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Spotsylvania Solar Energy Facility, 34d Review Submittal – SUP18-0001, SUP18-0002,

SUP18-0003

On October 12, 2018, the Department of Conservation and Recreation provided comments from our Division of Planning and Recreation Resources to you on the above referenced proposed solar energy facility. As was stated in the October 12 memorandum there is no direct impact to scenic resources. We appreciate the effort that has been made to include some of the recommendations provided by DCR into the site plan.

The October 12 memo also raised some potential concerns that we would like to clarify. The agency has no reason or data to have concerns over potential tourism impacts, we see no reason for concern or potential impact to tourism. The agency has no experience or expertise with heat island effect or transportation planning related to glare impacts from a project like this, and has no basis for concern in this area. Finally the agency has no requirement or authority over interjurisdiction coordination on a project of this nature and appreciates that this is fully within the jurisdiction of Spotsylvania County.

Sincerely,

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