# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

#### **Docket No. 2019-02**

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

July 2, 2020

# ORDER ON COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC'S ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR PREFILED TESTIMONY, DATA REQUESTS FROM THE APPLICANT, AND RESPONSES TO APPLICANT'S DATA REQUESTS

This order grants the assented-to motion to extend certain deadlines filed by Counsel for the Public.

### I. Background

On April 17, 2020, Counsel for the Public filed an Assented-To Motion to Continue Deadline for Prefiled Testimony (Motion). The motion was granted, with conditions. On June 2, 2020, an Order and Revised Procedural Schedule was issued in this docket.

#### II. Positions of the Parties

Counsel for the Public now seeks to extend the deadline to submit prefiled testimony from July 2 to July 8, 2020. She also requests extending the deadline for the Applicant to submit data requests from July 13 to July 17, 2020, and extending the deadline for Counsel for the Public and to the respond to the data requests from July 24 to July 28, 2020. In support of this request, Counsel for the Public asserts that her expert, Arrowwood Environmental, is based in Vermont and needs the additional time to complete its environmental analysis, which has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Applicant assents to the proposed extension of deadlines as long as no other existing deadlines are extended. The Town of Fitzwilliam concurs in the requested relief.

## III. Analysis

The state of emergency declared in New Hampshire and Vermont delayed the ability of Counsel for the Public's consultants to undertake and complete the environmental analysis. The request for a short extension under these circumstances is reasonable and should not delay subsequent deadlines, including the adjudicative hearing scheduled to begin on September 10, 2020.

The motion is granted. Counsel for the Public shall submit prefiled testimony no later than **July 8, 2020**. The Applicant shall submit data requests no later than **July 17, 2020**. Counsel for the Public and the Town of Fitzwilliam shall respond to the data requests no later than **July 28, 2020**.

**SO ORDERED** this second day of July, 2020

Dianne Martin, Presiding Officer Site Evaluation Committee