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Dear Mr. Becka:

At your request, Summit visited the subject property on December 1, 2020. The purpose of the site visit was to observe the existing structural framing systems and their overall condition for support of proposed solar panel assemblies as specified by Pisgah Energy Design & Development.

Original building plans for the subject property were made available to assist in the evaluation. The existing structure is a two-story steel framed building built circa 2003. The existing roof structural system consists of a pitched gable roof framed with steel beams in the mechanical rooms and bar joists over the office and common areas. The bar joists were spaced at approximately 4 feet on center. The existing framing and associated connectors observed at time of inspection were in generally good condition. The proposed solar panels are to be supported on flush mounted rails with a total assembly weight of approximately 3 pounds per square foot.

The existing structural framing was evaluated based on Section 402.3 of the *2018 NCSBC Existing Building Code*. Calculations showed that the proposed loading condition does not increase the design gravity load by more than 10 percent. Therefore, the gravity load-carrying structural elements are not required to be strengthened, supplemented, replaced, or altered.

The content of this report represents our professional opinion based on the areas observed at time of inspection. Based on the assessments noted in the previous section, it is our professional opinion that the proposed solar panel assemblies may be installed without any modifications to the existing structural system.

We appreciate the chance to assist you. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

Uchenna Onwuemene, PE
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