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STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

for the

ROOFTOP PV SOLAR INSTALLATION

Project: Zachary Kennedy; Location: 5671 Elliott Bridge Road Linden Nc 28356,
Linden, NC 28356

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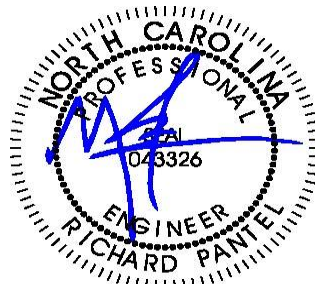
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Loading Summary

Exposure and Occupancy Categories	
B	<i>Exposure Category (ASCE 7-16 Table 26.7.3, Page 266)</i>
II	<i>Building Use Occupancy / Risk Category (ASCE 7-16 Table 1.5-1, Page 4)</i>

Wind Loading:			
v	119	mph	<i>ASCE 7-16, Figure 26.5-1 A, B or C, pp 249-251. [(119 mph, 50 year wind MRI)]</i>
qz	21.53	psf	<i>Velocity qz, calculated at height z [ASD]</i>

Snow Loading			
pg	10	psf	<i>Ground Snow Load pg (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.2-1, Page 52-53)</i>
<i>Total Snow Load</i>			
ps	10.00	psf	<i>Effective snow load on roof and modules</i>

Module Data			
WAAREE ENERGIES LIMITED: WSMD-400			
Dimensions	<i>mm</i>	<i>ft</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>Length</i>	1,923	6.31	75.70
<i>Width</i>	1,039	3.41	40.90
<i>Area (m², ft²)</i>	2.0	21.50	
Weight	kg	lb	
<i>Module</i>	22.00	48.50	

Roof Panel (Cladding) Loading Summary		Module Loading Summary			
<i>Support Point Loads</i>		<i>Upward</i>	<i>Upward</i>	<i>Upward</i>	<i>Downward</i>
Roof Zone		1,2e,2r	2n,3r	3e	All
Net total load / support point	<i>lb</i>	-71	-108	-162	186

Positive values indicate net downward force

Lag Bolt Data	Size	5/16x2.10	Pre-drill	0.16" dia	Material	Stainless
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Rack Support Lag Bolt Pull-out Calculations in US Spruce Roof Framing				
Roof Zone		1,2e,2r	2n,3r	3e
Bolt Pullout Per Module Connection	<i>lb</i>	71	108	162
Number of Pullout Loads / Support		2	2	2
Safety Factor		1.50	1.50	1.50
Pull-out for 5/16 dia bolts	<i>lb/in</i>	206	206	206
Min threaded inches embedment required	<i>in</i>	0.26	0.39	0.59
Min threaded Inches embedment provided	<i>in</i>	1.10	1.10	1.10
Min Lag Bolt length to use	<i>in</i>	2.10	2.10	2.10

Conclusions

Princeton Engineering was asked to review the roof of Zachary Kennedy, located at 5671 Elliott Bridge Road Linden Nc 28356, Linden, NC by Freedom Solar, LLC, to determine its suitability to support a PV solar system installation.

The referenced building's roof structure has been field measured by Freedom Solar, LLC on 06/01/2023. The framing calculations we prepared reflect the results of those field measurements combined with the PV solar module locations shown on the construction PV solar roof layout design prepared by Freedom Solar, LLC. Loads are calculated to combine the existing building and environmental loads with the proposed new PV array loads.

Freedom Solar, LLC has selected the SunPower InvisiMount 6000 series racking system. The racking and support stanchions shall be placed as shown on the plans prepared by Freedom Solar, LLC, dated 06/05/2023, and shall be fastened to the roof deck using lag bolt sizes as indicated in this report. Rack support spacing shall be no more than shown on each calculation. Note that support points for alternating rows shall share the same rafter. Intermediate rows shall move the support points to laterally the next rafter.



Google Location Map

Framing Summary

Based upon the attached calculations, the roofs are capable of supporting the additional loading for the proposed Freedom Solar, LLC PV system along with the existing building and environmental loads. No supplemental roof framing structural supports are required.

