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Dear Compliance Team,

New England Solar Farm (SSD-9255)
Applicant's staging of construction of the project

Pursuant to Schedule 4, item 3 of the New England Solar Farm Development Consent, the Applicant is required to notify the Department of any strategies, plans or programs proposed to be submitted on a progressive basis.

UPC\AC Renewables (UPC), the applicant for the New England Solar Farm SSD 9255, intends to stage the construction of the New England Solar Farm, consistent with the approach outlined in the project's Environmental Impact Statement. UPC intends to commence with the construction of a 400 megawatt (MW) Stage 1 solar farm in the coming months. Approximately 12-18 months following from the commencement of construction, Stage 2 construction will commence which will consist of a 320MW solar farm and a Battery Energy Storage Solution (BESS).

Stage 1 will only involve property within the Northern Array of the project. Stage 2 will include the balance of the Northern Array and the Central Array.

UPC proposes to lodge the following plans on a progressive basis with the Department with consideration to the staging of construction as follows.

Stage 1 (400MW solar farm)

- Traffic Management Plan (Stage 1)
- Employment and Accommodation Strategy (Stage 1)
- Historic Heritage Management Plan
- Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan
- Biodiversity Management Plan
- Environmental Management Strategy

Stage 2 (320MW solar farm with BESS)

- Traffic Management Plan (Stage 2)
- Employment and Accommodation Strategy (Stage 2)

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Kirk', with a stylized, flowing script.

Tim Kirk
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