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Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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RE: Aurora Distributed Solar, LLC- Docket GS-14-515

The City of Annandale submits this letter in response to the Notice of Comment Period issued on July 13, 2017 regarding the Site Permit issued to Aurora Distributed Solar, LLC. This is specifically in regards to the Annandale site located in the City's orderly annexation area in Corinna Township.

In February of 2016, the City entered into a settlement agreement with Aurora/Enel Green which included a Vegetation Screening Plan to mitigate the visual impacts of the solar array on the adjacent properties. Enel Green initially installed the required trees, however a number of trees "did not take" and need to be replaced. The City is further concerned with the reports of noxious weeds on the site. Enel Green has acknowledged their obligation and provided a written assurance that they will replace the trees and complete restoration of the site in accordance with the permit requirements and the settlement agreement. The City reserves its rights to comment further on this issue, pending completion of Enel Green's site restoration work.

The City is in favor of the proposal to modify the permit to require an independent inspector to periodically review the sites and monitor compliance with permit requirements. It would be the City's preference that the inspector monitor the various sites throughout the life of the permit. The City remains concerned that there is not adequate security to restore the various sites owned by Enel Green upon permit termination.

If there are any questions regarding these concerns I can be reached at 320-274-3055.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hinnenkamp
City Administrator