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STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

for the

ROOFTOP PV SOLAR INSTALLATION

Project: Gabriella Alban, 95 Dive Bomb St, Lillington, NC 27546

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Loading Summary

Exposure and Occupancy Categories		
B		*Exposure Category (ASCE 7-16 Table 26.7.3, Page 274)*
II		*Building Use Occupancy / Risk Category (ASCE 7-16 Table 1.5-1, Page 5)*

Wind Loading:			
v	118	*mph*	*ASCE 7-16, Figure 26.5-1 A, B or C, pp 249-251. [(118 mph, 50 year wind MRI)]*
qz	21.13	*psf*	*Velocity qz, calculated at height z [ASD]*

Snow Loading			
pg	15	*psf*	*Ground Snow Load pg (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.2-1, Page 56-60)*
Total Snow Load			
ps	15.00	*psf*	*Effective snow load on roof and modules*

Module Data			
Mission Solar: MSE395SX9R			
Dimensions	*mm*	*ft*	*in*
Length	1,907	6.26	75.08
Width	1,054	3.46	41.50
Area (m^2, ft^2)	2.0	21.64	
Weight	kg	lb	
Module	22.00	48.50	

Roof Panel (Cladding) Loading Summary		Module Loading Summary			
Support Point Loads		*Upward*	*Upward*	*Upward*	*Downward*
Roof Zones		1,2e,2r	2n,3r	3e	All
Net load per module	*lb*	-170	-223	-302	237

Positive values indicate net downward force

Stanchion Fastener Pull-out and Spacing Calculations				
Framing spacing	*ft*	2.00		
Rails / Module	*ea*	2		
Max proposed stanchion span	*ft*	4.00		
# fasteners per stanchion		1		
Bolt thread embedment depth	*in*	3		
Safety Factor		1.10		
Pull-out for 5/16 threaded fasteners	*lb/in*	220		
Factored max fastener uplift capacity	*lb*	599		
Fastener details *Material* Stainless	*Size*	5/16	*Predrill hole 0.16" dia or use self tapping*	
Max stanchion uplift capacity	*lb*	618		
Max support point uplift capacity	*lb*	599		

Roof Zones		*1,2e,2r*	*2n,3r*	*3e*
Net lift per module	*lb*	170	223	302
Min tot bolt thread embedment depth rq'd	*in*	0.85	1.12	1.52
Net uplift pressure 7. 0.60D - 0.6W	*psf*	-6.78	-8.92	-12.08
Allowable lift area / support point	*sf*	88.34	67.14	49.56
Max rail span per framing spacing	*ft*	4.00	4.00	4.00
Landscape Modules				
Length along rafter	*ft*	3.46		
Lift calc'ed max stanchion EW spacing	*ft*	> 6	> 6	> 6
Max stanchion EW spacing	*ft*	4.00	4.00	4.00
Maximum module area / support point	*sf*	6.92	6.92	6.92
Factored lift per support point	*lb*	-47	-62	-84
Portrait Modules				
Length along rafter	*ft*	6.26		
Lift calc'ed max stanchion EW spacing	*ft*	> 6	> 6	> 6
Max stanchion EW spacing	*ft*	4.00	4.00	4.00
Maximum module area / support point	*sf*	12.51	12.51	12.51
Factored lift per support point	*lb*	-85	-112	-151

Stanchion support threaded fastener sizes are indicated in the Module Loading Summary table above. Lift forces were determined from GCp and other coefficients contained in the ASCE nomographs

Conclusions

We were asked to review the roof of Gabriella Alban, located at 95 Dive Bomb St, Lillington, NC, by Freedom Solar, LLC, to determine its suitability to support a PV solar system installation.

The referenced building's roof structure was field measured by Freedom Solar, LLC on 01/30/2024. The attached framing analyses reflect the results of those field measurements combined with the PV solar module locations shown on the 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.

The Pegasus PSR-B Rail w SkipRail racking and Pegasus Solar InstaFlash PIF-RB0 stanchions were selected for this project by Freedom Solar, LLC. The racking and support stanchions shall be placed as shown on their plans, dated 01/31/2024, and shall be fastened to the roof framing using fastener sizes indicated in this report. Rack support spacing shall be no more than that shown above. Note that support points for alternating rows shall share the same truss. Intermediate rows shall move the support points laterally to the next truss. The support rail can be cantilevered up to 1/3 of the maximum span between modules. 1/3 maximum span = 16.00 inches.

