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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 Genesee Road 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	Genesee Road 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.

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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 Genesee Road Solar Energy Center (the Facility or Project), in the Towns of Sardinia and Concord, Erie 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

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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.

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The Article 10 Regulations include several rules and regulations that must be followed in developing a project such as the Genesee Road Solar Energy Center. 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

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receive throughout the Article 10 process, as well as resources for obtaining further information.

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.

³ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4.



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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.



Article 10 Process Timeline

2019

2020-2021

2022

-2023

Pre-Application Phase

Application Phase

Hearings & Decision Phase

Compliance Filings & Construction

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 prehearing 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.

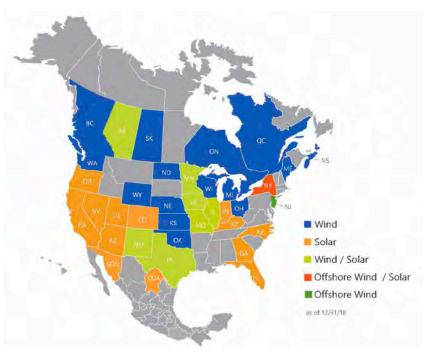
During construction, the applicant must implement an environmental compliance monitoring plan, including preparation of an environmental monitoring manual, contractor training, pre-construction walkovers to identify sensitive sites to avoid, and daily inspections during construction and restoration activities.



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 New York's Clean Energy with Standard. With U.S. headquarters in San Diego, California, and offices in more than 20 countries. Renewables, Inc., is a 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 Gutenburg 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

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

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, 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 Genesee Road 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 Sardinia and Concord, Erie 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 State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) Southwest to Stolle Road 345 kV transmission line, on site. An interconnection application has been filed and accepted with New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), queue number Q#858. 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 NYSEG (see Figure 2). The facility will be surrounded by fencing and select areas of landscaping, to be further detailed in the PSS. 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 Sardinia and Concord, Erie 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:

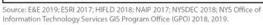
- Arrays of PV solar panels producing direct current (DC) electricity, currently anticipated to be approximately 9 feet in height;
- Operations and maintenance building to provide work and storage space;
- Inverters and medium-voltage transformers placed throughout the Facility (internal to the panel 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 NYSEG 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

Holland Sardinia Erie County Springville Cattaraugus County Point of Interconnection --- Electric Power Transmission Line Figure 2 **County Boundary** Street **Facility Area** Facility Area **Town Boundary** Genesee Road Solar Energy Center Towns of Sardinia and Concord, Erie County, New York 2,000 4,000 N



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

The Genesee Road 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 Potential Project 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 Erie 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 peak employment for 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 on-site full-time job equivalents will be generated from operation of the



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

Facility, with additional occasional work for landscaping, periodic maintenance, and other incidental work. A payment in lieu of taxes and community benefit agreement will be proposed to provide annual revenues to the Towns of Sardinia and Concord, Erie County, and the impacted 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 height profile. Setbacks, fencing, and landscape buffering allow solar projects to have minimal visual impact on the community and natural setting of the area.

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).



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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

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

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.

2.3 Study Area

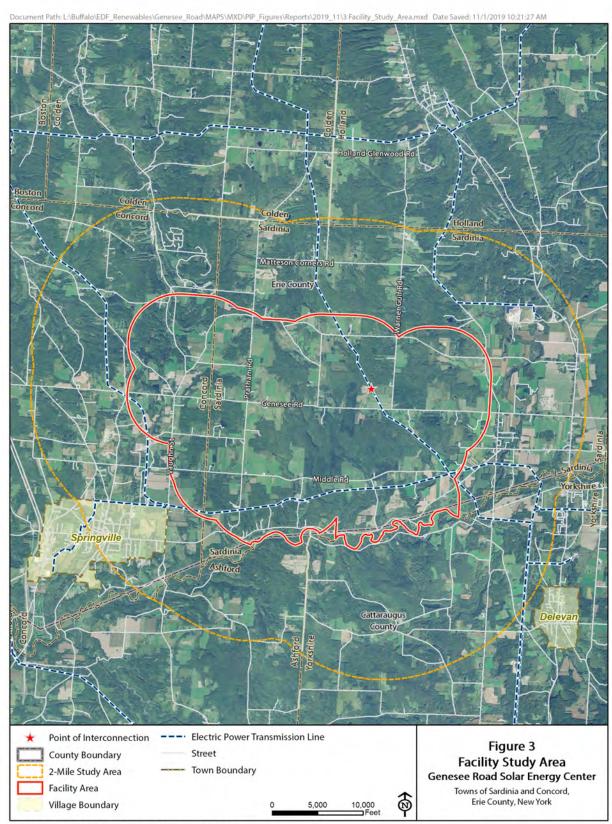
For the purposes of this PIP Plan, EDF Renewables proposes a 2-mile-radius Study Area from (and including) all Facility components. Figure 3 depicts the 2-mile-radius Study Area extending from the Facility Area reflecting potential interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other stakeholders. Municipalities within this Study Area include the Towns of Concord, Sardinia, Colden, and Holland and the Village of Springville in Erie County, and the Towns of Ashford and Yorkshire in Cattaraugus County. Unique resources within the Study Area include two properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Sardinia Old Town Hall and Rider Hopkins Farm and Olmstead Camp.

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

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



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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 Genesee Road 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 seg.);
- Host municipalities, counties, and school districts, which, for the purposes of this PIP Plan, refer 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, counties, 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, Western New York Region

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

New York Independent System Operator

New York Power Authority

NYS Assembly, Assemblyman David DiPietro, 147th District

NYS Attorney General

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 9

NYS Department of Health

NYS Department of Health, Western 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 5 (Western New York)

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, Niagara Region

NYS Senate, Senator Patrick M. Gallivan, 59th 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. National Park Service

U.S. House of Representatives, Representative, 27th District

U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer



3.2 Local Agencies

Erie County Clerk's Office

Erie County Department of Health

Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Erie County Department of Public Works

Erie County Environment and Planning Department

Erie County Historian

Erie County Industrial Development Agency

Erie County Legislature

Erie County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department

Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District

Town of Concord Assessor's Office

Town of Concord Clerk's Office

Town of Concord Code Enforcement

Town of Concord Disaster Coordinator

Town of Concord Highway Department

Town of Concord Industrial Development Agency

Town of Concord Planning Board

Town of Concord Town Board

Town of Concord Zoning Board of Appeals

Town of Sardinia Assessor's Office

Town of Sardinia Clerk's Office

Town of Sardinia Code Enforcement

Town of Sardinia Highway Department

Town of Sardinia Historian

Town of Sardinia Planning Board

Town of Sardinia Town Board

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

Erie County

Holland Central School District

Pioneer Central School District

Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District

Town of Concord

Town of Sardinia



3.4 Additional Municipalities, Counties, and School Districts in the a Study Area

Cattaraugus County

Town of Ashford

Town of Colden

Town of Holland

Town of Yorkshire

Village of Springville

3.5 Additional Stakeholders

Alliance for Clean Energy New York

Arcade Area Chamber of Commerce

Arcade Free Library

Arcade Tri-County Airport

Basher Field Airport (private use)

Bloecher Farm Airport (private use)

Buffalo Audubon Society

Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau

Buffalo Niagara Partnership

Ciszak Airport (private use)

Colden Trail Riders

Cornell Cooperative Extension Erie County

Delevan-Yorkshire Public Library

East Arcade Airport

Eden Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club Inc.

Erie County Farm Bureau

Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs

Finger Lakes Train Conference, Inc.

Gentzke Aeronautical Park Airport (private use)

Grand Island Snowmobile Club

Hamburg Snowmobile Club

Green Springville, Inc.

