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**From:** Shawn Wallner <shawnwallner44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:08 PM  
**To:** SEC: Admin  
**Subject:** ATTN: Drew Beimer

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To whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Hinsdale NH and I would like to express my opposition to the Chariot Solar Project Docket No. 2021-04

I believe the project will have more negative impact to the community, land and wildlife in Hinsdale than good because of the type of environment at the proposed location as well as the large amount of acreage of the project. I also believe this project will only benefit the landowners that sell the land to and NextEra Energy, not our community and that Hinsdale as a whole will eventually come to regret this irreversible project.

Thank you for your time,

Shawn

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**From:** Doreen Wonderlick <dawonder@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 7:34 PM  
**To:** Janet Sinclair; SEC: Admin  
**Subject:** Re: comments on chariot solar  
**Attachments:** Chariot Solar Impact Statement to the NH Site Evaluation Board.docx

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Hi Drew, I have attached my comments. I would appreciate being notified of any future proceedings. I am very concerned about this project and its impact on the town of Hinsdale and my family personally.

Thanks,  
Doreen Wonderlick

----- Original Message -----

From "Janet Sinclair" <[jasinclair@verizon.net](mailto:jasinclair@verizon.net)>  
To "admin@sec.nh.gov" <[admin@sec.nh.gov](mailto:admin@sec.nh.gov)>; "dawonder@comcast.net" <[dawonder@comcast.net](mailto:dawonder@comcast.net)>  
Date 3/21/2023 1:23:05 PM  
Subject comments on chariot solar

Hello Doreen,

Drew Biemer from the NH siting board is on this e-mail.

Doreen, maybe you could re-send your comments to Drew at his admin address to make sure he got them, or any others that you know about.

Then they can be put on the website and it would be made sure the comments make it into the record.

Thank you Drew for answering my phone call and explaining some of these things to me today.

Thank you both.

Happy Spring-

Janet Sinclair



Re: Chariot Solar Project Docket No. 2021-04 ATTN: Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman,  
Site Evaluation Committee and Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission.

Please accept the following comments regarding the Chariot Solar Project.

My name is Doreen Wonderlick and my husband, Alex and I own property which abuts the proposed Solar Array project in Hinsdale, NH. We are very concerned about the effects this project will have on the town and our personal space. The proposed area has an abundance of wildlife. My yard has been visited by opossums, turtles laying their eggs, deer, and we even have a neighborhood bear. Every night we listen to the sounds of the whippoorwills, owls and other wildlife serenading the world. In fact, this forest is part of the highest ranked habitat in New Hampshire. It divides two state parks – Wantastiquet and Pisgah. The animals don't see these boundaries. This proposed project will devastate this forest and ecosystem.

There are extensive wetlands within this area that will be impacted by clear cutting 245 acres of forest land. There is no town water in this area of town and most of the houses abutting the project have private wells. I am concerned about the effects of this project on the aquifer that supports all of the area wells. Also, clear cutting a forest will impact the water runoff in the area.

When the Hinsdale Selectmen originally approved this project in January, 2017, they did not request any environmental impact reports. I spoke to the town administrator and requested the reports and was told they never asked for or studied any environmental statements. Chariot Solar told them that they would be doing these reports and the selectmen were content to approve this without any information on the environmental impact of this project on the town. Chariot Solar presented the PILOT figures to the selectmen. The PILOT will give each town resident approximately \$120 per year back on our taxes.

There is no benefit to the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Hinsdale in industrializing this sensitive wildlife habitat area to sell power to the State of Massachusetts. The State of New Hampshire should not be used by Massachusetts to achieve their climate agenda.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Alex and Doreen Wonderlick

15 Pond Rd

Hinsdale, NH 03451



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**From:** Janet Sinclair <jasinclair@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 1:19 PM  
**To:** SEC: Admin  
**Subject:** Re: Chariot Solar Project Docket No. 2021-04  
**Attachments:** CSLDistrictTF2009 3\_3\_23.pdf

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March 21, 2023

New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: Chariot Solar Project Docket No. 2021-04**

**ATTN: Daniel S. Goldner, Chairman, Site Evaluation Committee and Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission**

Dear Commissioner Goldner:

Please accept these preliminary comments regarding the Chariot Solar Project Docket No. 2021-04. A pre-application public information session was held on October 18, 2021. On May 24, 2022, the developer notified the Committee of a delay in submitting its application. These comments relate to the archeological resources in the area that the Chariot Solar Project would impact.

The policies of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, or NHDHR, require that developers who plan to build solar arrays like the one at issue here survey and record all cultural resources within the project area. The identification would include pre-contact indications of human activities of importance to cultural or community groups for religious or traditional reasons. There must first be a Phase 1A assessment whether the area is sensitive for cultural resources. If so, then a Phase 1B archeological evaluation must be conducted, in accordance with NHDHR policies. Projects that have an unreasonable adverse effect on archeological resources may not be sited in the area under study.

In this case, Chariot Solar has not even taken the preliminary steps that the Public Utilities Commission envisions when large-scale energy projects are put forth for approval. The geographic character of this area includes being in the Connecticut River Valley, immediately north of the Northfield Farms area of Northfield Massachusetts, in close proximity to both Pisgah State Park (13,300 acres) and Mount Wantastiquet State Forest ( 520 acres) . Pisgah State Park has a boundary that is directly across the Road from the proposed project. Lipscomb Brook, which would be surrounded by the proposed



arrays, empties into the Connecticut River at the proposed site. The project will impact approximately 650 acres in total, and would be located approximately 18 miles from Turners Falls (MA) airport which has been designated as a "sacred ceremonial hill" and eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places ( <https://indiancountrytoday.com/archive/010609-indian-stones-to-be-protected-at-turners-falls-airport>). Northfield Farms is a documented indigenous historical area ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northfield, Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northfield,_Massachusetts)) and it is highly likely that the area of this proposed Hinsdale project, approximately 7 miles north and on the Connecticut River, was similarly populated and used historically by native tribes. The National Register of Historical Places documenting the cultural importance of the area of the project is attached.

For these reasons, it is imperative that a full on-the-ground archeological survey be completed by an independent party.

Thank you for your consideration.

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