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December 24, 2019

Via First Class Mail and Email

Pamela Monroe, Administrator New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee c/o New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: SEC Docket No. 2019-02, Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 30MW Solar Generating Facility in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire – Copies of Letters to Host Community and Affected Communities regarding December 23, 2019 Procedural Order

Dear Ms. Monroe:

Enclosed for filing with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("the Committee") are copies of the letters we have sent via first-class mail to the affected municipalities with copies of the December 23, 2019 Order and Notice, as required in that Order and Notice. We have also provided these municipalities with copies of the December 23, 2019 Procedural Order.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

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cc (via email): Service List in SEC Docket 2019-02

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Via First Class Mail

Franklin W. Sterling, Chairman Jaffrey Select Board 10 Goodnow Street Jaffrey, NH 03452

Re: SEC Docket No. 2019-02, Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 30MW Solar Generating Facility in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire – Notice of Public Information Session on January 15, 2020

Dear Chairman Sterling:

On behalf of Chinook Solar, LLC, the developer of the Chinook Solar Project in Fitzwilliam, we are providing you with a copy of the Order and Notice, issued by the Site Evaluation Committee ("NHSEC") on December 23, 2019 in the above-captioned docket, of a public information session to be held on January 15, 2020. We are also providing a copy of the Procedural Order issued by the NHSEC in the same docket on December 23, 2019.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance. Thank you.

Sincerely

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Via First Class Mail

William Daniels, Chairman Richmond Board of Selectmen 105 Old Homestead Highway Richmond, NH 03470

Re: SEC Docket No. 2019-02, Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 30MW Solar Generating Facility in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire – Notice of Public Information Session on January 15, 2020

Dear Chairman Daniels:

On behalf of Chinook Solar, LLC, the developer of the Chinook Solar Project in Fitzwilliam, we are providing you with a copy of the Order and Notice, issued by the Site Evaluation Committee ("NHSEC") on December 23, 2019 in the above-captioned docket, of a public information session to be held on January 15, 2020. We are also providing a copy of the Procedural Order issued by the NHSEC in the same docket on December 23, 2019.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance. Thank you.

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Via First Class Mail

Daniel Baker, Chairman Town of Fitzwilliam Select Board Town Hall, 13 Templeton Turnpike Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

Re: SEC Docket No. 2019-02, Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 30MW Solar Generating Facility in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire – Notice of Public Information Session on January 15, 2020

Dear Chairman Baker:

On behalf of Chinook Solar, LLC, the developer of the Chinook Solar Project in Fitzwilliam, we are providing you with a copy of the Order and Notice, issued by the Site Evaluation Committee ("NHSEC") on December 23, 2019 in the above-captioned docket, of a public information session to be held on January 15, 2020. We are also providing a copy of the Procedural Order issued by the NHSEC in the same docket on December 23, 2019.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance. Thank you.

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December 24, 2019

Via First Class Mail

Richard Thackston, Chairman Troy Board of Selectmen 16 Central Square P.O. Box 249 Troy, NH 03465

Re: SEC Docket No. 2019-02, Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 30MW Solar Generating Facility in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire – Notice of Public Information Session on January 15, 2020

Dear Chairman Thackston:

On behalf of Chinook Solar, LLC, the developer of the Chinook Solar Project in Fitzwilliam, we are providing you with a copy of the Order and Notice, issued by the Site Evaluation Committee ("NHSEC") on December 23, 2019 in the above-captioned docket, of a public information session to be held on January 15, 2020. We are also providing a copy of the Procedural Order issued by the NHSEC in the same docket on December 23, 2019.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance. Thank you.

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December 24, 2019

Via First Class Mail

Robert Hamilton, Chairman Rindge Select Board 30 Payson Hill Road Rindge, NH 03461

Re: SEC Docket No. 2019-02, Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility for the Construction and Operation of a 30MW Solar Generating Facility in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire – Notice of Public Information Session on January 15, 2020

Dear Chairman Hamilton:

On behalf of Chinook Solar, LLC, the developer of the Chinook Solar Project in Fitzwilliam, we are providing you with a copy of the Order and Notice, issued by the Site Evaluation Committee ("NHSEC") on December 23, 2019 in the above-captioned docket, of a public information session to be held on January 15, 2020. We are also providing a copy of the Procedural Order issued by the NHSEC in the same docket on December 23, 2019.

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# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Docket No. 2019-02

Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility

December 23, 2019

#### ORDER AND NOTICE

It is hereby ordered, that Chinook Solar, LLC ("Chinook") will conduct a Public Information Session on January 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fitzwilliam Town Hall, 13 Templeton Turnpike, Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire;

It is hereby further ordered, that Chinook shall cause a copy of this Notice of Public Information Session to be published no later than December 30, 2019, in one or more newspaper(s) having a regular circulation in Cheshire County, and provide a copy of the published notice to the Administrator no later than January 6, 2020;

It is hereby further ordered, that Chinook shall send a copy of this Notice of Public Information Session by first-class mail to the governing body of each affected municipality no later than December 30, 2019; and

It is hereby further ordered, that Chinook shall bear the cost of said publication(s).

SO ORDERED this twenty-third day of December 2019.

Dianne Martin, Presiding Officer

Site Evaluation Committee

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

#### Docket No. 2019-02

### Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility

On October 18, 2019, Chinook Solar, LLC (Chinook) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application) seeking to site, construct and operate a 30-megawatt (MW) solar energy generation facility and associated electrical infrastructure (Project) in Fitzwilliam in Cheshire County.

