

Final Public Involvement Program Plan for Columbia Solar Energy Center

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Herkimer County, New York

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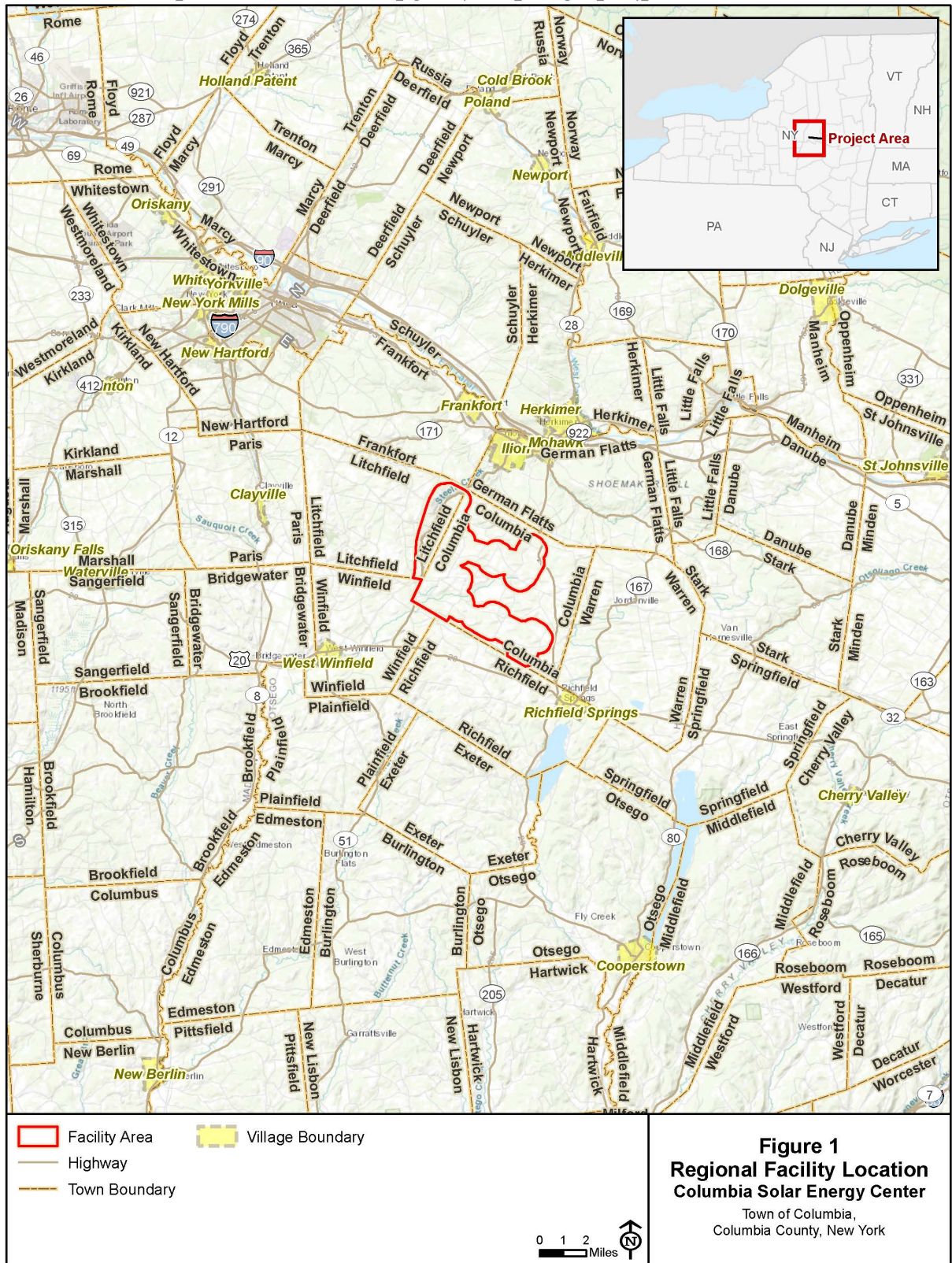
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List of Acronyms and Commonly Used Terms

| Acronym/Abbreviation | Definition/Denotation |
|-------------------------|--|
| AC | alternating current |
| AGL | above ground level |
| Applicant | EDF Renewables Development, Inc. |
| Article 10 Service List | This list identifies those parties upon whom the Applicant is legally obligated to serve copies of certain official filings under 16 NYCRR 1000.5(c), 1000.6(a) and 1000.7, as well as NY PSL Section 164(2) |
| CES | Clean Energy Standard |
| CO ₂ | carbon dioxide |
| DC | direct current |
| DPS | New York State Department of Public Service |
| EDF Renewables | EDF Renewables Development, Inc. |
| FAA | Federal Aviation Administration |
| Facility | Generating facility components associated with the Columbia Solar Energy Center |
| Facility Area | For purposes of the PIP Plan, the area that may host generating facility components, interconnections, and related facilities |
| GIS | geographic information system |
| GW | gigawatt |
| kV | kilovolt |
| Master Stakeholder List | Formal list of Host and Adjacent Landowners (landowners within 500 feet of the proposed Facility Area), State and Federal Agencies, Local Agencies, Municipalities and School Districts in the Facility Area and Study Area, and Additional Stakeholders upon whom EDF Renewables is required to serve notices |
| McHenry Storage | McHenry Energy Storage Project |
| MW | megawatt |
| MWac | megawatt, alternating current |

| Acronym/Abbreviation | Definition/Denotation |
|----------------------|---|
| MWh | megawatt-hour |
| NYCRR | New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations |
| NYISO | New York Independent System Operator |
| NYSDEC | New York State Department of Environmental Conservation |
| O&M | operations and maintenance |
| OCC | Operations Control Center |
| PIP | Public Involvement Program |
| POI | Point of Interconnection for the Facility. This area is the project substation and point of interconnection switchyard. |
| Project | Columbia Solar Energy Center |
| PSC | New York State Public Service Commission |
| PSS | Preliminary Scoping Statement |
| PV | photovoltaic |
| SCADA | Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition |
| Siting Board | New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment |
| Stakeholders | Defined by 16 NYCRR 1000.2(an) as those persons who may be affected or concerned by any issues within the Siting Board's jurisdiction relating to the proposed major electric generating facility and any decision being made by it |
| Study Area | For the purpose of this PIP Plan, areas within a 2-mile radius of the Facility Area |



Source: E&E 2019; ESRI 2017; NYS Office of Information Technology Services GIS Program Office (GPO) 2018, 2019.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

EDF Renewables Development, Inc. (EDF Renewables or Applicant), a subsidiary of EDF Renewables, Inc., is proposing to construct a 350-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility, which may include approximately 50 MW (200 megawatt-hours [MWh]) of energy storage, referred to as the Columbia Solar Energy Center (the Facility or Project), in the Towns of Columbia and Litchfield, Herkimer County, New York (see Figure 1).

As discussed below, EDF Renewables is a leading independent power producer and service provider with more than 16 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy projects developed across North America. EDF Renewables values meaningful relationships between business and society, which includes a shared goal of building a cleaner world for tomorrow. The purpose of this Public Involvement Program Plan (PIP Plan or the Plan) is to introduce the Project to the local community and other interested parties and to explain the public outreach and involvement efforts that EDF Renewables will pursue throughout the development of this Project.

Given its proposed capacity, the Facility is considered a “major electric generating facility” under Article 10 of the New York State Public Service Law. Generally, Article 10 provides for the siting review of all new major electric generating facilities in New York State with a nameplate generating capacity of 25 MW or more. This review is administered in New York State by the Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board) in a unified proceeding (an Article 10 Proceeding), instead of requiring a developer of such a facility to apply for numerous state and local permits. The PIP Plan is an important part of this process. The information that EDF Renewables receives through the early stages of its public outreach will assist in defining the scope of the studies that will ultimately form the basis of the Application to the Siting Board. Through this process, stakeholder concerns, interests, local knowledge, and recommendations will be considered, evaluated, and addressed by EDF Renewables and the Siting Board.

Your input matters!
We want to hear about
your interests and
concerns.

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The Article 10 Regulations include several rules and regulations that must be followed in developing a project such as the Columbia Solar Energy Center.¹ The Article 10 Regulations require that applicants proposing to submit an Application to construct a major electric generating facility under Article 10 initiate the regulatory review process by first filing a PIP Plan. The Article 10 Regulations state² that the PIP Plan must be submitted to the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) for review at least 150 days prior to filing a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS).

This document describes the public outreach and involvement activities that will be conducted by EDF Renewables throughout the Article 10 certification process and is intended to serve as the required PIP Plan. Through this PIP Plan, EDF Renewables (1) formally introduces the Project; (2) describes the Article 10 process to the local community, stakeholders, and other interested parties and shares information about available funding and tools to encourage stakeholder participation; and (3) outlines future public meetings and other outreach efforts through which Facility-related information will be shared and the public will have an opportunity to participate by asking questions and providing comments. The PIP Plan also provides important information about the kinds of notices community members can expect to receive throughout the Article 10 process, as well as resources for obtaining further information.

This document describes the public outreach and involvement activities that will be conducted by EDF Renewables throughout the Article 10 certification process.

More specifically, as required by the Article 10 Regulations,³ this PIP Plan includes the following components:

1. Consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders;
2. Pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity;
3. Activities designed to educate the public as to the specific proposal and the Article 10 review process, including the availability of intervenor funding for municipal and local parties;
4. The establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public and updates regarding the Facility and the Article 10 process;
5. Notifications to affected agencies and other stakeholders; and
6. Activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholders in the certification and compliance process.

¹ Copies of Article 10 Regulations can be found at:
<http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/1392EC6DD904BBC285257F4E005BE810?OpenDocument>.

² 16 NYCRR § 1000.4.

³ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4.

Article 10 Process Timeline

2019 ----- 2020-2021 ----- 2022 ----- 2023



Environmental Permitting Studies

Public Involvement Program initiating the Article 10 Process

Preliminary Scoping Statement to be filed, which will describe the scope and methodology of studies to be included in the Article 10 application anticipated in 2020. Intervenor funding available to municipalities and local groups.

Stipulations: The applicant may commence consultations and seek agreement with any party as to the methodology or scope of any study or evaluation to be made in support of the application

Agency Review

After submittal of an article 10 application, the NYS Department of Public Service must make a completeness determination within 60 days. If deficiencies are identified, they will be addressed through an application supplement. Intervenor funding available to municipalities and local groups.

Parties submit information requests, identify issues, prepare testimony, and participate in hearings

Application deemed complete. The administrative law judge will set a date for a public statement hearing and a pre-hearing procedural conference

Parties may submit information requests to the applicant seeking additional information or clarification on specific topics. The parties must also prepare testimony and identify issues that they may wish to litigate during hearings.

Decision- the Siting Board must make a decision on whether or not to issue the certificate within one year of the application having been deemed complete.

Project Construction commences following a favorable decision and subsequent compliance filings

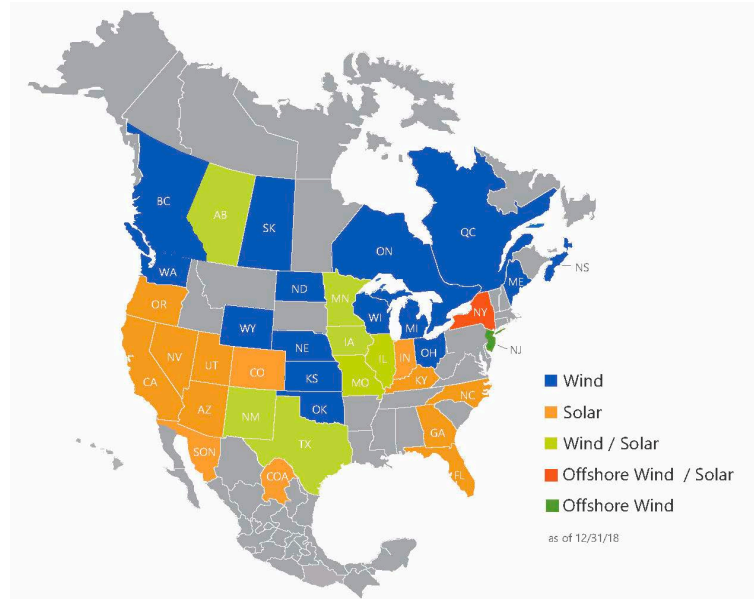
A certificate issued by the siting board will include numerous conditions such as decommissioning, including compliance filings that must be prepared and submitted by the applicant prior to construction.

