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Monica Downer, M.S., PWS, A.G.T.A.
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Austin, TX 78735

RE: Species Surveys for the Coyote Willow Energy Park Project Review Request, Chavez County, New Mexico, Energy Renewal Partners, LLC.; NMDGF No. NMERT-4350.

Dear Ms. Downer,

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (Department) has reviewed the Presence-Absence Species Survey Report (Report) submitted by Energy Renewal Partners, LLC (ERP) pertinent to the Coyote Willow Energy Park Project (Project). ERP is requesting the Department's concurrence for a "no effect" or "not likely to adversely affect" determination for protected species as part of ERP's due diligence on the Project.

The survey protocols used for the Report were appropriate and adequate to meet the Department's recommendations. After reviewing the Report's results, the Department does not anticipate any significant adverse effects to species protected under state statute or Species of Greatest Conservation Need as identified in the State Wildlife Action Plan for New Mexico from the proposed Coyote Willow Energy Park Solar Project. The Department also concurs with the Report's recommendations to minimize potential impacts to wildlife during Project development.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Project and associated Report. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Kellermueller, Mining and Energy Habitat Specialist, at (505) 270-6612 or ronald.kellermueller@dgf.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: USFWS NMES Field Office