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By email: MarlboroughPlanning@marlboroughny.us

Mr. Chris Brand and Members of the Planning Board
Town of Marlborough
21 Milton Turnpike, Suite 200
PO Box 305
Milton, NY 12547

Re: Milton Turnpike Solar Farm

Dear Mr. Brand and Members of the Planning Board:

Scenic Hudson is in receipt of Nexamp's new site plan for the Milton Turnpike Solar Farm. According to the new plan, portions of several rows of photovoltaic arrays have been removed from Locust Grove's viewshed. Scenic Hudson appreciates the applicant's willingness to modify the project in order to help maintain the view from this National Historic Landmark.

Our updated visibility map (February 2019) indicates that the improved site plan will result in a substantial reduction in visual impact. With the scaled back site plan, just a few portions of arrays may still be visible (see attached). While this addresses Scenic Hudson's concerns regarding the visual impact, we would reiterate that since a SPDES permit is required for this application, the plan should be referred to the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review.

Our previous comments regarding Clearcutting and Carbon Sequestration and Grading and Site Work as per our February 7th letter still stand.

Scenic Hudson commends the applicant for removing from the plan some of the solar arrays that would have caused the greatest visual impact on views from Locust Grove. We believe that the improved site plan will result in a reduced visual impact over the original plan. Scenic Hudson urges that the Planning Board to continue to work with the applicant to address the remaining concerns in order that the facility can come online and help New York achieve its clean energy goals.

Thank you.

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Director of Land Use Advocacy

Cc John Bonafide, Director, Technical Preservation Bureau, NYS Historic Preservation Office
Kenneth F. Snodgrass, Executive Director, Locust Grove