

**APPENDIX D: Decommissioning Plan for Solar Energy Systems**

Decommissioning Plan for (insert name) Solar Energy System

(Date)

Prepared and submitted by (insert name), the Owner of (insert name) Solar Energy System

As required by the County of Sumter, (insert name) presents this decommissioning plan for (insert name) Solar Energy System (the “Facility”), located at (insert address) and further identified as tax map parcel number(s) (insert tax map number(s)).

Decommissioning shall occur and be completed within six (6) months of any of the following occurring:

1. The land lease ends
2. The system does not produce power for twelve (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 those areas to remain.
3. Restore the land to a condition reasonably similar to its condition before development of the solar farm, including replacement of top soil if removed or eroded.
4. Revegetate any cleared areas with grasses that are native to the region, unless the owner of the leased real estate requests in writing not to revegetate due to plans for agricultural planting or immediate redevelopment.

The Owner of the Facility 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 Exception approval in the event the Owner of the Facility does not fulfill this obligation.

Within thirty (30) days of a change in the Owner of the Facility, the Owner shall record the updated Decommissioning Plan in the Sumter County Register of Deeds Office. A copy of the updated Decommissioning Plan shall be provided to Sumter County. The updated Decommissioning Plan shall also be incorporated into any revised lease agreements with the landowner.

This Decommissioning Plan may be modified from time to time. Within thirty (30) days of a modification, the Owner shall record the updated Decommissioning Plan in the Sumter County Register of Deeds Office. A copy of the modified Decommissioning Plan shall be provided to Sumter County. The modified Decommissioning Plan shall also be incorporated into any revised lease agreements with the landowner.

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Printed Name/Signature of Facility Owner

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Printed Name/Signature of Property Owner

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