Bracket to Roof Framing Lag Bolts

US Spruce rafters have a bolt pullout strength of 207 lb / inch of thread using the 5/16" dia. fasteners. In order to maintain at least a 1.5X Safety Factor for pullout, 1.1 inches of THREAD embedment are required. Use a 2.10" x 5/16" stainless lag bolt, or larger, in order to achieve the above specified embedment into each joist at each rail support point. Pre-drill with a 0.16" dia pilot hole.

Notes: (1) Bolt threads must be embedded in the side grain of a rafter or other structural member integral with the building structure. (2) Lag bolts must be located in the middle third of the structural member. (3) Install lag bolts with head and washer flush to surface (no gap). Do not over-torque.

References and Codes:

- 1) ASCE 7-16 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures
- 2) IBC 2018

- 3) *2018 International Residential Code, NC Edition*
- 4) *American Wood Council, NDS 2005, Table 11.2A, 11.3.2A.*
- 5) *American Wood Council, Wood Structural Design, 1992, Figure 6.*

Roof Structural Calculations for PV Solar Installation

Array AR-1

Location: MP 1

Member: Rafter - Total Length 15.29 ft, Unsupported 15.29 ft

Roof Data				
Θ	deg.	43.99	Angle of plane of roof from horizontal, in degrees	
L	ft.	72.00	Length of Building, in feet (meters).	
W	ft.	11.00	Width of Building, in feet (meters).	
h	ft.	15.00	Height of Building, in feet (meters).	

Roof Wind Zone Width			
use, a =	3.00	ft	

Wind Velocity Pressure, q_z evaluated at the height z					
q_z =	21.53	psf	$V_{asd} q_z$ =	13.17	psf
V=	119	mph			
Basic wind pressure					

Framing Data		
Wood type	US Spruce	
Wood source, moisture content	White 0.12%	
# Framing Members / Support	1	
Rafter / Truss OC	in	16.00
Member Total Length	ft	15.29

3	# Rafters / Rack Support Width
4.00	Rack Support Spacing (ft)
48	Max. Rack Support Spacing (in)
2	Max # of mod's / Rafter

Member Properties		Member
Name		(1)1.5x7.5
Repetitive Member Factor (Cr)		1.15
Max Shear perp. to grain	psi	530
Max Shear parallel to grain	psi	1,100

* Mem properties based upon field measurements

Rafter

16.00 Collar tie OC spacing, in.

Module Data			
WAAREE ENERGIES LIMITED: WSMD-400			
Weight	kg	lb	psf load
Module	22.00	48.50	2.26
4 Stanchions	1.36	3.0	0.14
Total Module and Support load	23.36	51.5	2.40

Existing Dead Loads	Units	Value	Description
Framing Member	psf	1.43	
Roof Deck & Surface	psf	4.40	0.50 in. Plywood w/ Standard Asphalt Shingles

Rack Support Spacing and Loading				
Across rafters	ft	4.0		
Along rafter slope	ft	6.3		
Area / support point	sf	12.6		
Uphill gap between modules	in	1.0	0.08	ft

Member Total Length	ft	15.29	
Maximum member free span	ft	15.29	Rafter span
Rafter segment to calc	ft	15.29	Free span
Deflection Ratio		180	Use max delta 1/x for deflection

Eave Overhang Length past Rafter Plate	0.83	ft
Uphill Distance from Eave to Lowest Support	2.67	ft

ASCE 7-16 Method for Calculating Uplift on PV Modules

Notation

Lp = Panel chord length.

p = uplift wind pressure

ya = Solar panel pressure equalization factor, defined in Fig. 29.4-8.

γE = Array edge factor as defined in Section 29.4.4.

θ = Angle of plane of roof from horizontal, in degrees.

