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Chris Kelly
SVP of Electric Process and Engineering (Acting)
National Grid
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Department of Public Service (DPS) Staff has undertaken a review, with the assistance of Pterra Consulting, of three applications to interconnect photovoltaic (PV) projects, which Monolith Solar submitted to National Grid for preliminary analysis under the New York Standardized Interconnection Requirements (SIR). For each of these projects, National Grid found that a full Coordinated Electric System Interconnection Review (CESIR) was needed.

Pterra Consulting (Pterra) has conducted an independent engineering review and concurs with National Grid's analysis with respect to the Coeymans and Humphrey projects. However, with respect to the third PV project, Wellsville, Pterra concluded that National Grid incorrectly applied the Sandia screening analysis for the assessment of unintentional islanding risk. Pterra found that the correct application of the Sandia screen indicates that the islanding risk is remote, and therefore a full CESIR is not needed. Details associated with Pterra's analysis have already been provided to Al Chieco (National Grid's Interconnection Ombudsperson).

DPS Staff has reviewed the results of Pterra's analysis and concurs with the conclusions. Accordingly, DPS Staff recommends that National Grid should continue to process the Wellsville application without the need for a full CESIR.

Please respond within five business days and indicate National Grid's position with respect to Pterra's analysis and DPS Staff's recommendation. National Grid's agreement should also indicate the company's plan of action. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (518) 486-2498. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Worden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Worden
Deputy Director – Electric

cc: Mark Fobare, Monolith Solar