Drive
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Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

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Jennifer Anderson
President

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July 14, 2010

Jennifer Anderson
Anderson Environmental & Engineering
124 N. Water St., Suite 206
Rockford, IL 61107

RE: Rockford solar assessment

Dear Jennifer:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed development. We hope that it goes well and that it is a benefit for our community.

The plan provided does not show much detail so we will keep our comments general. The Forest Preserve District owns and manages the property west and south of this site (Kilbuck Bluffs Forest Preserve). The Kishwaukee River and Kilbuck Creek travel past our property. We, therefore, have the following comments.

1. That the water quality of Kilbuck Creek and Kishwaukee River will not be reduced as a result of development, either by erosion or chemical pollutants.
2. No additional run off be diverted onto Forest Preserve District property. The site is low and does hold water during wet periods. Last year excessive water was diverted to our property via the South Bend Road ditch because of nearby construction.
3. We ask that existing trees along the western property edge be preserved. The map showing the solar field area includes a forested section that appears as if it might be cleared.

We would welcome a discussion with those concerned with the solar field proposal to talk in detail about how the development may affect the adjacent forest preserve. We do have a desire to manage the floodplain forest portion of the site and did make such a request to the airport management in 2008. We are still interested in the possibility.

Thank you again for being included in the development plans.

Sincerely,

Tom Hartley
Director of Land & Development

cc: Thomas M. Kalousek, Executive Director

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July 8, 2010

Ms. Sue Mroz
Winnebago County Planning Department
400 West State Street
Rockford, IL 61101

Re: Rockford Solar Environmental Assessment, South Bend/Baxter Roads, Rockford, Illinois

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