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**APPENDIX E.**

**Example of Solar Decommissioning Plan**

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## Appendix E: Example Decommissioning Plan

This is an example decommissioning plan:

Decommission Plan for Big Bright Solar Farm dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, Prepared and Submitted by Solar Developer ABC, the owner of Big Bright Solar Farm.

As required by the Town of Wawarsing, Solar Developer ABC presents this decommissioning plan for Big Bright Solar Farm (the "Facility").

Decommissioning will occur as a result of any of the following conditions:

1. The land lease ends
2. The system does not produce power for 12 months
3. The system is damaged and will not be repaired or replaced

The owner of the Facility, as provided for in its lease with the landowner, will do the following as a minimum to decommission the project:

1. Remove all non-utility owned equipment, conduits, structures, fencing, and foundations to a depth of at least three feet below grade.
2. Remove all graveled areas and access roads unless the owner of the leased real estate requests in writing for it to stay in place.
3. Restore the land to a condition reasonably similar to its condition before SES development, including replacement of top soil removed or eroded.
4. Revegetate any cleared areas with warm season grasses that are native to the region unless requested in writing by the owner of the real estate to not revegetate due to plans for agricultural planting.

All said removal and decommissioning shall occur within 12 months of the facility ceasing to produce power for sale.

The owner of the Facility, currently Solar Developer ABC, is responsible for this decommissioning. Nothing in this plan relieves any obligation that the real estate property owner may have to remove the facility as outlined in the Special Use Permit in the event the operator of the farm does not fulfill this obligation.

A decommissioning bond has been established for this purpose.

The owner of the Facility will provide Town/County planning department and the Register of Deeds with an updated signed decommissioning plan within 30 days of change in the Facility Owner.

This plan may be modified from time to time and a copy of any modified plans will be provided to the planning staff and filed with the Register of Deeds by the party responsible for decommissioning.

SES Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner (if different from SES Owner) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_