During construction, the applicant must implement an environmental compliance monitoring plan, including preparation of an environmental monitoring manual, contractor training, pre-construction walkovers to identify sensitive sites to avoid, and daily inspections during construction and restoration activities.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Company Profile

With more than 30 years of renewable energy experience, EDF Renewables and its affiliates possess the technical expertise, financial resources, and commitment to deliver this new, efficient solar facility in accordance with New York's Clean Energy Standard. With U.S. headquarters in San Diego, California, and offices in more than 20 countries, EDF Renewables, Inc., is a global market leader in green electricity production, as well as a leading independent power producer and service provider. With 16 GW of



renewable energy projects developed, including more than 1,275 MW of commercial and utility-scale solar installations operating or in construction in North America, EDF Renewables ranks among the most reputable full-service renewable energy companies in the United States. Throughout our significant experience, we have built long-standing relationships with key stakeholders, including utilities, corporate buyers, regulatory agencies, and the communities in which we operate, enabling us to expertly navigate the development process, ensuring successful completion and operation of our projects. Recent examples of grid-scale solar facilities being developed and/or managed by EDF Renewables include the following:

- 125 MW Bunker Solar Energy Center in Bellmont, New York;
- 119 MW Tracy Solar Energy Center in Orleans and Clayton, New York;
- 75 MW Moraine Solar Energy Center in Burns, Dansville, and Ossian, New York;
- 240 MW Rich Road Solar Energy Center in Canton, New York;
- 175 MW Morris Ridge Solar facility in Mount Morris, New York;
- 80 MW Copenhagen Wind farm in Denmark, New York;
- 119 MW Gutenberg Solar facility in North Carolina;
- 111 MW Pecan Solar facility in North Carolina; and
- 143 MW Catalina Solar facility in California.

The Catalina Solar project in Kern County, California, consists of more than 1,100,000 solar panels, generates enough electricity to meet the demand of 35,000 homes, and displaces approximately 250,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) annually. EDF Renewables, Inc., also develops community-scale solar projects for municipalities, schools, nonprofits, landowners, and other entities. With years of expertise developing projects across the world, EDF Renewables, Inc., believes in turning renewable energy ideas and long-term relationships into ethical, high-value, sustainable businesses. Information, transparency, education, and listening are key to developing a project that is a net benefit to all.

EDF Renewables is committed to engaging the public and stakeholders throughout the Article 10 process.

EDF Renewables, Inc., built the 20 MW McHenry Energy Storage Project (McHenry Storage) in McHenry County, Illinois, in 2015. McHenry Storage is the first standalone energy storage project for EDF Renewables, Inc., in North America. Worldwide, EDF installed 800 MWh of batteries across a range of applications, from long-duration storage to frequency response.

With over 10 GW of wind and solar facilities under its responsibility, EDF Asset Management Group is the largest North American provider of third-party operations and maintenance (O&M) services. Providing a full range of services beginning prior to commissioning and going through to decommissioning, EDF Asset Management Group provides total project O&M services, including options such as balance-of-plant management, remote monitoring, and Original Equipment Manufacturer oversight, all performed by qualified and experienced EDF Asset Management Group technicians under stringent safety standards. EDF Asset Management Group provides critical 24/7/365 remote monitoring, diagnostics, and troubleshooting from its state-of-the-art North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) compliant Operations Control Center (OCC) located in San Diego, California, increasing equipment availability, minimizing downtime, and reducing operational and maintenance costs. The OCC combines control center, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), and O&M auxiliary services into a technical services hub, with a “One Touch” integrated front-end monitoring system to improve response times and more effectively track key performance indicators. The OCC is equipped with scalable technical infrastructure with component redundancy capable of disaster recovery, risk mitigation, and compliance management. This enhances the ability to monitor and diagnose plant performance and to provide additional sophisticated O&M services to best serve the local communities.



EDF Asset Management Group's Operations Control Center (OCC) located in San Diego, California.

2.2 Project Summary

The Columbia Solar Energy Center is a proposed 350-megawatt alternating current (MWac) photovoltaic solar facility, which may include approximately 50 MW (200 MWh) of energy storage capacity, located in the Towns of Columbia and Litchfield, Herkimer County, New York.

Figure 1 depicts the proposed Facility Area in relation to its regional context. The Project is consistent with the New York State Energy Plan and the Public Service Commission (PSC) proceeding implementing a Clean Energy Standard (CES), which encourage the development of clean energy and renewable resources as a tool in combating climate change, curbing harmful air pollution, and greening New York State's economy. The Facility will safely generate enough clean, renewable electricity to power more than 80,000 New York households. The Facility will also provide an economic stimulus to the area during construction by providing jobs and local contracts for goods and services. Section 2.2.3 and Section 7 explain the types of employment opportunities and socioeconomic benefits the Facility will provide. During operation, the Facility will offer long-term highly skilled operational positions and significant long-term economic benefits through lease revenue to local landowners and property tax revenue to the community.

2.2.1 Project Siting

The primary factor directing the siting of a solar and storage facility is proximity to transmission infrastructure with sufficient interconnection capacity. The Facility will interconnect to the New York electrical grid via a new Point of Interconnection (POI), located on the New York Power Authority's (NYPA) Edic to Fraser 345 kV transmission line adjacent to the site with an alternate point of interconnection of the NYPA Coopers Corners to Marcy 345kV transmission line which runs parallel in the same right-of-way. An interconnection application has been filed and accepted with New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), queue number Q#857. The POI will be a new substation and POI switchyard to be constructed within the Facility Area; the Project substation will be owned and operated by EDF Renewables, Inc., while the POI switchyard will be owned and operated by NYPA (see Figure 2). The selection of appropriate sites for a solar-powered electric generation facility is constrained by numerous other factors that are essential considerations for a project to operate in a technically and economically viable manner. These important factors include the availability of relatively flat, open, and appropriately oriented land to site the panels, willing land lease participants, and preliminary environmental screenings that have not indicated any significant environmental or societal barriers.

The lands that are being evaluated for potential solar development are located in the Towns of Columbia and Litchfield, Herkimer County, New York identified on Figures 1 and 2 as the Facility Area. Not all the land included in the Facility Area will be utilized by the Project. Rather, the Facility Area represents the broader area within which participating parcels will be developed with solar

facilities. This provides flexibility during the development phase to minimize and avoid impacts to wetlands, cultural resources, visual resources, wildlife habitat, and other sensitive resources. The Project will ultimately be sited on leased private land within the Facility Area, which consists primarily of cleared land.

2.2.2 Project Description

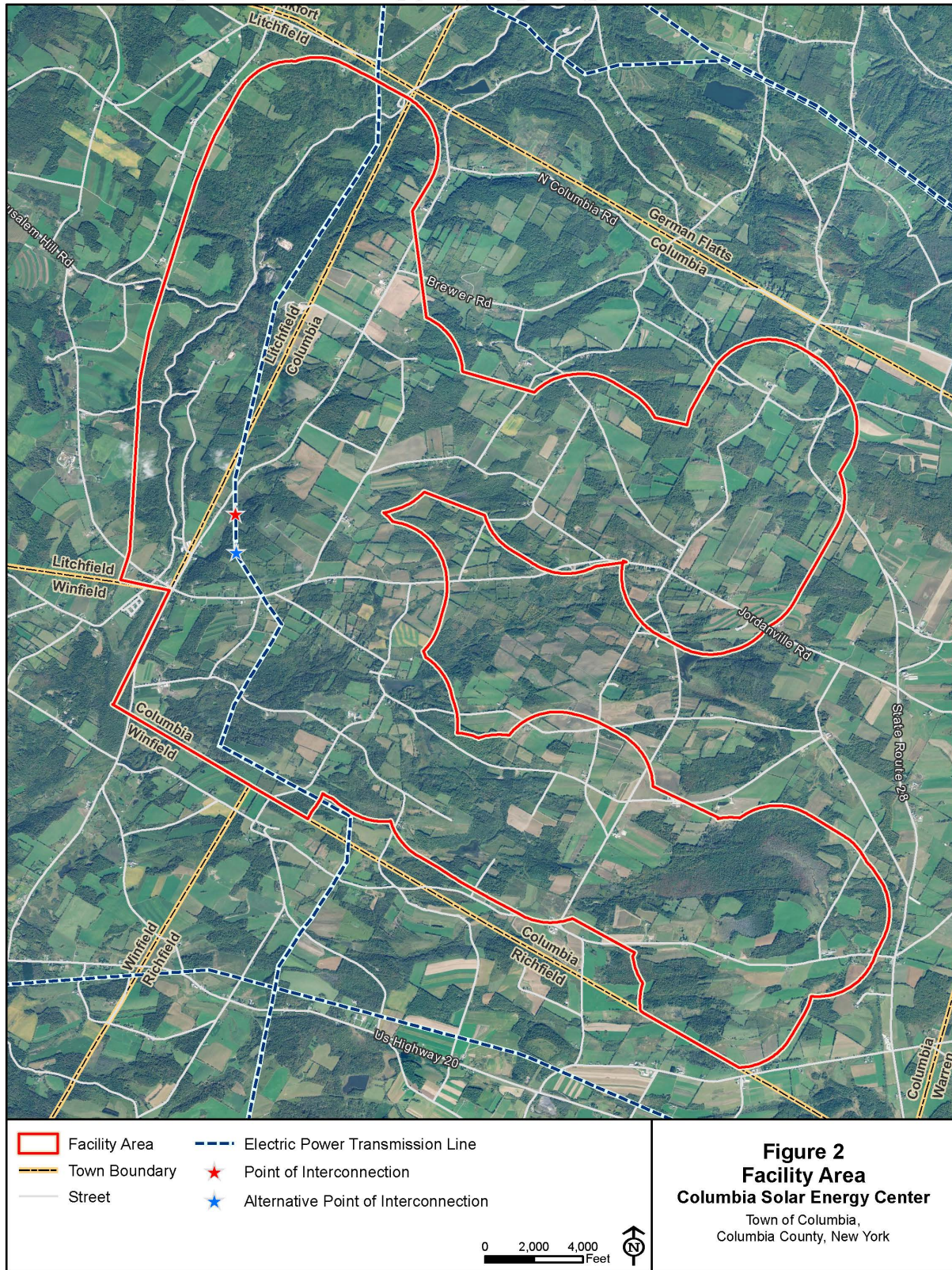
The Facility will use the same type of photovoltaic panels installed on over one million homes in the United States. Solar equipment is a proven safe technology in applications from fields to rooftops of homes and schools, and are supported, most commonly, on piles driven into the ground.

The Facility will consist of the following components:

- **Arrays of PV solar panels** producing direct current (DC) electricity, currently anticipated to be approximately 8 to 9 feet in height;
- **Operations and maintenance building** to provide work and storage space;
- **Inverters and medium-voltage transformers placed throughout the Facility** (internal to the panel arrays) to convert DC electricity to AC electricity and increase the electricity voltage from the solar panels to 34.5 kV;
- **Energy storage enclosures**, typically 40 feet long by 8 feet wide by 8 feet high containers that house the batteries within the Facility Area, if determined to be feasible; exact Facility layout and placement of these components is still being determined;
- **A medium-voltage electrical collection system** that will aggregate the AC output from the inverters;
- **Project substation and POI switchyard** where the Facility's electrical output voltage will be increased from approximately 34.5 kV to the transmission line voltage of 345 kV via a step-up transformer. EDF Renewables will work with NYISO and NYPA to design an appropriate Facility substation that will connect the Facility to the existing electrical grid. The facility substation will be located on a parcel of land within the Facility Area intersected by the existing transmission line as indicated in Figure 2;
- **Internal infrastructure**, including access roads and fencing; and
- **Temporary laydown areas** for equipment staging during construction.



EDF Renewables developed, designed, and constructed this 2-MW solar project located in Rome, New York, for the Mohawk Valley Community College



Source: E&E 2019; ESRI 2017; HIFLD 2018; NAIP 2017; NYSDEC 2018; NYS Office of Information Technology Services GIS Program Office (GPO) 2018, 2019.

The Columbia Solar Energy Center is expected to generate approximately enough electricity to meet the average annual consumption of for 80,000 New York households.

The Columbia Solar Energy Center will have a nameplate generating capacity of about 350 MWac and may include approximately 50 MW (200 MWh) of energy storage. It is expected to generate approximately enough electricity to meet the average annual consumption of over 80,000 New York households through its nameplate generating capacity, based on average annual electric consumption of 6,719 kWh (Energy Information Administration 2017).⁴

2.2.3 Project Potential Impacts

The proposed Facility will have positive impacts on socioeconomics in the area through employment opportunities, specifically by generating temporary construction employment, a significant amount of which will likely be drawn from Herkimer County and the regional labor market. Local construction employment will primarily benefit those in the construction trades, including equipment operators, truck drivers, laborers, and electricians. Peak employment for the construction phase is estimated to be around 300 workers. In addition, Facility operation will generate part-time employment and contracting service opportunities for electricians, operations managers, laborers, fencing contractors, and landscaping maintenance crews. An estimated five (5) on-site full-time job equivalents (FTEs)

will be generated from operation of the Facility, with additional occasional work for landscaping, periodic maintenance, and other incidental work. EDF Renewables anticipate a combination of full-time and part-time employees whose hours equate five FTEs. A payment in lieu of taxes and community benefit agreement will be proposed to provide annual revenues to the Towns of Columbia and Litchfield, Herkimer County, and the host school districts. Landowners hosting Facility infrastructure will also receive annual payments, and additional local revenues are possible through the purchase of construction materials, supplies, services, and goods throughout the life of the Facility.

