

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC
GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 18-F-0498 - Application of EDF Renewables Development, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law for Construction of a Solar Electric Generating Facility in the Town of Burns, Allegany County and the Town of Dansville, Steuben County.

NOTICE OF FILING OF A PRELIMINARY SCOPING STATEMENT
AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

(Issued February 28, 2020)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on February 25, 2020, EDF Renewables Development, Inc. (EDF), a subsidiary of EDF Renewables, Inc., filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) in connection with its proposal to construct a 94 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic major electric generating facility (the Project) in the Town of Burns in Allegany County and the Town of Dansville in Steuben County pursuant to Article 10 of the New York State Public Service Law (PSL).

The Project components would include photovoltaic solar panels, proposed to be no greater than 12 feet in height, electric collection lines, inverters and transformers, potential energy storage capacity, fencing, access roads and an Operations and Maintenance building. The Project would deliver electricity to the New York State power grid by a 115 kV transmission line connecting to a new point of interconnection (POI) bay at New York State Electric and Gas's Moraine Substation in the Town of Burns which would then connect to the 115 kV Meyer to Moraine Road transmission line that runs north-south through the Project site. The Project would be located on land leased from owners of private property.

Before any entity can construct a major generating facility such as this one, it must first obtain approval from the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board), pursuant to Article 10 of the PSL. The Siting Board's approval would take the form of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. Prior to filing an application for such a Certificate, an entity must first file a PSS with the Siting Board.

The filing of the PSS initiates the preliminary scoping phase of the Article 10 proceeding to determine the nature and scope of the studies EDF must undertake to develop the information that must be included in its formal application for the Certificate. In general, such studies identify and evaluate the potential impacts of a project on the environment, public health, and other public interest factors. State agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to engage in discussions with the project developer during this phase to reach agreements, called stipulations, regarding the details of these studies. Additional information about the Article 10 siting process and the preliminary scoping phase is available at the Siting Board's website, <http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard>.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person, agency or municipality may submit comments on the EDF PSS by filing them with the Siting Board and serving them on EDF, as described below. Under the Siting Board's regulations, 16 NYCRR 1000.5(g), comments must be filed within 21 days after the filing of the PSS. **Comments on the PSS must be received by no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 17, 2020.**

Within 21 days of the close of the public comment period, the developer is required to file a summary of and reply to all timely filed comments on the PSS. In this case, **EDF must file its summary and reply by 4:30 p.m. on April 7, 2020.**

Public comments may be filed electronically by visiting the Department of Public Service website at www.dps.ny.gov. Use the "Search by Case Number" function by entering Case 18-F-0498. Click on the "Post Comments" button in the upper part of the screen. Fill in the form to post your comments. Alternatively, comments may be filed via e-mail to Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary of the Siting Board, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or by mail or delivery to Secretary Phillips at New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments must refer to "Case 18-F-0498 - Moraine Solar."

All comments must also be served on EDF's designated Public Contact Project Representative, Kevin Campbell. Email: NewYorkSolar@edf-re.com; ordinary mail: Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, 53 Jarvis Street, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M5C 2H2, Canada.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary