
To:	Emily Truebner Saratoga Solar Project, LLC	From:	Kate Remus Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
File:	Saratoga Solar Project	Date:	August 11, 2021

Reference: Saratoga Solar Project – Federal and State Endangered Resources Review

Dear Ms. Truebner,

Stantec Consulting Services has completed a draft endangered resource review (ERR) via the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource (WDNR) Natural Heritage Inventory database (ERR – log # pending) and obtained an Official Species List via the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) for of the Saratoga Solar Project (the “Project”) in Wood County, WI.

The IPaC and ERR for the Project identified four state and/or federally-listed species and one federally-listed species habitat range. The federally-listed species identified include the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis* (KBB)).

Attached herein is the automated Section 7 consistency letter from IPaC; no additional Section 7 consultation is required from USFWS so long as the Project adheres to the USFWS’ *Programmatic Biological Opinion on Final 4(d) Rule for the Northern Long-Eared Bat and Activities Excepted from Take Prohibitions*, which prohibits tree removal between June 1 through July 31.

The entire Project area falls within the KBB High Potential Range (HPR). The USWFS Recovery Plan for KBB requires survey of KBB HPR areas for suitable habitat. If suitable habitat is identified, the USFWS requires a survey for KBB.

In 2019, the portion of the Project located west of WI-13 were surveyed for KBB habitat and KBB. Additional surveys for KBB habitat and KBB were conducted in June 2021 for the portion of the Project east of WI-13. Areas of suitable habitat were identified in 2019 and 2021, but no KBB were detected during any surveys in 2019 or 2021. A KBB results summary report will be included with the ERR to be submitted to WDNR for final review and approval.

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Attachments: IPac Official Species List – 5/27/21
USFWS NLEB Consistency letter for the ‘Saratoga Solar Project’ – 5/27/21
DRAFT Endangered Resources Review for the Proposed Saratoga Solar Project - Solar Site