29.4.4 Rooftop Solar Panels Parallel to the Roof Surface on Buildings of All Heights and Roof Slopes.

Θ >= 7 deg TRUE

Exposed	FALSE
1.5(Lp) =	5.11
γE =	1
ya =	0.67

p = qh(GCp) (γE) (Ya) (lb/ft2) (29.4-7)

Zones	1,2e,2r	2n,3r	3e
p, Windload (psf)	-12.90	-15.33	-18.93

ASCE 7-16 Chapter 2 Combinations of Loads, Table 2.4, Page 8 (in psf)				
Zones	1,2e,2r	2n,3r	3e	All Zones
2.2 SYMBOLS AND NOTATION	<i>Module Upward</i>	<i>Module Upward</i>	<i>Module Upward</i>	<i>Downward</i>
D = dead load of PV Module + Stanchion	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.40
S = snow load	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
W = wind load	-12.90	-15.33	-18.93	10.10

2.4 Combining Nominal Loads Using Allowable Stress Design (in psf)				
2.4.1 Basic Combinations. Loads listed herein shall be considered to act in the following combinations; whichever produces the most unfavorable effect in the building, foundation, or structural member being considered. Effects of one or more loads not acting shall be considered.				
<i>Combination Formulae</i>	<i>Upward</i>	<i>Upward</i>	<i>Upward</i>	<i>Downward</i>
Use this loading combination for DOWNWARD for Proposed PV Dead Load				
6. D + 0.75L - 0.75(0.60W) + 0.75(Lr or S or R)	12.40	12.40	12.40	16.94
Module Support point load (lb)	156	156	156	214
Cr Factored Module Support point load (lb)	136	136	136	186

Use this loading combination for UPWARD for Proposed PV Dead Load				
7. 0.6D + 0.6W	-2.80	-4.26	-6.43	8.22
Module Support point load (lb)	-35	-54	-81	104

DOWNWARD

Presume loading directly over member.

Combined Dead and Wind Pressure Downward Loading					
Rafter span					
PV Module Row	Point load loc's from Left support		Module Support Point Load	Comment	Module Orientation
	<i>ft from left</i>		<i>lb</i>		
1	1.84			Support placed on adjoining rafter	Portrait
1	8.15		186		Portrait

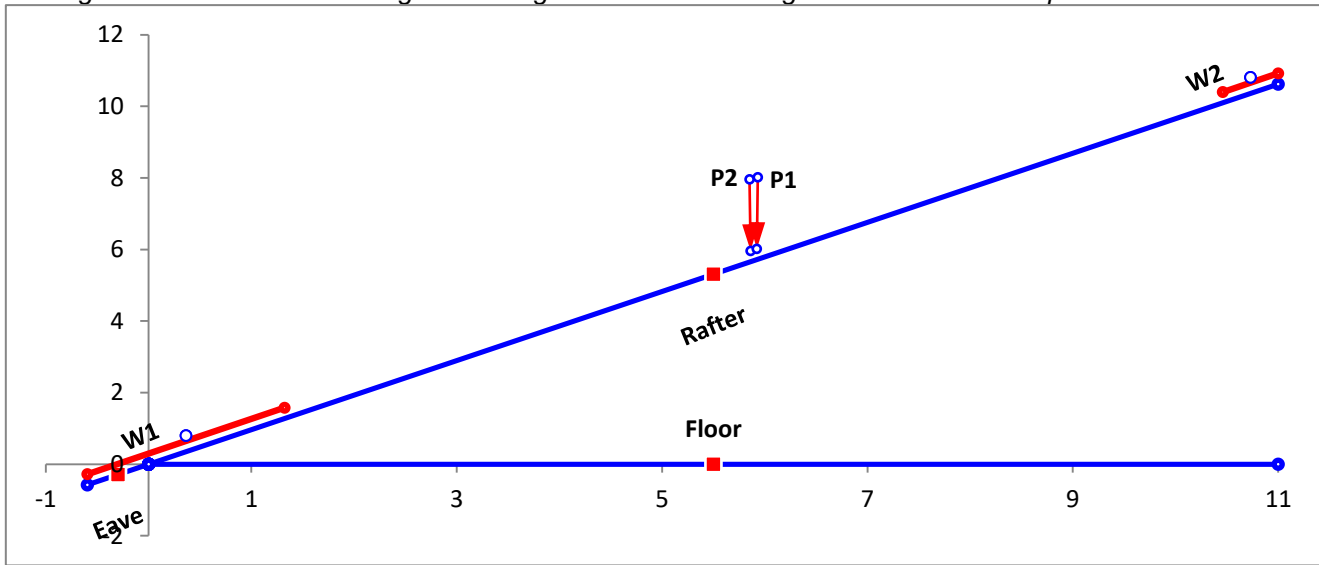
2	8.23		186		Portrait
2	14.54			Support placed on adjoining rafter	Portrait

