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Ray Burger, Planning Director
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Re: Review Pursuant to §239 -l, -m and -n of the New York State General Municipal Law
Action: Subdivision, Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit for proposed 10MW solar installation at 2150 Dryden Avenue, Town of Dryden Tax Parcel 38.-1-3.1, Conservation and Rural Agriculture Zoning Districts, Scott Pinney, Owner/Applicant; Distributed Sun, Agent.

Dear Mr. Burger:

This letter acknowledges your referral of the proposal identified above for review and comment by the Tompkins County Planning Department pursuant to §239 -l and -m of the New York State General Municipal Law. The Department has reviewed the proposal, as submitted, and has determined that it has positive and beneficial inter-community, or county-wide impacts.

Because of the contribution of this project to the County's energy goals, we **recommend its approval** with one condition:

- The proposed project has been adjusted in a way that better accommodates the natural features of the site and goes a long way to supporting the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan (2015) policy to *increase the use of local and regional renewable energy sources and technologies*. The Environmental Assessment Form states in Section E.2(j) that "no arrays are proposed in the floodplain" though FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Map of the area indicates that there may be an overlap of a few panels with the mapped 100-year FEMA floodplain. This discrepancy should be reconciled to ensure that panels are not placed in the floodplain.

Please inform us of your decision so that we can make it a part of the record.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mike Lane, Legislature Chair, Tompkins County Legislator, District 14