Through very deliberate site selection, followed by careful planning and design, and by the benign nature of the technology, the Facility is expected to have minimal impacts on the surrounding community. Solar facilities are quiet and produce no vibration during operation. The PV solar panels proposed to be used for the Facility do not contain hazardous materials and have a low



EDF Renewables was pleased to once again work with the City of Rome, New York, to develop a 2-megawatt (AC) solar project.

⁴ Energy Information Administration. 2017. *Frequently Asked Questions: How Much Electricity Does an American Home Use?* Available at: <http://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/#electricity> (Last updated October 26, 2018; Accessed February 6, 2019).

height profile. Setbacks, fencing, and landscape buffering allow solar projects to have minimal visual impact on the community and natural setting of the area.

Responsibly sited solar facilities can provide long-term preservation of agricultural land. The Facility is not a permanent structure and will be decommissioned at the end of its operational life, at which time the land can be returned to its former use. Solar projects generally have an operational life of up to 40 years. As required under Article 10, EDF Renewables will provide a decommissioning plan in its Application, as well as a proposed financial security mechanism to ensure adequate funding is available for decommissioning. In accordance with Article 10 Regulations,⁵ the plan will ensure proper removal of the Facility and restoration of the land at the end of the Project's operational life. As will be discussed in the decommissioning plan, written notifications will be provided to the Towns and host and adjacent landowners at least 2 weeks prior to commencement of decommissioning and restoration activities.

EDF Renewables will provide a decommissioning plan in the Article 10 Application.

2.3 Study Area

For the purposes of this PIP Plan, EDF Renewables proposes a 2-mile-radius Study Area from (and including) all Facility components. Figure 3 depicts the 2-mile-radius Study Area extending from the Facility Area reflecting potential interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other stakeholders. Municipalities within this Study Area include the Towns of Columbia, Winfield, Warren, Richfield, German Flatts, Frankfort and Litchfield and the villages of Ilion and Richfield Springs in Herkimer County. Unique resources within the Study Area include one property listed on the National Register of Historic Places – Remington House.

A more in-depth description of the Study Area will be included in the PSS and Application, and it should be noted that the extent of the Study Area may be expanded for certain studies (e.g., visual impact assessment). The definition of the Study Area in Article 10 Regulations also allows for the area to be configured to address specific features or resource areas. Study areas may vary in extent for identifying stakeholder interests and assessing Project impacts. Within the Article 10 Application, exhibits will be drafted to identify Project details and potential impacts. Each resource area analyzed may have a different study area based on the extent of those impacts. As an example, socioeconomics may be studied at the town or county level, whereas visual impacts would be identified based on the topography of the Facility Area and the surrounding areas. For the purposes of this PIP Plan, the Study Area has been defined conservatively based on a Facility Area that is anticipated to be larger than the ultimate footprint of the Facility in order to enhance stakeholder engagement. As the Article 10 process continues, specific Facility component locations will be identified and shared with the general public, stakeholders, and all affected

⁵ 16 NYCRR § 1001.29 (Site Restoration and Decommissioning).

agencies. It is presumed that any potential alternatives will be located within the communities identified herein.

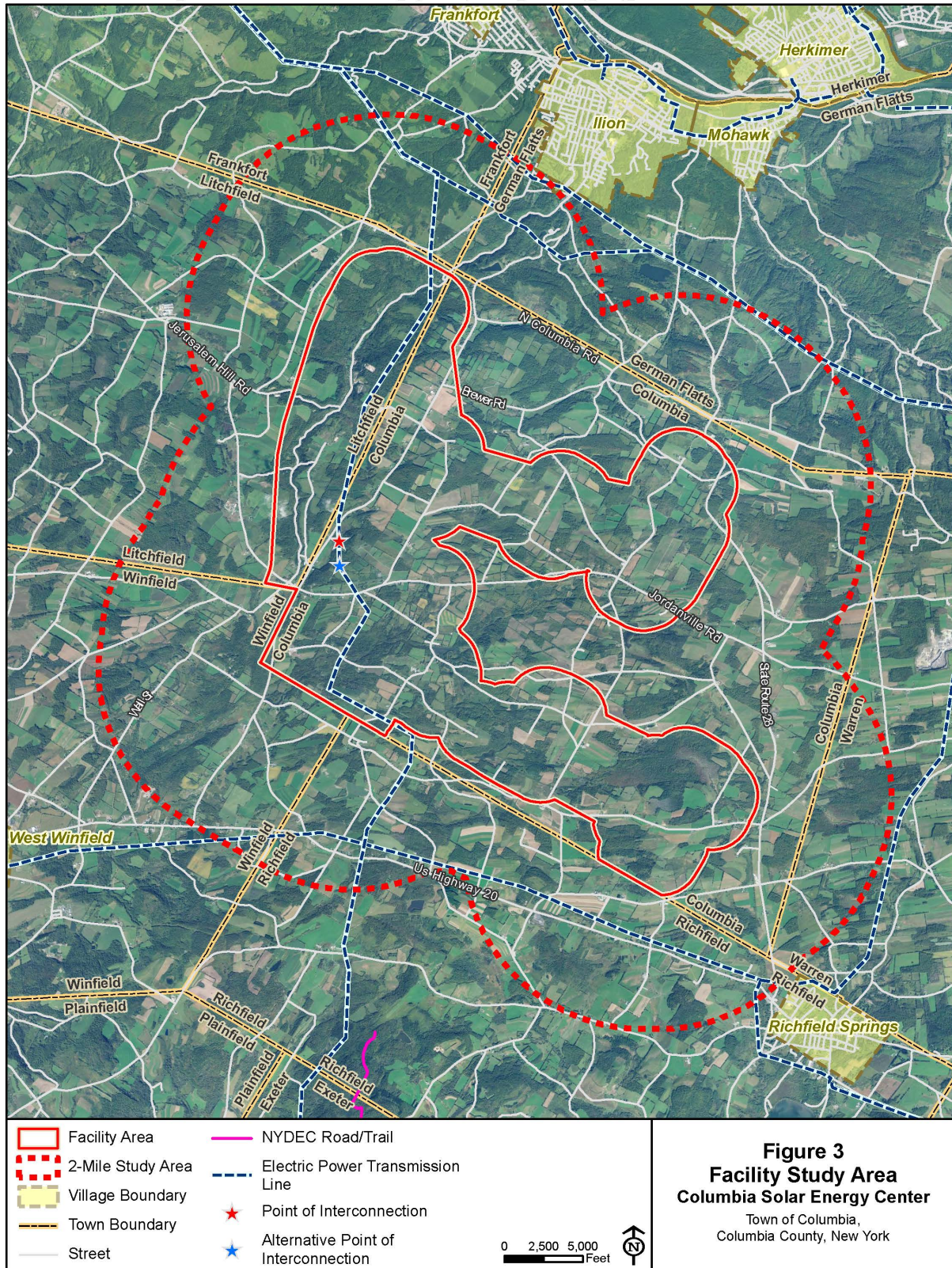


Figure 3
Facility Study Area
Columbia Solar Energy Center
 Town of Columbia,
 Columbia County, New York

Source: E&E 2019; ESRI 2017; HIFLD 2018; NAIP 2017; NYSDEC 2018; NYS Office of Information Technology Services GIS Program Office (GPO) 2018, 2019.

3.0 IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

EDF Renewables maintains a development approach that places transparency, safety, accountability, and respect for local communities as its core values.

A fundamental first step in the community outreach process for the Project is identifying the stakeholders that may be affected by construction and operation of the proposed Facility. For nearly 30 years, EDF Renewables, Inc., has developed more than 16 GW of grid-scale power across North America, including a wide variety of solar, wind, and storage projects. EDF Renewables maintains a development approach that places transparency, safety, accountability, and respect for local communities as its core values. EDF Renewables will continue its historically successful efforts to engage interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other potential stakeholders by being transparent and providing timely information to consistently educate all stakeholders and by soliciting feedback. The process by which EDF Renewables identifies specific stakeholders for this Facility is informed by direct experience coupled with DPS guidance and prior submissions of other Article 10 PIP Plans. Stakeholder identification efforts for the Columbia Solar Energy Center also included reviewing County geographic information system (GIS) records, tax records, personal visits, State agency guidance, prior PIP Plans, and Internet research, among other steps. EDF Renewables considered the following in compiling its list of affected agencies and other potential stakeholders:

- The anticipated locations of Facility components within the Facility Area;
- “Local Party,” as defined in Article 10 Regulations (16 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations [NYCRR] §1000.2[s]);
- “Affected Agencies,” as that term is used in Article 10 Regulations (16 NYCRR §1000 et seq.);
- Host municipalities, counties, and school districts, which, for the purposes of this PIP Plan, refers to those that are currently within the Facility Area and are anticipated to host Facility components (to be determined and further described in the PSS);
- Other municipalities, county, and school districts within the Study Area;
- Public interest groups; and
- State and federal elected officials representing the host municipalities and, if different, other municipalities within the Study Area.

“Local party” is defined as any person residing in a community who may be affected by the proposed major electric generating facility at the proposed location, or any alternative location identified, who is a party to the proceeding. For the purposes of this definition, the term residing includes individuals having a dwelling within a community who may be affected.

A Master Stakeholder List, which includes all currently known potentially interested stakeholders and parties, was developed based upon the combination of efforts described above (see Exhibit A). EDF Renewables anticipates that the Master Stakeholder List will be updated as necessary based on information and requests received from interested stakeholders during PIP Plan activities, and these updates will be provided to the DPS along with the PIP Plan tracking submissions. In addition, once the Facility Area is fully defined, the Master Stakeholder List will be updated to include host landowners who have a land agreement with EDF Renewables, as well as adjacent landowners as defined in Section 3.6 and landowners who would normally be notified of a local Town land use action.

Sections 3.1 through 3.8 identify stakeholders by category.



EDF Renewables developed and constructed this 2-MW solar project for the Town of Ontario in Wayne County, New York.

3.1 State and Federal Agencies

Empire State Development Corporation
Empire State Development Corporation, Mohawk Valley
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
New York Independent System Operator
New York Power Authority
NYS Assembly, Assemblyman Brian D. Miller, 101st District
NYS Attorney General
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 6
NYS Department of Health
NYS Department of Health, Central Region
NYS Department of Public Service
NYS Department of Public Service, Office of Electric, Gas, and Water
NYS Department of Public Service, Office of General Counsel
NYS Department of Public Service, Public Affairs
NYS Department of State
NYS Department of Transportation
NYS Department of Transportation, Region 2
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
NYS Energy Research and Development Authority
NYS Governor's Office
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, Central Region
NYS Senate, Senator Patrick M. Gallivan, 51st District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District
U.S. Federal Aviation Administration
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office
U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Chris Collins, 27th District
U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Anthony Brindisi, 22nd District
U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer

3.2 Local Agencies

Herkimer County Administrator's Office
Herkimer County Appraisal District
Herkimer County Attorney's Office
Herkimer County Board of Elections
Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce
Herkimer County Clerk's Office
Herkimer County District Attorney
Herkimer County Emergency Services
Herkimer County Highway Department
Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency
Herkimer County Legislature
Herkimer County Office for the Aging
Herkimer County Public Health
Herkimer County Sheriff's Office
Herkimer County Social Services
Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District
Herkimer County Veteran's Service Agency
Mohawk River Watershed Coalition
Oneida County Department of Planning & Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program
Town of Columbia Clerk's Office
Town of Columbia Code Enforcement
Town of Columbia Highway Department
Town of Columbia Historian
Town of Columbia Planning Board
Town of Columbia Town Board
Town of Litchfield Board of Appeals
Town of Litchfield Clerk's Office
Town of Litchfield Code Enforcement
Town of Litchfield Highway Department
Town of Litchfield Historian
Town of Litchfield Town Board
Upper Susquehanna Coalition
Village of Ilion Department of Public Works
Village of Ilion Department of Public Safety
Village of Ilion Municipal Water Department

3.3 Municipalities, Counties, and School Districts in the Facility Area

Central Valley School District
Herkimer County
Mount Markham Central School District
Richfield Springs Central School District
Town of Columbia
Town of Litchfield

3.4 Additional Municipalities, Counties, and School Districts in a 2-Mile Study Area

Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District
Otsego County
Town of Frankfort
Town of German Flatts
Town of Richfield
Town of Warren
Town of Winfield
Owen D. Young Central School District
Village of Ilion
Village of Richfield Springs

3.5 Additional Stakeholders

Alliance for Clean Energy New York
Canadarago Lake Improvement Association
Canadarago Snowtoppers Association, INC.
Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County
DeRonda Airport (private use)
Frankfort-Highland Airport
Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce
Herkimer County Farm Bureau
Herkimer County Historical Society
Holy Trinity Monastery
Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency
Ilion Free Public Library
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 43
Mohawk Air Park (private use)
Mohawk Aviation Center (private use)

Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council
National Grid
New York Agricultural Land Trust
New York Farm Bureau
New York Farm Bureau, District 6
New York Forest Owners Association, Central New York Chapter
New York Laborers' Union Local 633
New York Laborers' Union Local 785
New York Public Interest Research Group
New York State Conservation Council
New York State Snowmobile Association
New Yorkers for Clean Power
Onondaga Audubon Society
Otsego Lake Association
Richfield Airport (private use)
Route 20 Association of New York State
Sierra Club, Atlantic Chapter
Sierra Club, Hudson Mohawk Group
Sky-Ranch Airport (private use)
The Cedar Lake Club
Upstate New York Operating Engineers Local 158
Weller Library
West Winfield Library
Winfield Historical Society

EDF Renewables understands there is a considerable amount of history in this area. The following cemeteries exist within 2 miles of the Facility Study Area. No cemeteries are located within the Facility Area. EDF Renewables project activities will not directly impact area cemeteries.

