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Town of West Seneca Planning Board
c/o Jeffrey Schieber
Code Enforcement Officer
West Seneca Town Hall
1250 Union Road, Room 210
West Seneca, NY 14224

Re: 799 Indian Church Road
Levy Grid LLC - Battery Energy Storage System
Extension of Site Plan Approval (SP 2020-08)

Dear Members of the Town Planning Board:

Levy Grid, LLC respectfully submits this letter pursuant to West Seneca Town Code § 102-13(B) seeking an extension of one additional year of this Planning Board's October 8, 2020 site plan approval for a battery energy storage system at 799 Indian Church Road, SBL 134.06-2-28 (SP 2020-08). The site plan approval was filed October 22, 2020.

As you may recall, Levy Grid is a developer of state-of-the-art battery energy storage facilities. The approved, 150 megawatt capacity facility at 799 Indian Church Road will purchase excess energy from the immediately adjacent substation during non-peak times, store this excess energy in the batteries, and then make that stored energy available during peak consumption hours. The energy stored in the batteries runs to the inverters, is converted into to alternating current, and sent to the on-site substation and transmission lines. This Planning Board also issued a negative declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Since obtainment of your site plan approval, Levy Grid has continued through the state mandated process to interconnect with the neighboring substation. This process involves multiple studies and revised studies on the interconnection process, significant payments at each study stage, and, once these studies are complete, the negotiation and, eventually, execution of an interconnection agreement between Levy Grid and the utility. The interconnection agreement permits the facility to finally tie-in to the substation—connect to the electric grid and purchase excess energy for storage and peak-time availability. In light of the multiple steps associated with the interconnection process, Levy Grid does not anticipate being in a position to apply for a building permit before October 8, 2021, when the current site plan expires, so the extension is required.

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Please know that Levy Grid remains fully committed to bringing this state-of-the-art facility to 799 Indian Church Road and the Town of West Seneca, it is merely waiting for the interconnection study timeline to catch up with the rest of the project. Levy Grid continues to appreciate the Town championing this novel and growing alternative energy source. Should you require anything additional, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration

Very truly yours,



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