


January 6, 2023

Encōr Solar, LLC
 3049 Executive Pkwy, Ste 300
 Lehi, UT 84043

RE: Engineering Services
 Hughes Residence
 201 Kotata Ave, Bunnlevel, NC
 8.725 kW System
 Solo Job #3097296



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To Whom It May Concern,

We have reviewed the following information regarding the solar panel installation for this project. Alterations to these documents or plans shall not be made without direct written consent of the Engineer of Record.

A. Assumptions from Field Observation provided by Encōr Solar, LLC

The following structural design regarding the proposed alterations have been prepared from these assumptions. The verification of the field observations is the responsibility of the contractor. **Prior to commencement of work, the contractor shall verify the framing sizes, spacings, and spans noted in the sealed plans, calculations, and/or certification letter and notify the Engineer of Record of any discrepancies.**

	<u>Roof</u>
Roof Finish :	Asphalt Shingle
Roof Underlayment :	OSB
Roof Profile :	Gable
Roof Structural System :	Metal Plate Trusses
Truss Top Chord/Setup :	2 x 6 / Attic
Chord/Rafter Wood Grade :	Southern Pine #2 or better
Truss/Rafter Spacing :	24" o.c.
Roof Slope :	34 deg
Max Top Chord/Rafter Span :	8.02 ft
Bearing Wall Type :	Convl Lt-Frame Constr
Foundation :	Permanent Concrete
Stories :	Two

B. Building Design Criteria

Code :	2018 NCRC (ASCE 7-10)	Risk Category :	II
Roof Live Load :	20 psf (0 psf at panels)	Occupancy Class :	R-3
Ground Snow Load :	10 psf	Roof Dead Load :	6.8 psf
Ult Wind Speed :	120 mph	PV Dead Load :	<u>3 psf</u>
Exposure Category :	C	Total Dead Load :	9.8 psf

C. Summary of Existing Structure Results

Roof

After review of the field observations and based on our calculations and in accordance with the applicable building codes and current industry standards, the existing roof structure supporting the proposed alterations consisting of the solar array has been determined to be:

- Adequate to support the additional imposed loads. **No structural upgrades are required.**

D. Solar Panel Support Bracket Anchorage

1. Solar panels shall be designed, mounted, and installed in accordance with the most recent "UniRac Manual", which can be found on the UniRac website (<http://unirac.com/>).
2. Manufacturer's Panel Bracket Connection to Roof Chord/Rafter Member:

Fastener : (1) 5/16" Lag Screw per Bracket
NDS Withdrawl Value : 307 lbs/inch
Min. Thread Length and Penetration Depth : 2.5"

3. Considering the existing roof's slope, size, spacing, condition, and calculated loads, the panel bracket supports shall be placed no greater than 48 in. o/c.
4. Panel supports connections shall be staggered to distribute load to adjacent trusses.

E. Overall Summary

Based on the information supplied to us at the time of this report, on the evaluation of the existing structure, and solar array panel bracket connection, it is our opinion that the roof system will adequately support the additional loads imposed by the solar array. This evaluation conforms to 2018 NCRC and current industry standards.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or if you require further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Nicholas J. Bowens, PE
License No. 55156

Limits of Scope of Work and Liability

The existing structure is assumed to have been designed and constructed following appropriate codes at the time of erection and assumed to have appropriated permits. The calculations performed are only for the roof framing supporting the solar array installation referenced in the stamped plans and were completed according to generally recognized structural analysis standards and procedures, professional engineering, and design experience opinions and judgements. Existing deficiencies which are unknown or were not observed during the time the site observation are not included in this scope of work. All solar panel modules, racking, and mounting equipment shall be designed and installed per the manufacturer's approved installation specifications. The Engineer of Record and the engineering consulting firm assume no responsibility for misuse or improper installation. This analysis is not stamped for water leakage. Framing was determined on information in provided plans and/or photos, along with engineering judgement. Prior to commencement of work, the contractor shall verify the framing sizes, spacings, and spans noted in the stamped plans, calculations, and/or certification letter and notify the Engineer of Record of any discrepancies prior to starting construction. If during solar panel installation, the roof framing members appear unstable or deflect non-uniformly, our office should be notified before proceeding with the installation. The contractor shall also verify that there are no damage/deficiencies (i.e., dry rot, water damage, termite damage, framing member/connection damage, etc.) to framing that was not addressed in the stamped plans, calculations, and/or certification letter and notify the Engineer of Record of any concerns prior to starting construction.