Google Location Map

Framing Summary

Based upon the attached calculations, the existing roof's framing system is capable of supporting the additional loading for the proposed PV solar system along with the existing building and environmental loads. No supplemental roof framing structural supports are required. Minimum required anchorage fastening is described above.

Wood fastener notes: 1) Fastener threads must be embedded in the side grain of a roof support structural member or other structural member integrated into the building's structure. 2) Fastener must be located in the middle third of the structural member. 3) Install fasteners with head and where required, washer, flush to material 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 NC Building Code*
4) *American Wood Council, NDS 2018,Table 12.2A, 12.3.3A.*
5) *American Wood Council, Wood Structural Design, 1992, Figure 6.*

Geometric Data			
Θ	*deg.*	30.00	*Angle of roof plane from horizontal, in degrees*
ω	*deg.*	0.00	*Angle the solar panel makes with the roof surface*
L	*ft.*	36.42	*Length of roof plane, in feet (meters)*
W	*ft.*	20.50	*Plan view width of roof plane, in feet (meters)*
h	*ft.*	24.33	*Average height of roof above grade, in feet (meters)*

Roof Wind Zone Width			
	use, a =	3.00	*ft*

Wind Velocity Pressure, q_z evaluated at the height z						
q_z=	21.13	*psf*	*Vasd* q_z=	12.89	*psf*	Basic wind pressure
V=	118	mph				

Framing Data		
Wood type	US Spruce	
Wood source, moisture content	White 0.12%	
# Framing Members / Support		1
Rafter / Truss OC	*in*	24.00
Member Total Length	*ft*	24.00

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

Member Properties		**Member**
Name		(1) 2x4
Repetitive Member Factor (Cr)		1.15

** Mem properties based upon field measurements*

Top truss chord

Module Physical Data			
Weight	kg	lb	psf load
Module	22.00	48.50	2.24
4 Stanchions	1.36	3.0	0.14

Existing Dead Loads	*Units*	*Value*	*Description*
Roof Deck & Surface	*psf*	4.40	*Truss members' self weight added to FEA analysis*

Rack Support Spacing and Loading				
Across rafters	*ft*	4.0		
Along rafter slope	*ft*	6.3		
Area / support point	*sf*	12.5		
Uphill gap between modules	*in*	1.0	0.08	*ft*

Member Total Length	*ft*	24.00	
Maximum member free span	*ft*	24.00	Top truss chord span

ASCE 7-16 **Method for Calculating Uplift on PV Modules**

Notation
Lp = Panel chord length.
p = uplift wind pressure
γa = 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

Min.d1: Exposed	**FALSE**
Max.d1: Exposed	**TRUE**
1.5(Lp) =	5.19
γE =	1.5
γa =	0.67

Use EXPOSED for uplift calculations

$p = qh(GCp)\ (\gamma_E)\ (\gamma_a)$ (lb/ft2) (29.4-7)

Zones	1,2e,2r	2n,3r	3e
p, Windload (psf)	-18.86	-22.43	-27.71

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	*Module Upward*	*Module Upward*	*Module Upward*	*Downward*
D = dead load of PV Module + Stanchion	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38
S = snow load	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
W = wind load	-18.86	-22.43	-27.71	9.87

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.				
Combination Formulae	*Upward*	*Upward*	*Upward*	*Downward*
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)	17.38	17.38	17.38	21.82
Module Support point load (lb)	217	217	217	273
Cr Factored Module Support point load (lb)	189	189	189	237

Use this loading combination for UPWARD for Proposed PV Dead Load				
7. 0.60D - 0.6W	-6.78	-8.92	-12.08	7.57
Module Support point load (lb)	-85	-112	-151	95

DOWNWARD

Presume loading directly over member.