Armory Hill Cemetery
Brown-Young Cemetery
Edick Cemetery
Fulmer Cemetery
Litchfield Cemetery
Warren Cemetery
Parker Cemetery
Meeting House Green Cemetery
Jerusalem Hill Cemetery
Cedarville Cemetery
Millers Mills Cemetery

Reformed Church Cemetery
North Columbia Church Cemetery
Dennison Corners Cemetery

3.6 Host and Adjacent Landowners

Host landowners are landowners with whom EDF Renewables has entered or will enter into a land use agreement with. Adjacent landowners are landowners with property within 500 feet of the Facility.

EDF Renewables has not determined when the final Facility layout will be completed. However, information obtained during the pre-application process will be used, as appropriate, to assist in developing the final layout for the Columbia Solar Energy Center. In addition, the final layout will be determined by incorporating further input from stakeholders, as well as processing data from fieldwork (e.g., avoidance of impacts on wetlands identified during field delineation efforts). Therefore, specific host and adjacent landowner information is not included with this PIP Plan. Participating and adjacent landowners will be included in mailings, outreach activities, and notifications that are provided to the stakeholders identified in this PIP Plan throughout design and construction of the Facility. Additional outreach to host landowners and municipal officials will take place during decommissioning and site restoration activities at the end of the Facility's operational life. However, for privacy purposes, the Master Stakeholder List may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than names and personal contact information.

Information obtained during the pre-application process will be used, as appropriate, to assist in developing the final layout for the Columbia Solar Energy Project. In addition, the final layout will be determined by incorporating further input from stakeholders, as well as processing data from fieldwork (e.g., avoidance of impacts on wetlands identified during field delineation efforts).

3.7 Environmental Justice Communities that may be Affected by the Proposal

Article 10 requires prospective applicants to identify whether environmental justice communities are in close proximity (one-half mile) to a proposed Facility. If there are such communities, Article 10 requires adherence to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) rules for the analysis of environmental justice issues associated with projects subject to review and approval under Article 10 of the Public Service Law.⁶

⁶ See 6 NYCRR Part 487.

Per NYSDEC Environmental Justice Policy CP-29, Potential Environmental Justice Areas include census block groups featuring populations that meet or exceed at least one of the following statistical thresholds:

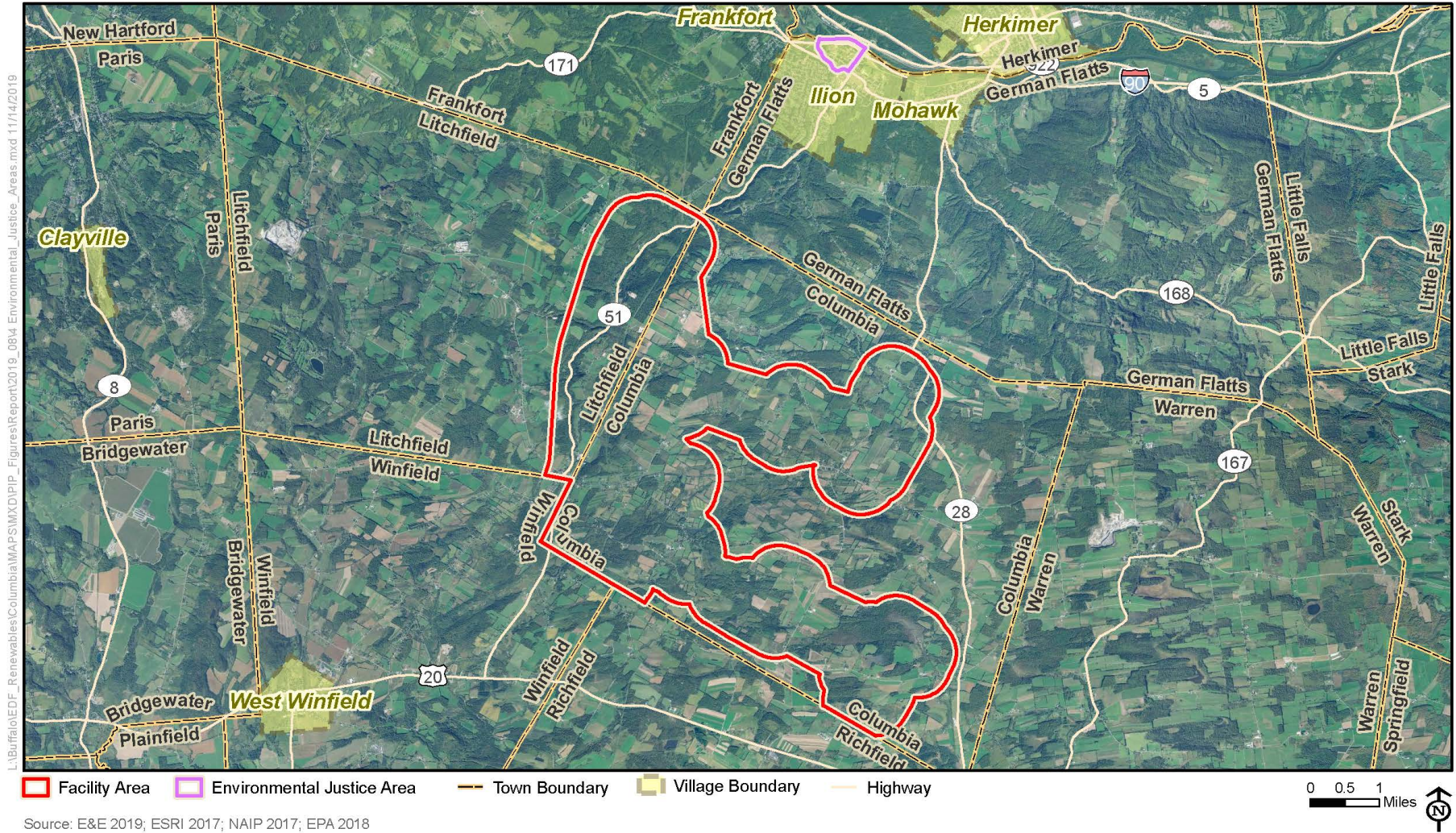
1. At least 51.1% of the population in an urban area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
2. At least 33.8% of the population in a rural area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
3. At least 23.59% of the population in an urban or rural area had household incomes below the federal poverty level.

Based on data obtained from the *NYSDEC's Geospatial Information System (GIS) Tools for Environmental Justice* website (www.dec.ny.gov/public/911.html), there are no Potential Environmental Justice Areas in the Facility Area or Study Area. As shown on Figure 4, the closest Potential Environmental Justice Area is northeast of the Study Area in the Village of Ilion.

EJSCREEN—a 2018 USEPA environmental justice (EJ) screening and mapping tool—uses demographic indicators to map environmental justice. It's "low income" indicator marks the percent of a block group's population in households where the household income is less than or equal to twice the federal "poverty level." EJSCREEN confirms a nearby EJ location in Ilion.

Further discussion on Potential Environmental Justice Areas will be included in the PSS and the Application (Exhibit 28) pursuant to Article 10 Regulations.

Figure 4: Closest Potential Environmental Justice Areas to the Facility Area
Columbia Solar Energy Center
 Town of Columbia, Columbia County, New York



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4.0 LANGUAGE ACCESS

The Article 10 regulations require a PIP Plan to identify (1) any language other than English that is spoken (according to U.S. Census data) by 5,000 or more persons residing in any portion of a five-digit zip code postal zone located within the Study Area for the Facility; and (2) any language other than English spoken by a significant population of persons residing in proximity to the proposed facility, alternative locations, or interconnections.⁷

According to the U.S. Census Bureau data from the 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates, 4.8% of Herkimer County residents age five or older speak a language other than English at home.⁸ With a 2017 population estimate of 59,660 individuals 5 years of age and older in the county, this means approximately 2,849 speak a language other than English at home.⁹

The Study Area contains portions of four zip codes in which languages other than English are spoken. However, in those four zip codes, fewer than 5,000 people speak a language other than English (see Table 1). Based on these findings, EDF Renewables proposes to disseminate Project-related materials in only the English language.

EDF Renewables understands through outreach efforts that an Amish community is present within the Study Area. EDF Renewables has identified points of contact in the community and will reach out to the community and identify preferred method of receiving project information and exchanging information with the project team/local agencies to maximize participation to the extent possible. Unless a stakeholder group is identified sufficient to trigger Article 10's second-language requirements, EDF Renewables proposes to disseminate Project-related materials in only the English language.

⁷ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(d).

⁸ <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

Table 1: Most Prevalent Languages Spoken in Study Area Zip Codes*

| Zip Code | Language | Number of Speakers |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 13357 | English | 10,475 |
| | Spanish or Spanish Creole | 164 |
| | French (incl. Patois, Cajun) | 72 |
| | Italian | 57 |
| | Russian | 44 |
| | Polish | 29 |
| | German | 17 |
| | Chinese | 13 |
| | Serbo-Croatian | 6 |
| | Yiddish | 6 |
| | Total: | 10,883 |
| 13404 | English | 155 |
| | Other Indo-European languages | 12 |
| | Other languages | 3 |
| | Total: | 170 |
| 13439 | English | 3,456 |
| | Russian | 34 |
| | Spanish or Spanish Creole | 31 |
| | Other Slavic languages | 24 |
| | French (incl. Patois, Cajun) | 20 |
| | German | 18 |
| | Polish | 13 |
| | Arabic | 9 |
| | Other Pacific Island languages | 8 |
| | Urdu | 6 |
| | Scandinavian languages | 6 |
| | Italian | 6 |
| | Hebrew | 5 |
| | Other West Germanic languages | 4 |
| | Other Indo-European languages | 2 |
| | Total: | 3,642 |

Table 1: Most Prevalent Languages Spoken in Study Area Zip Codes*

| Zip Code | Language | Number of Speakers |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 13491 | English | 3,471 |
| | Spanish or Spanish Creole | 81 |
| | Italian | 28 |
| | German | 24 |
| | French (incl. Patois, Cajun) | 11 |
| | Polish | 7 |
| | Scandinavian languages | 3 |
| | Total: | 3,625 |

Source: http://www.mla.org/map_data (American Fact Finder, 2000 Census Data)

*These numbers will differ from the 2015-2017 ASC census data. However, the 2000 Census data provides a more expansive language category breakout and was utilized for development of this table.

