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**Agricola Wind Project
Towns of Venice and Scipio, Cayuga County
Permit Application No. 23-00064**

**Determination of Occupied Habitat, Incidental Take, and Net Conservation Benefit
October 17, 2024**

Wildlife Site Characterization

In compliance with 16 NYCRR § 1100-1.3(g)(2), Agricola Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of Liberty Renewables Inc., (Applicant) provided a draft Revised Wildlife Site Characterization Report for the proposed Agricola Wind Project, located in the Towns of Venice and Scipio, Cayuga County, New York dated September 2023. This report, together with the avian surveys referenced below, have been provided to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (the Office or ORES) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in connection with the Applicant's pending facility siting application pursuant to Article VIII and 16 NYCRR Part 1100.

Avian Surveys

The Applicant provided the following avian survey reports: Winter Raptor Survey Report dated July 2024; Breeding Bird Survey Report dated March 2024; Breeding Bird Survey Report dated October 2022; Fall Raptor Migration Survey Report dated January 2022; and Spring Raptor Migration Survey State-Listed Threatened or Endangered Species Summary Memo dated June 16, 2021.

Determination

Pursuant to §1100-1.3(g)(7), the Office has completed a review of this information and hereby provides its "draft determination regarding whether occupied habitat for one or more New York State (NYS) threatened or endangered species exists within the facility site, the boundary of the occupied habitat, whether de minimis levels as provided in § 1100-2.13 . . . might be attainable for grassland birds and, if applicable, the amount of mitigation funding that may be necessary if impacts will not be avoided or mitigated."

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