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Gina Cassidy, Planner
Town of Dryden
93 East Main St.
Dryden, NY 13053

Re: Review Pursuant to §239 -l, -m and -n of New York State General Municipal Law

Proposed Action: Special Use Permit and Site Plan for proposed Solar Installation Project located at 30 Morris Road, Tax Parcel #24.-1-4, Kim Lee Lamotte and Karin Kay Lamotte, Owner; NY Dryden III LLC Solar Installation Project, Applicant.

Dear Ms. Cassidy:

This letter acknowledges your referral of the proposed action identified above for review by the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability pursuant to §239 -l, -m and -n of the New York State General Municipal Law.

We have determined the proposed action will have no significant county-wide or inter-community impact.

We do, however, have the following comments on the proposed action:

- We suggest that the Town request that the developer work with the electric utility company to outline the interconnection plan for this project so that the Town has the opportunity to review and comment on the construction of the interconnection prior to it becoming final.
- We suggest that the Town request that the applicant include mature plantings and native pollinator species in the Operations and Maintenance Section of their proposal.
- We suggest that the Town request that the developer follow the recommendations of the [NYSDAM Guidelines for Solar Energy Projects – Construction Mitigation for Agricultural Lands \(2019\)](#) in their proposal as they consider the impacts to the farmland as well as the impacts of the proposed site grading.

We look forward to receiving notification on the final action taken by your municipality within 30 days of decision, as required by State law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine Borgella".

Katherine Borgella, AICP
Commissioner of Planning and Sustainability