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NYSERDA
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, New York 12203-6399

Attention: Schuyler Matteson

Re: Eagle Energy Storage System
Proposed Battery Energy Storage Project located on
portion of Knollwood Country Club – Town of
Greenburgh, NY

Dear Mr. Matteson:

I am writing on behalf of the Town Board of the Town of Greenburgh with respect to the above referenced application that is currently pending before the Town Board for a special use permit. The Applicant, Eagle Energy Storage, seeks to install a 20 MW Tesla Megapack battery energy storage system (“BESS”) facility on a piece of property on the site of the Knollwood Country Club located in the town. While the Town Board recognizes that energy storage systems help dispatch stored energy when needed, and are a further step in enabling a clean energy future, the Town does not currently have a local law authorizing battery storage systems. Nevertheless, the Town is considering the model law offered by NYSERDA to serve as a framework to authorize the use of battery storage systems such as the one proposed by Eagle Energy.

On December 19, 2020, the Town Board conducted an informative site visit with the Eagle Energy that was originally scheduled on December 5th but postponed due to inclement weather. Most of the residents I spoke with seemed supportive of the concept. They have questions regarding environment, public safety and would like the Town Board to respond to their questions before we give the Applicant any stamp of approval. I have recommended that The Town Board engage an expert consultant and appoint a citizens committee to work with the expert to develop an appropriate new law for the Town with the goal of accomodating green energy and at the same time being protective of our existing residential neighborhoods and, of course, being protective of the environment and public safety. Before any approvals are granted I want to reassure residents that battery energy storage facilities are safe. I am convinced that the new local law will be finalized

within 4 months. We are not looking to delay.

Eagle Energy has represented that if it is unable to apply for the incentives offered by NYSERDA in the 2020 calendar year, it will likely be unable to move forward with the project. To that end, the Town Board hereby requests that NYSERDA consider extending the deadline for Eagle Energy to be eligible to apply for the remaining 2020 NYSERDA incentives so that the Town Board can adopt a local law authorizing the project and render a determination pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") as lead agency.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and recent inclement weather, the process for rendering a SEQRA determination has taken longer than it might otherwise take. Given Eagle Energy's presentation and materials submitted to date, as well as feedback from the recent site visit, the Town Board anticipates that it should be in a position to adopt a local law and render a SEQRA determination related to the project in about 4-5 months.

We hope that for the purposes of incentive eligibility NYSERDA could accept this letter in support of the Eagle Energy's project in lieu of a negative SEQRA determination.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Town staff members.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Town Council, via, email (towncouncil@greenburghny.com)
Timothy W. Lewis, Town Attorney