

03 February 2025

Joseph Buschbacher  
Fire Marshal  
Huntley Fire Protection District (HFPD)  
11118 E Main Street  
Huntley, IL 60142  
RE: Rutland West Solar Farm, LLC  
Fire Protection Comments

Marshal Buschbacher:

Pursuant to your initial memo dated 11 December 2024, Rutland West Solar Farm, LLC (RWSF) is providing the following responses to questions and/or comments from the HFPD, as noted below.

- **The Huntley Fire Protection District will need to have access to any shut-off that controls the array field located within our district. (Far North Array Field).**

**Response:** *RWSF staff understand the methodology of fighting fires is best determined by HFPD personnel. During construction permitting, RWSF management will provide written agreement as part of the emergency response plan submitted to HFPD for review/approval.*

- **Fire apparatus roads shall be capable of supporting Tower 981 (75,000 lbs.)**

**Response:** *The final RWSF construction plans will provide documentation of the access road capacity being sufficient to meet HFPD requirements.*

- **Knox Boxes will be required at the gate for emergency access. Can be purchased directly through Knox Box [www.knoxbox.com](http://www.knoxbox.com).**

**Response:** *RWSF will provide the necessary lockbox systems in full compliance with HFPD requirements. The RWSF Emergency Response Plan will feature a Solar System Disconnect Switch - a GAND operated air break 15kv, lockable in the off position. The project site will be secured and locked and only operator personnel will have access to the project via a Knox Box will be installed at the gated access.*

Should you have additional questions or require further information, please contact me via telephone at (224) 524-1830, or via e-mail at [robertmcneill@suryapowered.com](mailto:robertmcneill@suryapowered.com). Our response will be expedited.

Thank you.

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