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Dear REDACTED,

**THE LONGFIELD SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2023:
ARTICLE 43 – GUARANTEES IN RESPECT OF PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION**

1. Thank you for your email dated 8 October 2024 providing a signed Parent Company Guarantee (“the Guarantee”) to the Secretary of State regarding Longfield Solar Energy Farm Limited (“LSEFL”) obligations under Article 43 of the Longfield Solar Farm Development Consent Order 2023 (“the Order”). LSEFL is the undertaker for the purposes of the Order obligations under Article 43.
2. Article 43 requires, in the event that the undertaker chooses to exercise its compulsory acquisition powers as granted under the Order, that it first has to put in place and obtain the Secretary of State’s approval of a guarantee, and the amount of that guarantee, or other form of security and the amount of that security, to cover the resulting liability before it can exercise any compulsory acquisition powers.
3. The Secretary of State has considered the Guarantee made on 7 October 2024 between EDF Energy Renewables (“the Guarantor”) and LSEFL (“the undertaker”). The Secretary of State is satisfied that the necessary security for the payment of any compensation to affected landowners for their loss and damage under the compulsory acquisition powers granted in the Order is sufficient, as evidenced in the Guarantee.
4. The Secretary of State therefore gives his approval that the undertaker has fulfilled its obligation under Article 43 in a suitable form of security to cover any claims for compensation relating to its exercise of any compulsory acquisition powers, and as such, may now exercise the compulsory acquisition powers in accordance with the provisions in Articles 18, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28 and 29 of the Order should they be required.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero