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Town of Leicester
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Michelle R. Buck
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Town of Leicester
3 Washburn Square
Leicester, MA 01524

RE: Mulberry Solar 3
File Number: SP2018-02
10 Mulberry Street, Leicester, MA
Site Plan Approval and Special Permit Extension Request


Good Afternoon Michelle,

I am contacting you today on behalf of Syncarpha Leicester, LLC to request extensions to the Special Permit and Site Plan Approval of the Mulberry Solar 3 Project. This project has seen many unforeseen delays due to procurement of long lead materials, productivity loss due to shortage of labor and resources, utility interconnection delays, the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the shutdown relative to the Town's cease and desist order. Despite all the obstacles resulting from government restrictions in attempt to slow the Pandemic, we have continued to progress work to the best of our subcontractors and vendors abilities. Given the circumstances, we request that the Planning Board extend the deadline of the Site Plan Approval and Special Permit for a period of 1 year to September 11th, 2021.

Additionally, the Governor of Massachusetts on March 10, 2020 declared that there exists a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"). On March 26, 2020, Governor Baker issued Covid-19 Order No. 17. Specifically, Section (e) Permit Tolling, orders the following: *"An approval issued by a state permitting agency valid as of March 10, 2020 shall not lapse or otherwise expire during the state of emergency and expiration date of the approval shall toll during the state of emergency. To the extent that any such approval contains or is subject to other deadlines or conditions, the state permitting agency may extend such deadlines or waive such conditions if an approval holder is not able to abide by the deadlines or conditions due to the state of emergency. This section shall not apply to a holder of an approval who was in violation of the terms and conditions of the approval as of March 10, 2020."* Although the permit cannot lapse or expire during the state of emergency, we still request the extension.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address above or via email at dhowe@bealsassociates.com.

Sincerely,
Beals Associates, Inc.



Devin P. Howe, EIT
Project Engineer

Enc: \$50 Check for Extension of Mulberry Solar 3 Project Deadlines
C: Cliff Chapman, Syncarpha
Graeme Dutkowsky, Syncarpha