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July 22, 2021

Mr. Jim Lamphere, Town Planner
Planning Department
Thayer House
482 Main St.
Hopkinton, RI 02833

**Re: Request to Amend Development Plan Review Approval – Palmer Circle Solar
65 Palmer Circle
Assessor's Plat 11 Lot 47D
ESS Project No. O210-001**

Dear Mr. Lamphere,

On behalf of Palmer Circle Solar, LLC, ESS Group, Inc. respectfully requests to amend the approved Palmer Circle Solar project (the Project), which was submitted on February 27, 2018 and approved by the Planning Board on April 4, 2018, and revised construction plans, dated October 4, 2019, approved as a minor amendment on October 7, 2019. Please find enclosed a \$100 application fee as well as ten copies of planting plans and a memo, dated July 22, 2021, prepared by Terraink, Inc.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to mitigate excessive clearing that occurred along the eastern portion of the Site during site preparation. The project team has worked with the Town's peer reviewer, Crossman Engineering, to develop the robust planting plan proposed.

Please contact me at 781-419-7726 or JGold@ESSgroup.com with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
ESS GROUP, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Gold".

Jason M. Gold, P.E.
Manager, Civil/Site Engineering

C: Cheyne Matheny, Blue Ridge Power
Kellie Anne Connelly, Terraink

Enc.



Memo Date: 22 July 2021

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Kellie Anne Connelly; Terraink
Jade Cummings; Terraink

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Comments:

Per the Crossman Engineering Peer Review Letter; dated 16 July 2021 Terraink has made the following updates to the Screening Planting Plan for the Palmer Circle Solar sites:

- I. Palmer Circle Solar; Screening Planting Plan dated 23 July 2021:
 - A. Terraink added the following plant materials to the Screening Planting Plan to respond to CE comments #1, #2, #4, #5 and #6.
 1. New (5) *Acer rubrum*; Red Maple – 7'-10' height whip
 2. New (5) *Fagus grandifolia*; American Beech – 7'-10' height whip
 3. New (5) *Nyssa sylvatica*; Black Tupelo – 7'-10' height whip
 4. New (5) *Quercus bicolor*; Swamp White Oak – 7'-10' height whip
 5. New (24) *Sambucus canadensis*; Elderberry - #3 Container
 6. New (36) *Ilex glabra* 'Compacta'; Compact Inkberry - #3 Container
 7. New (24) *Kalmia latifolia*; Mountain Laurel – 2'-3' height B&B
 8. New (150) *Dennstaedtia punctilobula*; Hay-scented Fern - #1 Container
 9. Additional (6) *Pinus strobus*; White Pine – 7'-8' height B&B
 10. Additional (7) *Thuja plicata* 'Green Giant'; Green Giant Western Arborvitae – 6'-7' height B&B
 11. Additional (214) *Hemerocallis fluva*; Orange Daylilies - #1 Container
 - B. Per comment #3, the NE Wildflower Mix is acceptable.
 - C. Terraink has completed the Planting Detail sheet for this final submission that includes the appropriate references to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Development (the "*Blue Book*") regarding soils, seeding, and watering the new plantings.