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STATE OF MARYLAND

January 25, 2016

W. Kevin Hughes, Chairman  
Public Service Commission  
6 St. Paul Center  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202


Re: Case No. 9392, In the Matter of the Application of OneEnergy Ibis Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 6.0 MW Solar Photovoltaic Generating Facility in Somerset County, Maryland

Dear Chairman Hughes:

In accordance with Section 3-306(b) of the Natural Resources Article and the process described in Section 7-207 and 7-208 of the Public Utility Companies Article, we are enclosing our preliminary recommendation in Case Number 9392 on behalf of the Departments of Natural Resources, Environment, Agriculture, Transportation, Commerce, Planning, and the Maryland Energy Administration. Our recommendation and proposed conditions relate to the application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) by OneEnergy Ibis Solar, LLC (OneEnergy Ibis) to construct a nominally rated 6-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility in Somerset County, Maryland.

Based on our review of the application and associated environmental information available to date, we have concluded that the site is suitable and that the plant can be constructed and operated in accordance with all applicable environmental regulations provided that the attached recommendations are incorporated as conditions to the CPCN. Our preliminary evaluation of the environmental impacts associated with the proposed facility is summarized in the document titled "Environmental Review of the Proposed Ibis Solar Project," which has been supplied as an exhibit in this proceeding. At the conclusion of the hearing process and close of the record these conditions will be final. Should these recommendations need to be modified, we will provide our final recommendation and conditions for the project.

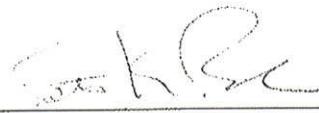
Sincerely,


  
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Joseph Bartenfelder, Secretary  
Department of Agriculture




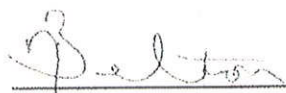
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