

March 28, 2022

Andy Steiner
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
Division of Land and Water Resources
10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12235

RE: 2621 State Highway 5S-Glen Solar Project

CC: JD Downing, Tim Reilly

Dear Mr. Steiner,

The Town of Glen Planning Board is in receipt of the Notice of Intent submitted for the 2621 State Highway 5S-Glen Solar Project. It is the position of the Town of Glen Planning and Town Boards that solar projects are not to be sited on Prime Farmland soils. An exception to this position was made for the 2621 State Highway 5S-Glen solar project for the following reasons:

1. It was determined during site plan review that the 2621 State Highway 5S-Glen Solar Project contained approximately 8 acres of soil defined within Mineral Soil Groups 1-4

The Town of Glen Planning Board discussed options to mitigate the use of Prime Farmland soils with Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. and it was determined the proposed layout of the solar arrays was the best use of the space being considered for the project

2. The property being leased for the project was:

- Offered to local farmers to lease first. It was deemed unusable for their purposes
- The land has not been actively farmed in over 5 years
- The location is naturally hidden, requiring much less visual mitigation

3. Public concerns about the site of the project were able to be addressed satisfactorily

As a result of these factors, the Town of Glen Planning Board motioned to approve a Special Use Permit for the 2621 State Highway 5S-Glen Solar Project.

If further information is required, please contact Sandra Hemstreet, Planning Board Secretary, at sandrahemstreet@gmail.com

Regards,



Sandra J Hemstreet
Town of Glen Planning Board Secretary