

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS

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Pamela G. Monroe Administrator Site Evaluation Committee 21 South Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: SEC Docket No. 2019-02, Chinook Solar, LLC

Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 30MW Solar Electric Generating Facility in Fitzwilliam, NH

Ms. Monroe:

The NH Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) has completed a preliminary review of the Chinook Solar project Application, SEC Docket No. 2019-02. This review was to determine whether the application is administratively complete with respect to resources pertaining to RSA 217-A.

The NH Natural Heritage Bureau reviews impacts to rare, threatened and endangered plants and exemplary natural communities (RSA 217-A) and works with the NH Fish & Game Department's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program to maintain a database of rare, threatened and endangered wildlife species. NHB provides information relative to occurrences of rare species and exemplary natural communities and recommendations to avoid or minimize impacts to rare plants and exemplary natural communities.

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:7, IV, the Natural Heritage Bureau has conducted a preliminary review of the application and determined that it contains sufficient information for our agency to review and consider issuance of conditions regarding rare, threatened and endangered plants and exemplary natural communities.

Please note that NHB's comments only pertain to rare plants and exemplary natural communities. While a NHB DataCheck letter contains information about both rare, threatened, and endangered plant and wildlife species, the NH Fish & Game Department has sole authority over wildlife species.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

Sabrina Stanwood, Administrator NH Natural Heritage Bureau