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Cathy Johnson
Planning Board Chair
Town of Alna
1574 Alna Road
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Dear Planning Board,

We greatly appreciate the Planning Board of the Town of Alna's approval of our application, submitted on October 19, 2021, for the construction of a 2.9-megawatt ground-mounted utility scale solar array at 1077 Alna Road, Alna, Maine (the "System"). We understand that the Planning Board approval, which was issued on February 1, 2022, does not expire, but that the approval of work to be conducted within the Shoreland Zone expires after two years. Per the permit, the work that will be done within the Shoreland Zone is the setting of two new utility poles. These two poles will be owned and installed by Central Maine Power ("CMP").

We have been diligently working to complete the System but have encountered certain unforeseen delays that have not been within our control. Specifically, the System has been undergoing a transmission cluster study conducted by CMP since September 2021. While we have received the results of this study, we are still waiting for final approval from CMP under this study. We have unfortunately had to delay construction while waiting for this final CMP approval. Additionally, CMP has not commenced its portion of the work, which includes the installation of the two CMP poles within the Shoreland Zone. CMP typically conducts its construction once the project construction is well underway.

Conclusion of the transmission study has been repeatedly delayed from its original anticipated conclusion date of September 8, 2022. In March 2022, this date was revised to January 2023 (see enclosed Cluster 09 - Midcoast Update dated March 23, 2022). In July 2022, this date was further revised to March 2023 (see Distributed Generation Cluster Studies dated July 19, 2022). In August 2023, this date was further delayed to November 2023 (see Cluster 09 - Midcoast Update dated August 31, 2023). This date was then further delayed until December 2023 (see Cluster 09 - Midcoast Update dated November 8, 2023).

Given these unforeseen delays, we would respectfully request an extension to the Shoreland Zone approval, for an additional fifteen months, which is the amount of delay from our originally expected study conclusion date of September 2022. We are confident that we can complete the work by this extended date. We greatly appreciate your patience as we work through this process with CMP and the other stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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