5.0 PROPOSED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

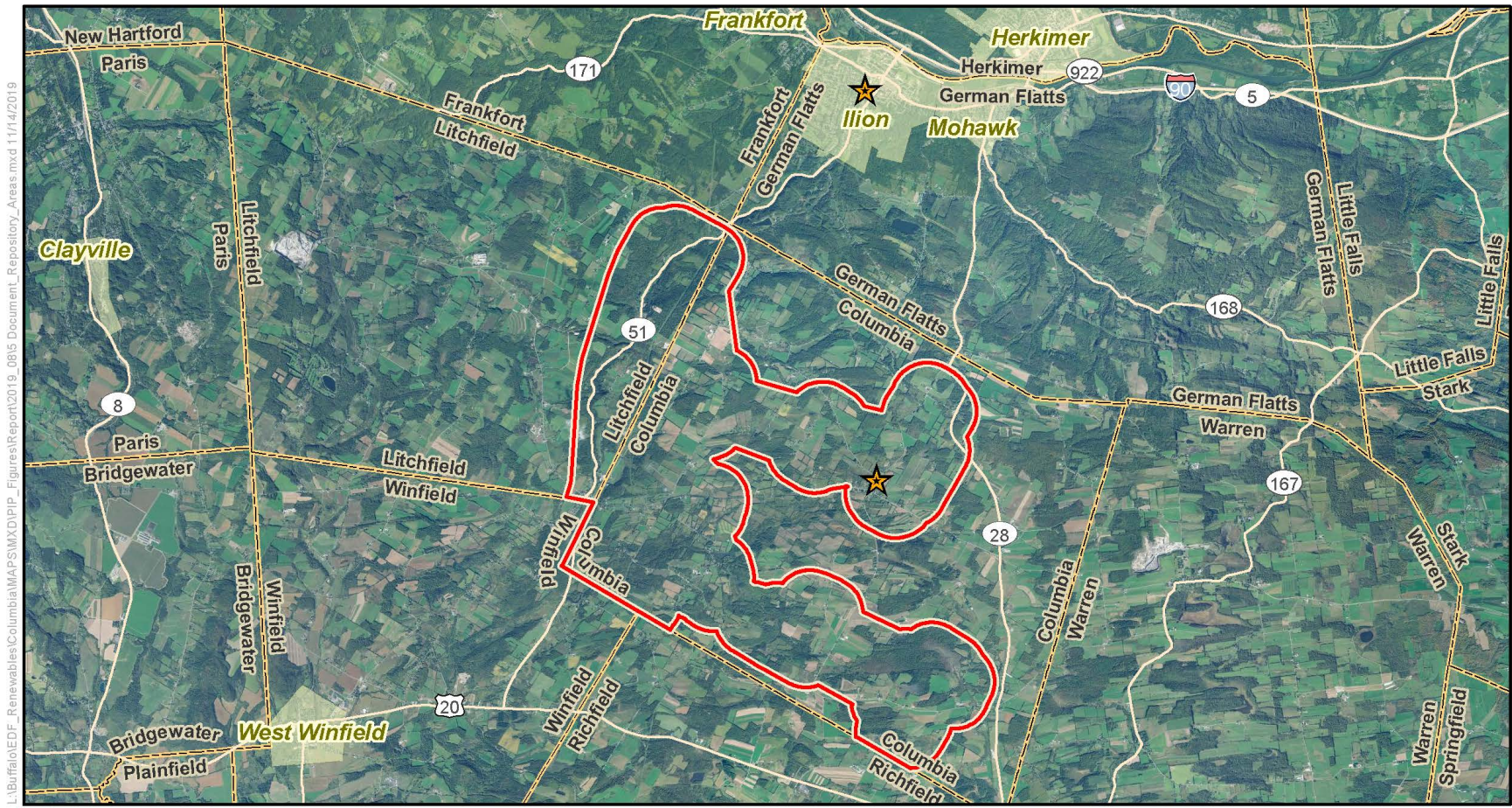
5.1 Project Contact Information

- EDF Renewables Development, Inc.
15445 Innovation Dr.
San Diego, California 92128
(833) 333-7369
- Project Representative:
Jack Honor, Development Manager
(518) 888-2589
NewYork.Solar@edf-re.com

EDF Renewables will respond directly to and acknowledge all inquiries and requests for information submitted to the Project Representative (by email, telephone or mail) within 48 hours of receiving the inquiry and/or comment. EDF Renewables' normal business hours are from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays and between Christmas and New Year's. Where it may take longer to respond to an inquiry, the initial response will indicate a timeframe anticipated for the full response. Correspondence will be documented in a database. In addition, where an in-person meeting is requested, efforts will be made to accommodate such meetings within 15 business days. Email inquiries will receive an automated response acknowledging receipt of an interested party's question or comment.

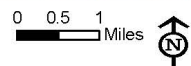
- Project Website:
www.columbiasolarproject.com
- Local Document Repositories (see Figure 5):
 - Ilion Free Public
Library 78 West Street
Ilion, NY 13357
Phone: (315) 894-5028
Open: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (September through May); closed Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day and Sunday
 - Town of Litchfield
804 Cedarville Rd
Ilion, NY 13357
Phone: (315) 737-0554
 - Town of Columbia
147 Columbia Center Road
Ilion, NY 13357
Phone: (315) 866-4312

Figure 5: Local Document Repositories
 Columbia Solar Energy Center
 Town of Columbia, Columbia County, New York



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Facility Area
 Village Boundary
 Highway



Source: E&E 2019; ESRI 2017; NAIP 2017

5.2 Proposed Public Involvement Program Plan

EDF Renewables' proposed PIP Plan focuses first and foremost on early and frequent communication with host communities, including the Towns of Columbia and Litchfield, and Herkimer County. EDF Renewables made initial presentations on the project to the Town of Columbia planning board and Town Supervisor on April 17, The Columbia Town Board on August 8, the Town of Litchfield Supervisor and one Board member on May 14, and the Town of Litchfield Town Board on June 11. In addition, an open house public meeting was held on August 21 for adjacent landowners, community stakeholders, and municipal officials. Nearly 80 people attended the meeting where EDF Renewables presented the project, share the site map and project details, and discussed the Article 10 process. EDF Renewables noticed this meeting in a local newspaper, The Herkimer Evening Telegram (also known as the Times Telegram), 14 days prior to the scheduled event. In addition, information on the meeting was mailed to the Master Stakeholder List (see Section 5.2, below). EDF Renewables will maintain such communication with the towns, county, and interested stakeholders throughout the project. This PIP Plan will be made available at the document repositories listed in Section 5.1.

Aside from the towns and county, there are many important stakeholders to consider in developing a solar project of this scale. Article 10 Regulations require that a PIP Plan include: (1) consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders; (2) pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity; (3) activities designed to educate the public as to the specific proposal and the Article 10 review process, including the availability of funding for municipal and local parties; (4) the establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public; (5) notifications; and (6) activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholders in the certification and compliance process.¹⁰ It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing, evolving process throughout all phases of the Article 10 review process (pre-application phase, application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-certification phase) and is intended to disseminate information regarding the Facility to stakeholders, solicit information from those stakeholders during public outreach events, and generally foster participation in the Article 10 review.

EDF Renewables has established a user-friendly website in plain English that describes the Facility, describes the Article 10 process, and provides Facility updates throughout the development and construction phases of the Facility to keep the community informed of the Facility's status (see Section 5.6 for additional detail).

¹⁰ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(c).

5.3 Consultation with the Affected Agencies, Municipalities, and Stakeholders

Article 10 Regulations require both general and specific consultations with affected agencies and municipalities. Affected agencies, listed in Sections 3.1 and 3.2, were identified through review of the Article 10 regulations in consultation with the Facility's permitting counsel and environmental consultant. Affected municipalities are identified in Sections 3.3 and 3.4.

EDF Renewables has presented to each of the Host Municipalities to introduce the project, share the site map and project details, and discuss the Article 10 process. EDF Renewables will continue to communicate with the municipality and make an initial contact with each affected agency to make certain they are aware of the Facility, identify the agency's interests or concerns, and inform them of any progress on a regular basis.

Coordination with affected agencies and municipalities will include the following general steps:

1. EDF Renewables will contact each agency or municipality to inform them of the Facility and the Article 10 process, including the availability of intervenor funding for municipalities, and to provide information on whom to contact with any questions or comments about the Facility and/or about the Article 10 process;
2. Subsequent interaction with each agency or municipality, as needed, to answer specific questions or interests about the Facility, and to identify the applicable studies and impact analyses to be performed and how they pertain to the Facility;
3. Regular coordination with appropriate agency staff during early development of the PSS and throughout the Article 10 process;
4. Regular consultation with DPS Staff at appropriate times during the outreach period, including during early development of the PSS; and
5. Other specific coordination as required by Article 10 Regulations, or as needed to inform the process.

With respect to intervenor funding, EDF Renewables is required to deposit funds for intervenor participation. Funds are deposited with the DPS at the time the PSS is filed, in an amount equal to \$350 for each 1,000 kilowatts (i.e., 1 MW) of generating capacity of the Facility. Pre-application funds are disbursed to qualifying parties to aid in their participation in the scoping phase of the proceeding. Each request for pre-application funds is submitted to the presiding examiner assigned to the proceeding before the Siting Board, and at least 50% of the pre-application intervenor funds shall be reserved for potential awards to municipalities.

Additional funds for intervenor participation will be deposited with the DPS at the time the Project's Application is filed in an amount equal to \$1,000 for each 1,000 kilowatts of capacity. Funds deposited with the Application may be used by parties for qualifying consultants and activities in the post-Application phase of the proceeding, such as hearings, adjudication, and discovery.¹¹

The goals of the initial consultation with each municipality or agency will be to establish contact with representatives, disseminate information, request information, and schedule follow-up meetings and/or consultations, as appropriate. Specific information provided to the affected agencies and municipalities will include a description of the Facility and location; explanation of the phases of the Article 10 process and how the agency or municipality can participate in each step; description of the available intervenor funding and the process for obtaining funding; description of the siting board and local ad hoc members nomination process and the local municipal responsibility; information about other planned coordination and studies to be performed in connection with the Facility; and sources of additional information about the Facility and Article 10 (e.g., the Facility and Siting Board websites). Information to be requested from affected municipalities and agencies will vary by the involvement of each, but may include topics such as local laws, emergency response procedures, environmental impact review, and determination of news sources to be used for official notices. Stakeholder consultation meetings will be documented and summarized in the Record of Activity (Exhibit C).

Goals of coordination with various utilities within the Study Area include avoiding impacts on utility infrastructure and minimizing any potential impacts on local service providers and utility customers during Facility construction and operation.

¹¹ Further information on obtaining funding for participation in this proceeding can be found at: [https://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/96f0fec0b45a3c6485257688006a701a/6fd11ce8db088a2785257e200054a99b/\\$FILE/Guide%20to%20Intervenor%20Funding%201-30-18.pdf](https://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/96f0fec0b45a3c6485257688006a701a/6fd11ce8db088a2785257e200054a99b/$FILE/Guide%20to%20Intervenor%20Funding%201-30-18.pdf)

EDF Renewables recognizes that public and stakeholder participation in the Article 10 process may be new to many, and that timeframes provided for certain milestone steps can be short. For example, the Article 10 Regulations¹² define the comment period for stakeholders and members of the public to be 21 days after the Preliminary Scoping Statement is filed with the Secretary to the Siting Board. To ensure stakeholders are aware of important deadlines and opportunities for participation, EDF Renewables intends to engage municipalities, agencies, and stakeholders throughout the PIP Plan implementation process to explain upcoming milestones; identify stakeholders' respective interests; and obtain information regarding particular resources, locations, concerns, and recommendations of the affected communities, agencies, and interest groups. Prior to filing the PSS, this will be accomplished through a variety of methods, including open house meetings, direct correspondence, review of comments submitted through the Project and DPS websites, and targeted meetings with some of the individual stakeholders identified herein. Stakeholder coordination meetings will be documented and summarized in the PIP Plan Record of Activity (Exhibit C) and discussed in both the PSS and the Application.

EDF Renewables intends to engage municipalities, agencies, and stakeholders throughout the PIP Plan implementation process to identify their respective interests, and obtain information regarding particular resources, locations, concerns, and recommendations of the affected communities, agencies, and interest groups.

The table provided in Exhibit B lists the affected agencies and municipalities identified at the time this PIP Plan was prepared, along with the goals and objectives for each consultation and the plan for achieving these goals.

5.4 Pre-Application Activities to Encourage Stakeholder Participation

EDF Renewables has engaged involved and interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other potential stakeholders on many solar and wind projects throughout North America. EDF Renewables intends on using this prior experience to facilitate meaningful stakeholder interaction through the Article 10 review process for the Columbia Solar Energy Center.

EDF Renewables held an open-house style public meeting on August 21, 2019. This meeting was held in the evening to accommodate workers' schedules and provide the best opportunity for interested persons to attend. Representatives for EDF Renewables were present to provide conceptual Facility information, explain the Article 10 process, and answer questions. Over 35 posters provided descriptions and visuals of the proposed Facility components. Approximately 80 stakeholders from the community attended the public meeting.

¹² 16 NYCRR § 1000.5(g).

EDF Renewables noticed this meeting in a local newspaper, The Herkimer Evening Telegram, 14 days prior to the scheduled event. In addition, information on the meeting was mailed to the Master Stakeholder List (see Section 5.5.2 below).

In addition to the engagement activities that have already taken place, EDF Renewables will continue pre-application activities to encourage stakeholder participation as set forth in the Agency/Municipality Consultations and Stakeholder Participation table included in Exhibit B of this PIP Plan, making sure to utilize free publications and central meeting locations for increased accessibility. A project website and local document repositories will ensure information is available to stakeholders, and notifications will ensure deadlines and updates are disseminated when needed. The Record of Activity (Exhibit C) will be regularly updated, as necessary, as consultations and stakeholder participation activities take place and additional means of engagement are identified. In addition, concerns and questions raised by the public, and EDF Renewables' response to these issues, will be documented in Exhibit C, as well as in the PSS and the Article 10 Application. Exhibit D provides general guidance for public participation in the Article 10 process.

5.5 Activities to Educate the Public on the Proposal, Process, and Funding

EDF Renewables plans to attend Town Board meetings and present Applicant-sponsored public information sessions. EDF Renewables will distribute educational materials and provide a Facility website, which will offer information on the proposed Facility, as well as provide links to information on the Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and other important stakeholder issues. These efforts will allow EDF Renewables to engage with stakeholders regarding the proposed Facility and will offer multiple avenues of information distribution so that stakeholders and the public have multiple, varied opportunities to obtain information on the Facility and participate in the proceedings. A preliminary Project schedule has been included in this PIP Plan as Exhibit E.

5.5.1 Public Meetings

EDF Renewables intends to hold two additional open-house style public meetings prior to submittal of the PSS, as well as two meetings following PSS submittal. These meetings will be held at two different times on two different days to accommodate workers' schedules and provide the best opportunity for interested persons to attend. Representatives for EDF Renewables will be present to provide Facility information and answer questions. EDF Renewables will work with the local community to identify a central and accessible location to hold these meetings, but it is anticipated that these meetings will be held at a public meeting space in reasonable proximity to the Facility Area.