Analysis for PV impacted areas

5. Simple Beam - Exposed Roof Snow Load - Above and Below PV				
Parameter	Units	Total	Allowed	Check
Delta @ mid span	in	0.01	1.02	OK
M at mid span	lb-ft	13	7,656	OK

Sum Downward Loading Conditions: PV; Beam DL; Exposed Roof Environmental Load				
Parameter	Units	Total	Allowed	Check
Delta	in	0.70	1.02	OK
Percent Max Delta	%	69%	100%	OK
Moment	lb-ft	1,503	7,656	OK
fs	psi	1,283	6,533	OK

* Loading includes member self weight & roofing materials. w loading = wind & snow on exposed areas



Framing section with max stress: Rafter span

Roof Structural Calculations for PV Solar Installation

Array AR-2

Location: MP 2

Member: Rafter - Total Length 16.68 ft, Unsupported 16.68 ft

Roof Data			
Θ	deg.	44.01	Angle of plane of roof from horizontal, in degrees
L	ft.	72.00	Length of Building, in feet (meters).
W	ft.	12.00	Width of Building, in feet (meters).
h	ft.	15.00	Height of Building, in feet (meters).

Roof Wind Zone Width			
use, a =	3.00	ft	

Wind Velocity Pressure, q_z evaluated at the height z					
$q_z =$	21.53	psf	$V_{asd} q_z =$	13.17	psf
$V =$	119				mph
					Basic wind pressure

Framing Data		
Wood type	US Spruce	
Wood source, moisture content	White 0.12%	
# Framing Members / Support	1	
Rafter / Truss OC	in	16.00
Member Total Length	ft	16.68

3	# Rafters / Rack Support Width
4.00	Rack Support Spacing (ft)
48	Max. Rack Support Spacing (in)
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Member Properties		Member
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Rack Support Spacing and Loading			
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Along rafter slope	ft	6.3	
Area / support point	sf	12.6	
Uphill gap between modules	in	1.0	0.08 ft

Member Total Length	ft	16.68	
Maximum member free span	ft	16.68	Rafter span
Rafter segment to calc	ft	16.68	Free span
Deflection Ratio		180	Use max delta 1/x for deflection

Eave Overhang Length past Rafter Plate	0.83	ft
Uphill Distance from Eave to Lowest Support	0.58	ft

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p, Windload (psf)	-12.90	-15.33	-18.93

ASCE 7-16 Chapter 2 Combinations of Loads, Table 2.4, Page 8 (in psf)

Zones	1,2e,2r	2n,3r	3e	All Zones
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S = snow load	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
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DOWNWARD

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Combined Dead and Wind Pressure Downward Loading					
Rafter span					
PV Module Row	Point load loc's from Left support		Module Support Point Load	Comment	Module Orientation
	<i>ft from left</i>		<i>lb</i>		
1	-0.25			Support outside of max stressed section	Portrait
1	6.06		186		Portrait

