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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Kevin E. Koslosky Green Acres Program New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 501 East State Street, First Floor P.O. Box 412 Trenton, NJ 08625-0412

Dear Mr. Koslosky:

Enclosed please find a combined Pre-Application and Final Application for Major Diversion of Parklands, submitted under the Department's Green Acres program, to authorize Stafford Township to lease a portion of the Stafford Township Landfill to an affiliate of the Walters Group to develop the area with renewable energy facilities (the "Application"). This project, which is part of the Stafford Park redevelopment project for which the Walters Group is the Township's designated redeveloper, will satisfy compelling public needs for the generation and distribution of clean energy and yield significant public benefits in the delivery of essential services to the public.

The Application addresses the requirements of the Green Acres pre-application form, which is included in the enclosed binder (together with various exhibits that provide additional information relevant to the pre-application requirements). The final application requirements, as set forth at N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(b), are addressed with the submission of three copies of the land survey plan for the subject property, two copies of the metes and bounds description of the subject property, and a copy of the public hearing notice, all in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(b)3, 4 and 6. These documents are also included in the enclosed binder as separate Exhibits at the end of the binder (Exhibits Q, R. and S). The other requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.11(b) do not apply to this application.

In addition, Stafford Township also requests that the Department treat this application as a request to the Commissioner to release certain conservation restrictions that apply to the affected portion of the Landfill property as set forth in the Declaration of

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Covenants and Restrictions (11b.)(Landfill), dated December 7, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Ocean County Clerk on December 11, 2006, at Deed Book 13446, Page 0118 (the "DCR"). The conservation restriction in the DCR gives rise to the classification of the affected Landfill property as "parklands" under the Green Acres program. Consequently, consistent with the Township's Green Acres diversion application to enable the utilization of the Landfill for the development of renewable energy facilities, we also request the release of the DCR's conservation restrictions.

To accomplish the release of the conservation restrictions and allow the project to proceed, we have enclosed as Exhibit H to the Application a proposed Restated and Amended Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions that has been approved by the staff of the Pinelands Commission and will be presented to the full Commission at its November meeting.

We thank you for your consideration of the Application and look forward to your expeditions review and approval. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

James Moran Stafford Township Administrator

JM: jg Enclosure

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