On November 8, 2019, a Subcommittee was appointed in this docket. On December 17, 2019, the Subcommittee issued an order finding that the Application contained sufficient information to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H.

RSA 162-H:10, I-a, requires that within 45 days after acceptance of an application for a certificate, Chinook must hold at least one public information session in each county where the proposed facility will be located. The purpose of the public information session is to provide the public with information on the proposed Project, to provide an opportunity for comments and questions from the public, and to explain the process the Subcommittee will follow in reviewing the Application. The presiding officer of the Subcommittee has designated Michael Iacopino, Counsel to the Committee, and Pamela Monroe, Administrator, as the presiding officers for the public information session.

The Cheshire County public information session will be held on January 15, 2020, at 6:00 PM at the Fitzwilliam Town Hall, 13 Templeton Turnpike, Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire.

The Application and all other filings in this docket can be viewed on the Committee's website at <a href="https://www.nhsec.nh.gov">www.nhsec.nh.gov</a> or can be obtained by contacting Pamela Monroe, Administrator, Site Evaluation Committee, <a href="mailto:Pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov">Pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov</a> or (603) 271-2435.

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

## Docket No. 2019-02

## Application of Chinook Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility

### December 23, 2019

### PROCEDURAL ORDER

### I. Background

On October 18, 2019, Chinook Solar, LLC (Applicant) filed an Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility (Application) seeking to site, construct and operate a 30-megawatt (MW) solar energy generation facility and associated civil and electrical infrastructure (Project) in Fitzwilliam in Cheshire County. The proposed Project will be located on approximately 513 acres south of NH State Route 119, east of NH State Route 12, and west of Fullam Hill Road.

The Application and all related information is available on the Committee's website at: <a href="https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2019-02/2019-02.htm">https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2019-02/2019-02.htm</a> and can also be reviewed during business hours at the office of the Site Evaluation Committee, 21 South Fruit Street, Concord.

On November 8, 2019, a Subcommittee was appointed in this docket. On December 17, 2019, the Subcommittee issued an order finding that the Application contained sufficient information to carry out the purposes of RSA 162-H. The purpose of this Order is to establish a procedural schedule so that this docket may proceed in accordance with the requirements of RSA 162-H.

### II. Public Information Session

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, I-a, the Applicant is required to hold at least one public information session in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located. The public information session in this docket is scheduled for:

When:

January 15, 2020

Time:

6:00 p.m.

Where:

Fitzwilliam Town Hall

13 Templeton Turnpike

Fitzwilliam, NH

A formal order of notice for publication shall be issued and the Applicant shall publish the notice in accordance with RSA 162-H;10, I-a.

Counsel to the Committee, Michael J. Iacopino, and the Administrator,

Pamela G. Monroe, are hereby designated as the presiding officers of the public information
session. The Applicant shall present information regarding the Project and provide an
opportunity for questions and comments from the public. The presiding officers will explain the
process that the Subcommittee will follow in reviewing the Application.

### III. Public Hearing

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:10, I-c, the Subcommittee is required to hold at least one public hearing in each county in which the proposed facility is to be located. A public hearing in this docket is scheduled for:

When:

February 20, 2020

Time:

6:00 p.m.

Where:

Fitzwilliam Town Hall

13 Templeton Turnpike

Fitzwilliam, NH

A formal order of notice for publication shall be issued and the Applicant shall publish the notice in accordance with RSA 162-H:10, I-c.

The public hearing is a joint hearing, with representatives of the agencies that have permitting or other regulatory authority over the subject matter and shall be deemed to satisfy all

initial requirements for public hearings under statutes requiring permits relative to the environmental impact.

### IV. Motions to Intervene

Any person seeking to intervene in this docket shall file a written motion to intervene demonstrating how his or her rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding on or before **January 17, 2020**. Motions to intervene shall comply with RSA 541-A:32 and N.H. Admin R., Site 202.11. Objections to motions to intervene shall be filed on or before **January 27, 2020**. All motions and objections shall be sent via e-mail to the most updated service list on the Committee's website at the link provided above. *See* Site 202.07.

Written public comments on the Application will be accepted through the pendency of the proceeding and prior to closing the record. See RSA 162-H:10, III. Written comments may be sent via first-class mail to the Committee's address above, or via e-mail to Pamela Monroe, Administrator, at: <a href="mailto:pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov">pamela.monroe@sec.nh.gov</a>.

## V. Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference will be held on **February 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.,** at the Public Utilities Commission, 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH. The prehearing conference is a proceeding where the parties to the proceeding may discuss issues including, but not limited to: the conduct of discovery and technical sessions; offers of settlement or agreement on any issue; methods to simplify the issues in dispute; stipulations or admissions as to issues of fact or proof, by consent of the parties; consolidation of examination of witnesses by the parties; and any other matters that may aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

Representatives of the Applicant, Counsel for the Public, and the intervenors shall attend the prehearing conference. To the extent that motions to intervene have not yet been ruled on, the parties seeking intervention shall attend the prehearing conference. All participants have the right to be represented by legal counsel, at their own expense, throughout the proceedings.

Counsel for the Committee, Michael J. Iacopino, and the Administrator,

Pamela G. Monroe, shall serve as the hearing officers at the prehearing conference.

SO ORDERED the twenty-third day of December 2019.

Dianne Martin, Presiding Officer

Site Evaluation Committee