Combined Dead and Wind Pressure Downward Loading		
	Top truss chord span	

PV Module Row	Point load loc's from Left support	Point Load #'s	Module Support Point Load	Comment	Module Orientation
	ft from left		*lb*		
1	3.34		237		Portrait
1	9.60			Support placed on adjoining truss	Portrait
2	9.68			Support placed on adjoining truss	Portrait
2	15.94		237		Portrait
3	16.02		237		Portrait
3	22.28			Support placed on adjoining truss	Portrait

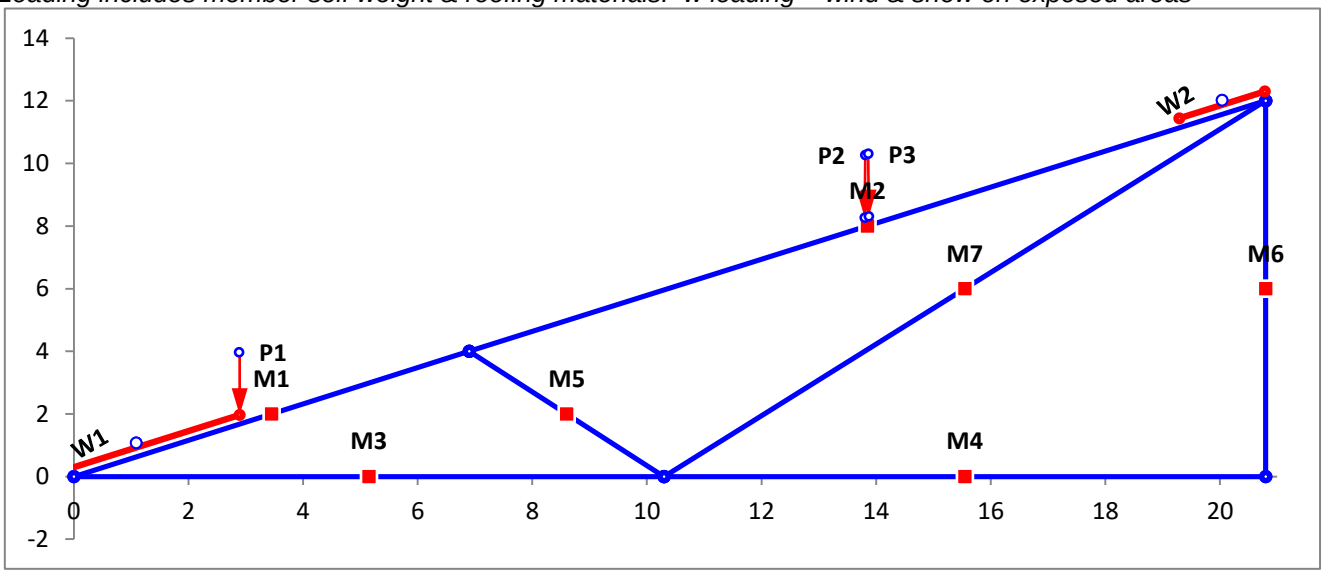
Truss Data and Loading for MP 1

Roof slope (degrees)	30.00		Length of roof plane	24.00
Top ridge height above floor plane	12.00		Length of floor plane	20.50

Truss Segments

Roof Plane		*Floor Plane*		*Diagonals*		*Diagonals*	
Mem #	*Mem Type*	Mem #	*Mem Type*	Mem #	*Mem Type*	Mem #	*Mem Type*
1	2x4	3	2x4	5	2x4	7	2x4
2	2x4	4	2x4	6	2x4		

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



Snow Loading Analysis

where:

		Fully Exposed	Exposure category
Ce	=	0.9	Exposure Factor, Ce (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.3-1, Page 61)
Ct	=	1.0	Thermal Factor, Ct (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.3-2, Page 61)
Is	=	1.0	Snow Importance Factor, Is (ASCE 7-16 Table 1.5-2, Page 5)
p_g	=	15	Ground Snow Load pg (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.2-1, Page 56-60)

p_f = **0.7CeCtIsPg** Flat Roof Snow Load, pf (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.3-1, Page 61)

p_f = **9.45** psf

but where Pf is not less than the following:

Minimum Snow Load pm (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.3.4, Page 62)

p_m = **15** When Pg <=20 psf, then use Pf = Pg x Is

p_f = **15** psf. Resultant Snow pressure to be used with Roof slope factor below

p_s = $C_s p_f$ Sloped Roof Snow Load ps (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.4, Page 61)

Roof Type Warm Roofs

Roof slope factor Cs for Warm Roofs, where Ct = 1.0

Roof surface condition = Slippery Roof

C_s = 1.00 Roof Slope Factor, Cs (ASCE 7-16 Table 7.4-1a, Page 62)

Total Snow Load

p_s	=	**15.00**	**psf**	Roof snow load