EDF Renewables will properly notice these meetings in local newspapers, including the West Winfield Star/Brookfield Courier, the Herkimer Evening Telegram, The Country Editor (a free publication), and Your Valley Edition (a free publication), at least 14 days prior to the scheduled event. In addition, information on the meetings will be posted on the Facility website at www.columbiasolarproject.com, and will be mailed to the Master Stakeholder List (see Section 5.5.2 below).

EDF Renewables will provide DPS Staff with informal notice of scheduled public meetings and will submit a notice to the Siting Board docket in this proceeding to ensure that those who have filed a request with the Siting Board Secretary to receive notices are kept informed.

5.5.2 Mailings

EDF Renewables will maintain two lists of stakeholders to whom they will send mailings and other notifications:

Article 10 Service List: This list identifies those parties upon whom EDF Renewables is legally obligated to serve copies of certain official filings under 16 NYCRR 1000.5(c), 1000.6(a) and 1000.7, as well as NY PSL Section 164(2).

Master Stakeholder List: This is the formal list of Host and Adjacent Landowners (landowners within 500 feet of the proposed Facility Area), State and Federal Agencies, Local Agencies, Municipalities and School Districts in the Facility Area, Municipalities and School Districts in the Study Area, and Additional Stakeholders (listed in Section 3) upon whom EDF Renewables will serve notices of the filing of the PSS, Stipulations, Application, and similar events. Affidavits of Service will be provided for notices. To provide early outreach to these Stakeholders, EDF Renewables will send Project and Facility information via first class mail to the Master Stakeholder List to make sure they are aware of the project. Notification of all public meetings held by EDF Renewables will also be mailed to the Master Stakeholder List. EDF Renewables will indicate in the PIP Record of Activity (Exhibit C) whether a mailing was sent. In addition, EDF Renewables anticipates maintaining the mailings and the affidavits of mailing for inclusion in Exhibit 2 of the Application. The Master Stakeholder List also will include individuals who live or own property within 2,500 feet of the proposed Facility Area, and any individual who signs up for notifications via the public website or at an open house. The Master Stakeholder List will be updated throughout the life of the Project as stakeholders change or are identified through public meetings and the Facility website.

The identities of property owners will be determined from county GIS records, tax records, and personal visits by representatives of EDF Renewables. EDF Renewables will endeavor to account for any seasonal or second-home residency during implementation of this PIP Plan, for example,

by encouraging all residents to sign up for email notifications or updates, which can be transmitted to them locally or remotely depending on the season. Use of newspapers, websites, and/or mailings to the addresses provided to local municipalities for tax billing purposes will assist in those efforts as well.

5.5.3 Educational Materials

EDF Renewables will develop educational materials to inform the public about solar energy, the proposed Facility, the Article 10 process, and intervenor funding. These materials will include poster-sized maps and graphics to be displayed at public meetings, as well as factsheets and brochures that will be made available at public meetings, local repositories, and/or through mailings to stakeholders. Written materials, including the mass mailing to announce the initial set of public meetings, will include Project contact information, the Project website address, an invitation to join the stakeholder list, and the location of the document repositories. Materials will also be available on the Facility website.

5.6 Project Website

Concurrent with the filing of the Final PIP Plan, EDF Renewables has established a live, user-friendly website, with all information up to date in plain English, that describes the Facility: www.columbiasolarproject.com. This website provides information regarding the Article 10 process and will provide Facility updates throughout the development and construction phases of the Facility to keep the community informed of the Facility's status. For example, maps will be added to the website as the Facility layout evolves, and notices will be posted to the website prior to various milestones and public meetings/outreach events. Project updates will also be provided to the local repositories, as necessary.

EDF Renewables will provide updates throughout the development and construction of the Columbia Solar Energy Center through the project website:
www.columbiasolarproject.com.

EDF Renewables anticipates that the website will include:

- Facility description;
- Facility benefits and need;
- Summary of permitting requirements;
- Links to the Siting Board Article 10 Public Information Coordinator, the Siting Board home page, and case-specific documents;
- Information on the Article 10 process;
- Summary of the Intervenor Funding process and how to apply;

- Facility contact information, including email address, local telephone number, and the Siting Board’s assigned case number;
- Copies of Article 10 and related licensing documents;
- Addresses of local document repositories;
- A link to request stakeholder status;
- A schedule that lists dates/times/locations for outreach events and key milestone dates, such as when the Application is expected to be filed;
- A Record of Activity summarizing the Facility’s PIP Plan activities to date;
- Information on EDF Renewables;
- News and announcements; and
- Frequently asked questions about the Project and solar energy.

As indicated above, the website includes the Facility contact information (email address and local telephone number). Interested parties may request stakeholder status through the website. EDF Renewables will respond directly to all inquiries and requests for information submitted to the Facility contact (by email, telephone, or mail) within 48 hours of receiving the inquiry and/or comment. EDF Renewables’ normal business hours are from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays and between Christmas and New Year’s. Where it may take longer to respond to an inquiry, the initial response will indicate a timeframe anticipated for the full response. Correspondence will be documented in a database. In addition, where an in-person meeting is requested, efforts will be made to accommodate such meetings within 15 business days. Email inquiries will receive an automated response acknowledging receipt of an interested party’s question or comment.

Point of Contact:

Jack Honor
 Development Manager
 (518) 888-2589
 NewYork.Solar@edf-re.com

5.7 Notifications

Article 10 Regulations establish the notification requirements for serving documents. Pursuant to the rules, EDF Renewables shall publish all required notices in the official newspaper of record for the Towns of Columbia and Litchfield (identified as the West Winfield Star), as well as in the newspaper of largest circulation in Herkimer County (Observer Dispatch), as required by the regulations,¹³. However, to improve information accessibility, all required notices will also be published in the Herkimer Evening Telegram, a local newspaper with a circulation of 2,228, as well

¹³ See 16 NYCRR § 1000.7(a).

as the free newspapers listed in Section 5.5.1 -Your Valley Edition and The Country Editor. See the distribution and circulation of the papers in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Newspaper Circulation and Distribution

| Paper | Distribution | Circulation |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| West Winfield Star | Wednesdays | unavailable |
| Observer Dispatch | Daily, online | 15,495 |
| Herkimer Evening Telegram (Times Telegram) | Daily, online | 2,228 |
| *Your Valley Edition | Thursdays | 10,000 |
| *The Country Editor | Fridays | 23,621 |

**Free publications*

No less than three days before filing of the PSS and the Application, EDF Renewables will publish a notice of the PSS and the Application in the newspapers listed above; serve each member of the State Legislature in whose district any portion of the proposed Facility is to be located; provide written notice to those persons who have filed a statement with the Secretary that wish to receive such notices; and provide mail and email (if available) notification to all parties on the Master Stakeholder List. In addition, notifications will be posted on the Facility website.

EDF Renewables will publish any other notices required by the Presiding Examiner or other section of Article 10 in the manner prescribed by the Presiding Examiner or under the Article 10 regulations.

Copies of the PSS and Application filings will be provided to the Article 10 Service List as required by the regulations.

5.8 Activities to Encourage Stakeholder Participation

Beyond the activities described in Sections 5.1 through 5.6, EDF Renewables will seek to identify additional, practical measures to encourage stakeholder participation during the certification process. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing, evolving process throughout all phases of the Article 10 review process (pre-application phase, application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-certification phase) and will take into account feedback from the community and stakeholders during the pre-application outreach process and PIP Plan implementation.

EDF Renewables will track its PIP Plan and provide regular updates to DPS Staff and the Secretary. Specifically, EDF Renewables will maintain a Record of Activity (see Exhibit C) that will provide specifics on all meetings, including dates, locations, attendees, purpose, and discussion topics.

As previously stated, EDF Renewables intends to hold two additional open-house style public meetings prior to submittal of the PSS, and two additional meetings following submittal of the PSS. These meetings will be held at two different times on two different days to accommodate workers' schedules and provide the best opportunity for interested persons to attend. In addition, the Facility website will be updated continuously with Facility developments, meetings, and announcements to keep stakeholders and the public informed.

Following project certification, EDF Renewables will conduct additional public outreach and notifications as the project enters the construction phase. These efforts will include notification to various parties regarding the start of construction and implementation of a Complaint Resolution Plan, which will be submitted with the Article 10 Application. These measures will be described further in Exhibit 2 of the Application.

6.0 REQUIRED AIRPORT/HELIPORT PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

Evaluation of potential Project impacts on aviation is governed by the rules of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). It is not anticipated the proposed Facility will meet any of the requirements set forth in the FAA's regulations for construction or alteration activities requiring notice to the FAA.¹⁴ The proposed Facility will not involve the construction of any structure that exceeds 200 feet above ground level (AGL), or construction of a structure on airport property or within an airport approach. Consequently, the filing of a notice with the FAA will not be required for the Facility. There are several aviation stakeholders within 12 miles of the proposed Facility. These aviation stakeholders have been included on the Master Stakeholder List. .

¹⁴ See 14 CFR §77.9(a-e) (Construction or alternation requiring notice).

7.0 PUBLIC BENEFITS AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

As required by the New York Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), additional considerations include the following:

7.1 Potential Project Benefits

As discussed in Section 2.2, the proposed Facility will have positive impacts on socioeconomics in the area through employment opportunities, specifically by generating temporary construction employment, a significant amount of which will likely be drawn from Herkimer County and the regional labor market. Local construction employment will primarily benefit those in the construction trades, including equipment operators, truck drivers, laborers, and electricians. The crew size for construction employment could peak to approximately 300 workers. In addition, an estimated two to three full-time jobs will be generated from operation of the Facility, with additional occasional work for landscaping, periodic maintenance and other incidental work. Local hospitality sectors would benefit from the presence of construction employment in the area. The key benefits are summarized herein:

- A portion of the estimated total project cost of \$300 million to be sourced locally (i.e. labor, material supply).
- Approximately 300 jobs anticipated during the peak of construction.
- Estimated 5 FTEs for permanent highly skilled jobs during operation.
- Contributing more than \$20 million in direct revenues for local municipalities, schools, and Herkimer County over initial 20 years of operation.

Other benefits EDF Renewables can bring to the community include:

- Encouraging local jobs and training for youth. Many programs are in place to develop careers in solar energy and EDF Renewables can work to help local job seekers build careers in solar energy.
- Working with the community to incorporate complimentary forms of agriculture into the project. EDF Renewables can include pollinator friendly vegetation and host healthy populations of bees. Those bees can benefit nearby farm fields. EDF Renewables also plans to include sheep grazing at the proposed Facility. The sheep can take care of the vegetation growing around the solar panels and provide new lands for sheep farmers to grow their operations, and to enable them an opportunity to market free-range grass-fed lamb.

7.2 Details of payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) or host community agreements

As discussed in Section 2.2, a PILOT and host community agreement are being proposed to provide approximately \$875,000 in annual revenues to the Towns of Columbia, Litchfield, Herkimer County, and local School Districts. The final amount will depend on the conclusion of negotiations and the final size & location of the Project. Landowners hosting Facility infrastructure will also receive annual payments, and additional local revenues are possible through the purchase of construction materials, supplies, services and goods throughout the life of the Facility. The project will pay special district taxes, as applicable, in an amount set by each Town's assessor according to the tax rates in effect. Furthermore, for lands currently in an agricultural exemption, additional revenues would flow to host communities through the penalty associated with removing the exemption and the ability to tax land at full value for the life of the project.

7.3 Description of local interests or concerns

As discussed throughout this PIP, the purpose of this Plan is to introduce the Project to the local community and other interested parties and to explain the public outreach and involvement efforts that EDF RD will pursue throughout the development of this Project. The information that the Applicant receives through its public outreach program will assist in defining the scope of the studies that will ultimately form the basis of the Application to the Siting Board and will identify local interests or concerns to be considered by the Applicant and the Siting Board.

As previously identified, EDF RD has been engaging officials at each of the Host Communities and the Herkimer County IDA. A public open house meeting was also held in the at a local banquet facility in Ilion on August 21st. The meetings were attended by around 80 people and confirmed that the community is generally supportive of the Project. Attendees of the public meetings indicated that they support renewable energy and the new revenues proposed for the Town, County and School District by the Facility. On the other hand, some participants expressed concern about visual impacts, road use, decommissioning, loss of farmland, and the scale of development.

EDF Renewables has extensive experience working with local communities and stakeholders to help find common ground and address concerns and interests. A great deal of attention and importance is placed on local feedback guiding our development process. For example, one of the first meetings at the very outset of the project was to communicate the project idea with the Town of Columbia planning board and consult with the Town Supervisor as we began contacting local landowners to seek their interest for hosting the Project. As the project grew to include lands in Litchfield, regular communications with town officials ensued. Follow up meetings will continue to be held with Town officials from all host communities as the project enters Article 10 proceedings.

As the project continues to mature, it is anticipated that many more concerns and interests will be shared with the Project team. While it may not be feasible to address every interest or concern, EDF RD is committed to meeting with stakeholders to proactively inform, receive feedback, and seek mutually beneficial solutions where possible and practicable.