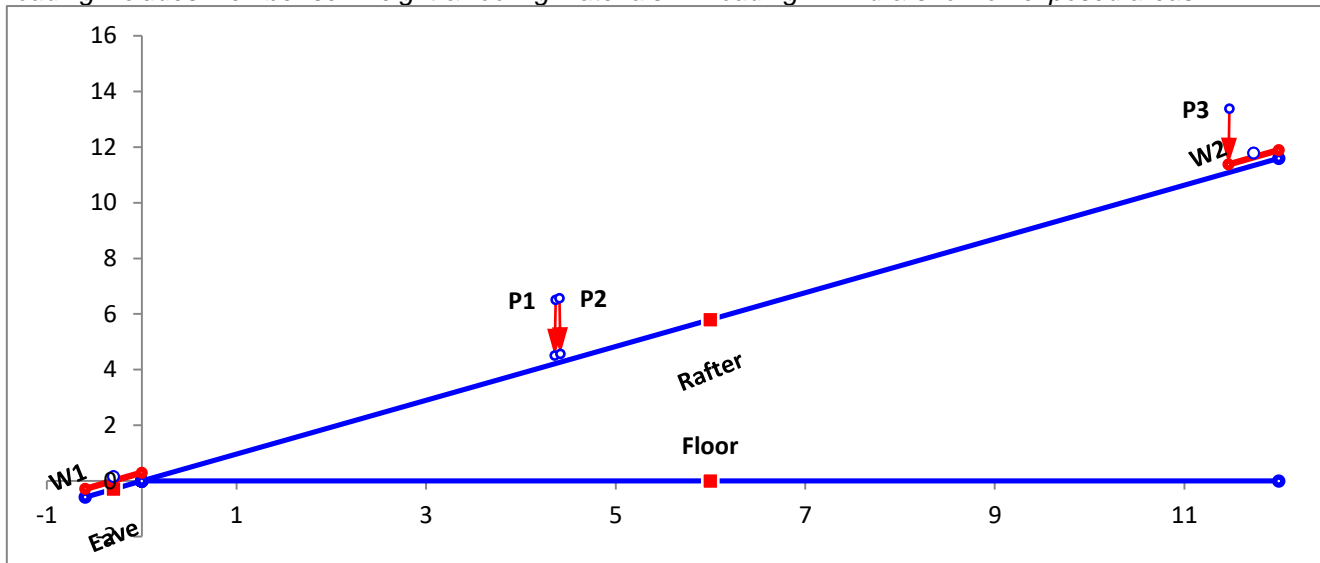
2	6.14		186		Portrait
2	12.45			Support placed on adjoining rafter	Portrait
3	12.53			Support placed on adjoining rafter	Landscape
3	15.94		186		Landscape

Analysis for PV impacted areas

5. Simple Beam - Exposed Roof Snow Load - Above and Below PV				
<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Allowed</i>	<i>Check</i>
Delta @ mid span	<i>in</i>	0.00	1.11	OK
M at mid span	<i>lb-ft</i>	2	7,656	OK

Sum Downward Loading Conditions: PV; Beam DL; Exposed Roof Environmental Load				
<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Allowed</i>	<i>Check</i>
Delta	<i>in</i>	0.89	1.11	OK
Percent Max Delta	<i>%</i>	80%	100%	OK
Moment	<i>lb-ft</i>	1,407	7,656	OK
fs	<i>psi</i>	1,201	6,533	OK

* Loading includes member self weight & roofing materials. w loading = wind & snow on exposed areas



Framing section with max stress: Rafter span

Snow Loading Analysis

where:

- | | | |
|------------------------|--|---|
| | Fully Exposed | Exposure category |
| C_e = | 0.9 | Exposure Factor, C _e (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.3-1, Page 58) |
| C_t = | 1.0 | Thermal Factor, C _t (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.3-2, Page 58) |
| I_s = | 1.0 | Snow Importance Factor, I _s (ASCE 7-16 Table 1.5-2, Page 5) |
| p_g = | 10 | Ground Snow Load p _g (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.2-1, Page 52-53) |
| p_f = | 0.7C_eC_tI_sP_g | Flat Roof Snow Load, p _f (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.3-1, Page 58) |
| p_f = | 6.3 | psf |
| | | but where P _f is not less than the following: |
| | | Minimum Snow Load p _m (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.3.4, Page 53) |
| p_m = | 10 | When P _g <=20 psf, then use P _f = P _g x I _s |
| p_f = | 10 | psf. Resultant Snow pressure to be used with Roof slope factor below |
| p_s = | C_sp_f | Sloped Roof Snow Load p _s (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.4, Page 54) |
| | | Roof Type Warm Roofs |

Roof slope factor C_s for Warm Roofs, where C_t = 1.0
 Roof surface condition = Slippery Roof

C_s = 1.00 Roof Slope Factor, C_s (ASCE 7-16 Table 7-2a, Page 36)

Total Snow Load

p_s =	10.00 psf	Roof snow load
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