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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

RE: Badger Mountain Solar Project, Shorelands, Wetland and Waters of the State Site Visit

Dear Joanne Snarski:

Thank you for meeting the Department of Ecology's (Ecology) Shoreline and Environmental Assistance (SEA) Program staff, Alicia Schulz and Heather Durkee, and Tetratech onsite on May 29, 2024. Ecology staff were on site to provide technical support for wetland and waters field work. We thank EFSEC, Avangrid, Tetratech, and landowners for facilitating this site visit. The visit supported communication and alignment on field work methodology and allowed Ecology staff to view some of our areas of interest during springtime conditions.

An addendum to *Attachment I: Wetland Delineation Report* should be provided to EFSEC with results from field work. We look forward to reviewing data sheets from recent field work, and subsequent field review, if necessary.

If project plans change, details should be provided for review to determine if the State's water quality standards will be met.

Ecology looks forward to providing the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council with technical assistance and expertise in the future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these comments, please call me at (509) 379-4530.

Sincerely,

Heather Durkee

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