7.4 Host community status with regard to NYS real property tax law

Herkimer County, the Town of Litchfield, the Owen D Young Central School District, and the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District have opted-out of RPTL 487. As outlined in section 7.2, EDF Renewables plans to negotiate a Payment In Lieu of Taxes with the Herkimer County IDA which will cover all affected taxing jurisdictions.

Exhibit A

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Exhibit B

Goals and Objectives for Stakeholder Involvement

| Agency/Municipality | Goals of Consultation ¹⁵ | Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation |
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| Municipalities in Facility Area | | |
| Town of Columbia; and Town of Litchfield (host municipalities) | Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information. | Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/information sessions, and opportunities for participation. |
| | Discuss potential avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures to address identified impacts. | Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (no less than three days prior to filing), etc. Present at Town Board Meeting prior to PSS |
| | Provide notice to Town no less than three days prior to submittal of PSS. | Mail notice. |
| | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | Solicit local feedback. | |
| | Provide answers to specific questions or concerns. | By phone, mail, or in person, as requested. |
| | Work with local emergency responders, which should include fire departments, to develop appropriate emergency response plans for construction and operational phases of the Project. | Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process. |

¹⁵ EDF Renewables will consider the following general outreach goals and objectives for each agency/municipality:

- a. Identify appropriate points of contact and methods of communication early in the outreach period.
- b. Identify interests and concerns of affected municipalities before developing the PSS. In developing the PSS, incorporate these findings to address identified interests and concerns in the early planning stages.
- c. Maintain appropriate communications and outreach efforts with these key stakeholders.

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| | <p>Obtain all relevant local laws, comprehensive plans, building codes, zoning maps, etc.</p> <p>Determine whether all local laws potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.</p> | <p>Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.</p> |
| | <p>Discuss transportation routes, use of right-of-way, and other issues of local concern with Town Highway Departments.</p> | <p>Meeting with Town Highway Departments before submittal of PSS to discuss capital improvement projects and future plans, during Article 10 process as needed, and prior to mobilization to site for construction.</p> |
| | <p>Inform local emergency responders of contingency plans in the event of an emergency during construction or operational phases of the Project.</p> | <p>Meeting or telephone conference during Article 10 process and at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction.</p> |

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| Central Valley School District; Mount Markham Central School District; and Richfield Springs Central School District (host school districts) | Schools in Facility Area Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information. | Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/information sessions, and opportunities for participation. Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (no less than three days prior to filing), etc. Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS. |
| | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | Solicitation of local feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns. | By phone, mail, or in person as requested. Public Information Open House Sessions and attendance at local meetings. At least two public sessions currently planned, one prior to and one following submittal of the PSS. Establish a contact phone number and dedicated project email address to respond to inquiries and accept public comment. |

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| | Explain and discuss delivery methods of project components and transportation routes and timing; discuss and address any school district concerns regarding transportation and project impacts pre- and post-construction. | Meeting or telephone conference at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction. |
| Additional Municipalities and Counties in Study Area | | |
| Otsego County; Town of Frankfort; Town of German Flatts; Town of Richfield; Town of Winfield, and Town of Warren; Villages of Ilion and Richfield Springs | Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information. | Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/information sessions, and opportunities for participation. Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS. |
| | Provide notice no less than three days prior to submittal of PSS. | Mail notice. |
| | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | Solicit feedback Provide answers to specific questions or concerns. | By phone, mail, or in person as requested. |
| | Inform local emergency responders of contingency plans in the event of an emergency during construction or operational phases of the Project. | Meeting or telephone conference during Article 10 process and at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction. |

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| Additional School Districts in Study Area | | |
| Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District; and Owen D. Young Central School District | Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information. | Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/information sessions, and opportunities for participation. Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS. |
| | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | | By phone, mail, or in person, as requested. |
| | Solicitation of local feedback. | Public Information Open House Sessions and attendance at local meetings. |
| | Provide answers to specific questions or concerns. | At least two public sessions currently planned, one prior to and one following submittal of the PSS. |
| | | Establish a contact phone number and dedicated project email address to respond to inquiries and accept public comment. |
| | Explain and discuss delivery methods of project components and transportation routes and timing; discuss and address any school district concerns regarding transportation and project impacts pre- and post-construction. | Meeting or telephone conference at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction. |

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| County | | |
| Herkimer County (host county) | Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information. | Letter to be sent before submittal of the PSS. |
| | Provide notice to County no less than three days prior to submittal of the PSS. | Mail notice. |
| | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | Solicit local feedback. | By phone, mail, or in person, as requested by County. |
| | Provide answers to specific questions or concerns. | |
| | Obtain all relevant local laws, comprehensive plans, building codes, zoning maps, etc. | Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| | Determine whether all local laws potentially applicable to the Project have been identified. | |
| | Review County Department of Transportation requirements, transportation routes, and use of rights-of-way. | Meeting with Department of Transportation before submittal of PSS to discuss capital improvement projects and future plans, during Article 10 process as needed, and prior to mobilization to site for construction. |
| | Work with County Emergency Management Office to develop appropriate emergency response plans for construction and operational phases of the Project. | Initial consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process. |

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| Herkimer County Administrator's Office | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County Appraisal District | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County Attorney's Office | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County Board of Elections | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

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| Herkimer County Clerk's Office | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County District Attorney | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County District Attorney | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County Highway Department | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by the Project. | Initial consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process. |
| Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

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| Herkimer County Legislature | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by the Project. | Initial consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process. |
| Herkimer County Office for the Aging | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County Sheriff's Office | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County Social Services | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County Public Health | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by the Project. | Initial consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process. |

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| Herkimer County Soil and Water Conservation District | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss existing and future planning documents, associated objectives, and how such objectives may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process. |
| | Review Soil and Water Conservation District records of properties within the Facility Area regarding prior drainage improvements and tile installations. | Initial consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process. |
| Herkimer County Veteran's Service Agency | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

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| State Agencies/Representatives | | |
| Empire State Development Corporation | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| Empire State Development Corporation, Mohawk Valley | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| National Telecommunications and Information Administration | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| New York Independent System Operator | Generator interconnection studies and timing. | Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application and throughout Article 10 process. |
| New York Power Authority | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| NYS Attorney General | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYS&M) | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | Determine whether all NYSA&M regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified. | Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) | Identify agency concerns to incorporate feedback into environmental study design. | Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. Obtain agency comment/approval. |
| | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |

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| | Determine whether all NYSDEC regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified. | Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| NYSDEC Region 6 | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | Determine whether all NYSDOH regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified. | Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| NYSDOH, Central Region | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | Determine whether all NYSDOH regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified. | Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| NYS Department of Public Service | Facilitate Article 10 review process. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | Meetings throughout process. |
| NYS Department of State (NYSDOS) | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | Determine whether all NYSDOS regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified. | Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

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| NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) | Identify constraints associated with roads used for component transport. | Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application. |
| | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| NYSDOT Region 7 | Identify constraints associated with roads used for component transport. | Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application. |
| NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) | Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| NYS Governor's Office | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation | Consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law and/or Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, as required. | Meetings to develop work plans and content of cultural resources studies prior to submittal of PSS, ongoing review of studies, and mitigation recommendations. |
| New York State Assemblyman Brian D. Miller (or current), District 101 | Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information. | Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS. |
| | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | Solicit feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns. | By phone, mail, or in person as requested. |

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| New York State Senator James L. Seward (or current), District 51 | Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information. | Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS. |
| | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| | Solicit feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns. | By phone, mail, or in person as requested. |
| Federal Agencies/Representatives | | |
| US Army Corps of Engineers, New York District | Determine jurisdiction and permits necessary under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. | Coordination as necessary under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, prior to submittal of Article 10 Application. |
| US Federal Aviation Administration | No Hazard Determination. | Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application. |
| US Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office | Determine potential concerns regarding compliance with applicable federal laws and regulations. | Prior to submittal of the PSS. |
| US House of Representatives, Antonio Delgado, 19 th Congressional District | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| US House of Representatives, Anthony Brindisi, 22 nd Congressional District | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |
| US Senator Charles E. Schumer | Notifications, as required by Article 10. | As per schedule in regulations. |

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| Other Stakeholders | | |
| Alliance for Clean Energy New York | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Canadarago Lake Improvement Association | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Canadarago Snowtoppers Association, INC. | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

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| Herkimer County Farm Bureau | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Herkimer County Historical Society | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Holy Trinity Monastery | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Ilion Free Public Library | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 43 | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

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| Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| National Grid | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| New York Agricultural Land Trust | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| New York Farm Bureau | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| New York Farm Bureau, District 6 | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

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| New York Forest Owners Association, Central New York Chapter | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| New York Laborers' Union Local 633 | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| New York Laborers' Union Local 785 | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| New York Public Interest Research Group | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| New York State Conservation Council | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

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| New York State Snowmobile Association | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| New Yorkers for Clean Power | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Onondaga Audubon Society | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Otsego Lake Association | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Route 20 Association of New York State | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

| Agency/Municipality | Goals of Consultation ¹⁵ | Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation |
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| Sierra Club, Atlantic Chapter | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Sierra Club, Hudson Mohawk Group | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| The Cedar Lake Club | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Upstate New York Operating Engineers Local 158 | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Weller Library | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

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| West Winfield Library | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Winfield Historical Society | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Nearby Airports: DeRonda Airport (private use); Frankfort-Highland Airport; Mohawk Air Park (private use); Mohawk Aviation Center (private use); Richfield Airport (private use); Sky-Ranch Airport (private use) | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |
| Telecommunications providers with equipment, easements, or rights-of-way within Facility Area | Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project. | Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. |

Exhibit C

Record of Activity

Columbia Solar Energy Center Record of Activity

| Date of Activity | Locations of Activity | Activity Attendees | Purpose of Activity | Follow-up Action Items | Comments | Future Outreach |
|------------------|---|---|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 4/17/2019 | | Town of Columbia planning board and Town Supervisor | Initial project presentation | | | Continued contact/process update |
| 5/14/2019 | | Town of Litchfield Supervisor and Board Member | Initial project presentation | | | Continued contact/process update |
| 6/11/2019 | | Town of Litchfield Town Board | Initial project presentation | | | Continued contact/process update |
| 7/17/19 | Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) offices | Jack Honor (EDF Renewables), Herkimer County IDA Executive Director, IDA Staff and Attorneys, Herkimer County Administrator, County Legislators Representing the Project Areas, | General presentation introducing EDF Renewables, Article 10 process, and other project information. Discussion of potential PILOT application for the project. | Public meeting on 8/21/2019, distribute additional project information over email | Meeting attendees interested in learning more about the project and attending future public events. | Continues throughout the project |

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| | | Herkimer County Working Solutions | | | | |
| 8/8/2019 | | Columbia Town Board | Initial project presentation | | | Continued contact/process update |
| 8/20/2019 | Francesca's Banquet Hall, Ilion NY | Interested media, stakeholders, and landowners (approximately 50 attendees) | Open house-style meeting | None | Hunting, recreation, visual, PILOT, benefit to Town vs. State, energy usage | Additional public meetings in area |
| 10/23/2019 | NYS Department of Public Service - Albany | Jack Honor (EDF Renewables) and project team members, DPS staff | Provide update on status of EDF Renewables solar projects | Continue to keep the DPS informed on the project schedules | EDF Renewables provided a description and schedule for current projects. DPS provided feedback and suggestions for an effective Article 10 process. | Ongoing throughout the Article 10 process |

Columbia Solar Energy Center Record of Activity

| Date of Activity | Locations of Activity | Activity Attendees | Purpose of Activity | Follow-up Action Items | Comments | Future Outreach |
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| 10/24/2019 | NYSDEC | Jack Honor (EDF Renewables) and project team members, NYSDEC staff | Discuss status of special status species and habitat and survey requirements | EDF Renewables to provide New York Natural Heritage Program (NHP) letters | | |

Exhibit D
General Guidance for Public Participation in the Article 10 Process

How Can I Participate in the Article 10 Process?

Under Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law (Article 10), all major electric generating facilities of 25 megawatts in capacity or more (Facility) must be reviewed and approved by a multi-agency State body called the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board). The Article 10 process is broken into several phases, and each phase has multiple opportunities for stakeholder and public involvement.

Throughout the process, you can participate by:

- Joining the Party or Service List on the Siting Board’s project docket website, and/or monitoring the filings and announcements posted to that website. You will need the project case number [19-F-0639] to access these materials.
- Contacting EDF Renewables to request additional information, or to receive notices.
- Filing comments on the “Public Comments” tab on the project docket website.
- Visiting the Project Website
- Attending local open house events, conferences, public statement hearings, or municipal meetings where Project representatives provide additional information.

Pre-Application Phase

Early in project development, a prospective Article 10 Applicant must identify and engage with stakeholders with potential interests in the proposed Facility, as well as propose environmental and community studies that will look at the potential impacts of construction and operation of the Facility. This process begins with the Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan and ends when an Article 10 Application is filed.

1. Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan Stage

In the PIP Plan, an Applicant will identify stakeholders and outline its proposed strategies for stakeholder involvement. You can find additional information on EDF Renewables’ outreach plans in the PIP, such as the “local document repositories” where important project documents will be made available, the online resources where project details will be provided, the newspapers where EDF Renewables will publish notices, and the kinds of outreach you can expect to see in your community.

2. Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) Stage

At least 5 months after the PIP Plan is filed, EDF Renewables will file a PSS outlining the studies to be performed and information it proposes to provide in its Application. This starts a 21-day public comment period on the content of the PSS. After the comment period closes, EDF Renewables must respond to comments received within 21 days.

- At least 3 days before the PSS is filed, notices will be published in local newspapers and on the project website, and they will be served on individuals or groups identified in the regulations.
- You can request to be served with these notices by joining the Party or Service Lists on the Siting Board's project docket website, or by contacting EDF Renewables.
- The PSS is distributed to the Party and Service Lists, placed in repositories, posted to project website and Siting Board docket website.
- Town and County chief executives are eligible to nominate Ad Hoc Siting Board members.
- Instructions for submitting comments on the PSS will be included in the notices.
- After the PSS is filed, and before an Application is submitted, EDF Renewables will hold two additional public meetings or open houses.

3. Preliminary Conference and Pre-Application Intervenor Funding

Within 2 months of the PSS filing, a Preliminary Conference will be scheduled by the Presiding Examiner in the area where the Facility is proposed. This public session is used to review requests for intervenor funding and to start a settlement negotiations process called "Stipulations."

- Municipalities and qualified local groups can seek intervenor funding to assist them in reviewing and commenting on the PSS and participate in Stipulations.
- Instructions for requesting intervenor funding, and qualification information, can be found on the Siting Board's website.

4. Stipulations

Parties may decide to negotiate stipulations, or agreements, about the scope and methodology of studies EDF Renewables will perform and discuss in the Application. This process can help limit issues in dispute amongst the parties and avoid costly litigation on topics not of concern. The Stipulations process is confidential, but Stipulations cannot be signed by the parties until they are released for public review and comment.

- If parties agree to stipulations, EDF Renewables will publish and circulate a notice at least three days before the Stipulations are released, to alert interested persons.
- When the Stipulations are filed, the public generally has 21-30 days to review and comment on the proposed Stipulations.

Application and Hearings Phase

Once the Application is filed, another phase of review, intervenor funding, stakeholder participation, and engagement begins. This stage of review may involve adjudicatory hearings, legal briefs, and other formal proceedings. This Phase concludes with a Recommended Decision from the Examiners assigned to hear the case, and with legal briefs from parties about that recommendation.

5. Application Submission and Completeness

EDF Renewables will file its Application, which will span many volumes, and which will be available online on the project website, Siting Board docket, and by electronic notification to the Party and Service Lists, as well as in paper form at local document repositories and certain agencies. State regulators review the Application and determine whether all necessary information is included, and if it can be considered “complete” and ready for review. A completeness determination starts a 12-month clock on review and decision on the Application by the Siting Board.

- At least 3 days before the Application is filed, legal notices will be published in the newspaper and on websites and circulated to parties and interested persons.
- You will have the opportunity to review the Application, continue to submit public comments, and monitor the proceeding.

6. Pre-Hearing Conference(s) and Intervenor Funding

The Application Phase includes a second round of intervenor funding and another conference to address intervenor funding requests, as well as consideration of formal “Party Status” for hearings. That conference, or other conferences, may include an identification of party disagreements or “issues” that must be addressed in litigation.

- Additional intervenor funding is available to qualified entities and groups to facilitate participation in the Application Phase.
- Notices of hearings and important deadlines will be posted to the Siting Board docket website and circulated to the Party and Service Lists.

7. Public Statement Hearings

Soon after a complete Application is received, the Siting Board will schedule a Public Statement Hearing in a host community where the Facility is proposed. The purpose of that hearing is to take public comments on the Facility. Notice of that hearing will be published and posted online.

8. Adjudicatory Hearings and Legal Briefing

If there are issues that require litigation, adjudicatory hearings and legal briefing periods will be held. A Facility's host municipalities are automatically considered a Party to this phase, and at least 50% of the intervenor funding made available for the Application and Hearings Phases is reserved for municipal parties, to defray the costs of that participation. This phase ends with a Recommended Decision, made by the Hearing Examiners based on the record of the proceedings, and submitted to the Siting Board for review.

- Members of the public can monitor the progress of the case through this period and can request updates from their local municipal officials.

Certification Phase

After the Recommended Decision is issued, the Decision is in the hands of the Siting Board. Members of the Siting Board, including two local ad hoc members of the Board nominated by the host municipalities in the Pre-Application Phase and appointed by the Senate and Assembly. When the Siting Board is ready to decide, it will schedule a public session to announce its decision.

Compliance Phase

If a Facility is issued an Article 10 certificate, there will generally be items and tasks that must be addressed prior to Facility construction, before the Facility begins operating, or at certain milestones after operations begin, including opportunity to review and comment on Compliance Filings such as final design drawings. You will be able to find information on these requirements in the Siting Board's decision, and proof of EDF Renewables' compliance with those requirements will be submitted to the Siting Board's docket page, the Party and Service Lists, and other repositories for important Facility information, such as the project website.

Construction and Operation Phase


Most Facility Applications will need to include a Compliant Resolution Plan, construction-related plans, and other information for the public, communities, and stakeholders in case any issues arise while EDF Renewables is building or operating the Facility. In those plans, you will be able to find Applicant contact numbers, see proposed plans for dealing with construction-related traffic and machinery, review emergency response and impact mitigation plans, and understand how EDF Renewables plans to interact with the community over the life of the project.

Instructions for Joining the Party or Service List in a Siting Board Proceeding


Go to the DPS Home Page (www.dps.ny.gov), then click "Search" to search by project Case Number, or find the project name under the "Generation Siting" list on the DPS home page.




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- Q&R Electric Rate Case
- National Grid Electric Rate Case
- Central Hudson Electric Rate Case
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- Charter NYC Franchise
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- New Company Certification Process and Report Filing Requirements
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Either method will bring up the project's docket or Document and Matter Management (DMM) System page. In the top right-hand corner of the DMM page, there are buttons titled "Subscribe to Service List" or "Request for Party Status." Click one.

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Matter Number: 18-00390
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 Matter Type: Petition
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| 1 | 01/29/2019 | Correspondence | Notice of Intention to Commence Proceedings | Flint Mine Solar LLC | 18 | Notice of Intention to Commence Proceedings.pdf | 350.28 KB |
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| 6 | 01/04/2019 | Correspondence | Supplement the Town's Request for Intervenor Funds | Town of Athens | 10 | Correspondence to Judges Mullany and Wilkinson re RFI searchable.pdf | 5.71 MB |
| 7 | 12/18/2018 | Notices | Notice Extending Deadline for Public Comments | New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment | 29 | 18-F-0087-Notice Extending Reply Comment Deadline p of | 97.8 KB |
| 8 | 12/19/2018 | Correspondence | Seneca Ad Hoc Appointment | New York State Senate | 28 | 18-F-0087 Senate Ad Hoc Appointment.pdf | 152.6 KB |
| 9 | 12/18/2018 | Motions | Request for Extension of Time | Flint Mine Solar LLC | 27 | Cover Letter Requesting Extension on PSS Comment Responses.pdf | 295.95 KB |
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INFORMATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN OR MONITORING PSC PROCEEDINGS

There are several options available for those who wish to participate in or monitor the proceedings of a particular case.

| PARTIES | SERVICE LIST | WEB MONITORING |
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| Generally, parties commit to contribute to the development of a complete record in a proceeding by conducting discovery, submitting testimony, briefs, or other formal written comments, and/or participating in evidentiary hearings, procedural conferences and other formal events conducted in the case. (Non-parties participate in PSC proceedings by filing informal comments, such as letters. In contrast to the formal comments filed by parties in response to Commission notices.) | Interested persons who wish to monitor the proceedings of a particular case can do so without the formal commitment to become party in the proceeding. The persons who subscribe to the service list of a case will receive an e-mail with a direct link to the documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulings. Persons unable or unwilling to receive such electronic notification will receive hard copies of Commission-issued documents by regular mail. | Interested persons who choose not to sign up to receive e-mail notifications, can view our web site at their convenience to check on the status of a case. All documents filed by parties, correspondence, hearing transcripts, and documents issued by the Commission in a given case are posted on the website for that case. In addition, all comments submitted by the general public are posted under the "public comments" tab for the same case. |
| For some PSC proceedings, including rate cases, a person need not be a party to petition for rehearing of the Commission's final decision; however, in some other proceedings, only those who were parties in the case may petition for rehearing. The right to challenge a PSC decision in New York State Court may also be limited to those who were parties to the PSC proceeding. | If you are a registered user of the NYS Public Service Commission's Document and Matter Management (DMM) System, you may submit your service list subscription by clicking on the button below. Registration saves time and allows you to see and manage all of your service and party list subscriptions. | |
| Under Commission rules, 16 NYCRR 4.3, you must seek permission to intervene as a party from the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), if one is assigned to the case, or from the Secretary if there is no ALJ assigned. The standard for allowing intervention is whether your participation is likely to contribute to the development of a complete record or is otherwise fair and in the public interest; whether other parties are unfairly prejudiced is also considered. | Currently, another significant advantage of on-line registration is that registered users who subscribe to a service list for a case have the option to receive an email with a direct link to all documents filed by the parties to the case, such as testimony, briefs, correspondence and formal comments, as well as the Commission-issued orders, notices and rulings. Those who submit their service list request by other means, such as submission of the form provided here, can only receive links to Commission-issued documents. | |
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The DMM system will provide automated notifications when filings are made in a proceeding to members of both the Party List and Service List. Individuals can select the option to receive only filings made by the Siting Board, or all filings made by any party in the proceeding.

There are two methods to become a Party: (1) Download the form available at the link provided, fill it out in hard copy, and submit to the PSC to be added manually by their staff, or (2) click the button to “Request Party Status” and create a ny.gov ID. This takes you to another page, to sign up for a NY.gov ID if you do not have one, or to log in if you do have one.

If you experience problems, you can contact the DPS helpline for the DMM system by calling (518) 474-7080. Additional assistance and troubleshooting information is available on the DPS website at: <http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/B3AC0E39E2A9368B852578D20056F353?OpenDocument>

Monitoring Siting Board Proceedings

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There are several options available for those who wish to participate in or monitor the proceedings of a particular case. Please read the details of each and decide which is the best option for you.

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| <p>If you are a registered user of the NYS Public Service Commission’s Document and Matter Management (DMM) System, you may submit your request for party status by clicking on the associated button. Registration saves time and allows you to see and manage all of your service and party list subscriptions.</p> | | |
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| <p>party list, subject to the right of other parties to object and subject to the final determination of the ALJ or Secretary. You will be required to mail your request to anyone on the party list who cannot receive e-mail service.</p> | | |
| <p>Registering with the PSC's Document Management System (DMM) and using a web form to request party status is the preferred method of becoming a party in a case.</p> | <p>Registering with the PSC's Document Management System (DMM) and using a web page to manage your Service List subscriptions is the preferred method of subscribing to the Service List in a case.</p> | <p>No registration is required. Search for a case and find out more about Web Monitoring.</p> |
| <p>If you do not wish to use the preferred method of registering on the PSC's DMM System, you can download the Request for Party Status form. Please follow the instructions on the form.</p> | <p>If you do not wish to use the preferred method of registering on the PSC's DMM System, you may download the "Service List and Mail Service List Request Form" provided here and send the completed form by e-mail to the Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov</p> <p>If you are unable to e-mail the Secretary, you may mail your request to: Secretary Department of Public Service Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350.</p> | |

Exhibit E

Project Schedule

Columbia Solar Energy Center Project Schedule

| Task | 2019 | | | | 2020 | | | | 2021 | | | | 2022 | | | | 2023 | | | | 2024 | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| | Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter | Spring | Summer | Fall |
| Initial PIP Filed | | | | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final PIP Filed and Posted to Applicant Website | | | | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Meetings | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conduct Project Studies and Reports | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Submit Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS); agency public review of PSS; Applicant response to PSS comments | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Submit Stipulations Document to Parties | | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Meetings | | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prepare and Submit Article 10 Application | | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Article 10 Supplement, and Compliance Determination | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Article 10 Public Statement Hearing, Procedural Conference, Issues Resolution, Testimony, Hearings, Recommended Decision, etc. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | | | |
| Article 10 Order Granting Certificate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ | | | |
| Project Construction | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Start of Operation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ■ |
| Applicant Will Update Project Website with Relevant Project Materials | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Applicant Available to Respond to Individual Comments and Inquiries | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |

Notes:

- EDF Renewables welcomes and encourages stakeholders and members of the public to participate in the Article 10 process. There are many opportunities for public involvement during the various stages of the decision making process, including but not limited to, participation in public meetings, public comment on proposed documents, and communication with EDF Renewables throughout the project life.
- EDF Renewables will hold additional meetings with individual stakeholders as required throughout the Project lifecycle.

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