Hedge Hop Field Airport (private use)

High Acres Airport (private use)

Hilltop Airport 3NY9 Airport (private use)

Holland Snorascals Snowmobile Club

Hulbert Library of the Town of Concord

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 41



Kissing Bridge Park

Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance

Marilla Sno-Mob Snowmobile Club

National Grid

New York Agricultural Land Trust

New York Farm Bureau

New York Farm Bureau, Region 1

New York Forest Owners Association – Niagara Frontier Chapter

New York Public Interest Research Group

New York State Conservation Council

New York State Snowmobile Association

New Yorkers for Clean Power

New York State Electric and Gas Corporation

NORTHERN ERIE SNO-SEEKERS

Pioneer SnoSurfers

Sardinia Historical Society

Sierra Club, Atlantic Chapter

Sierra Club, Niagara Group

Springville Area Chamber of Commerce

Southern Tier Snow Drifters

Treichler Farm Airport (private use)

The Western New York Environmental Alliance and GrowWNY

Western New York Farm Bureau Office

Western New York Land Conservancy

Western New York Public Health Alliance, Inc.

Western New York Snowmobile Club Of Boston, Inc.



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 preapplication process will be used, as appropriate, to assist in developing the final layout for the Genesee Road 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 Genesee Road 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

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:

⁶ See 6 NYCRR Part 487.



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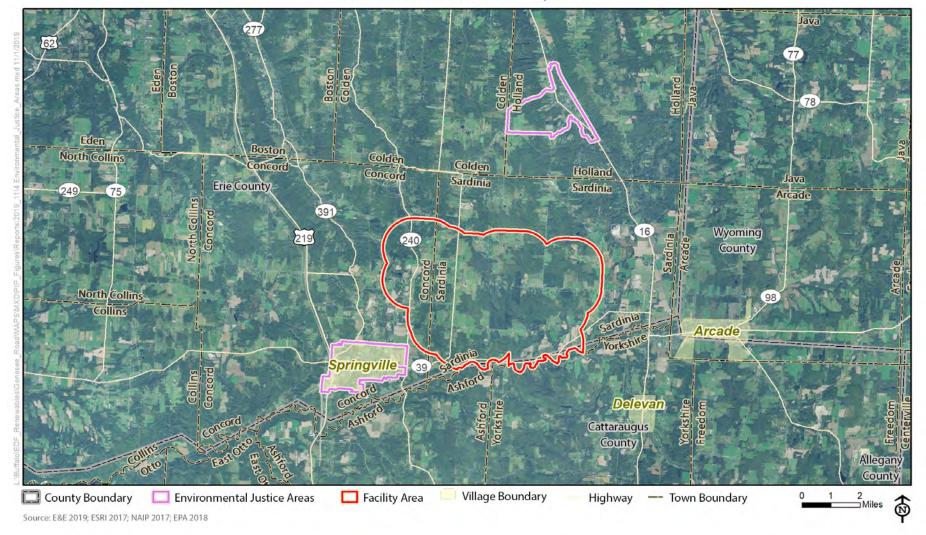
- 1. At least 51.1% of the population in an urban area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
- 2. At least 33.8% of the population in a rural area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
- 3. At least 23.59% of the population in an urban or rural area had household 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 or within 15 mile radius of the Area. However, use of EJSCREEN highlights potential EJ areas by a differing methodology. EJSCREEN—a 2018 USEPA environmental justice (EJ) screening and mapping tool—uses demographic indicators to map environmental justice. Its "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." This has the potential to be higher than the NYSDEC threshold, but still indicates a possible EJ community. Figure 4 identifies potential EJ community via EJSCREEN nearby the Study Area. According to EJSCREEN, 30% of the population of 2,544 in Springville census block 360290159001—0.8 miles from the Facility Area—is "low income" and 30% of the 1,790 population of Springville census block 360290159002, which is 2 miles from the Facility Area, is "low income". 28% of a population of 1,107 in Holland area census block 360290150032—1.5 miles from the Facility Area—is low income..

If an Environmental Justice community is determined to exist, outreach to the residents will be in accordance with the proposed PIP described in Section 5.0. Further discussion on Potential Environmental Justice Areas, including the cumulative impact of existing sources of air pollutants and the projected emission of air pollutants from the proposed Facility, will be included in the PSS and the Application (Exhibit 28) pursuant Article 10 Regulations.

Figure 4: Closest Potential Environmental Justice Areas to the Facility Area

Genesse Road Solar Energy Center Towns of Sardinia and Concord, Erie County, New York





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, 10.3% of Erie County residents age five or older speak a language other than English at home. With a 2017 population estimate of 873,682 persons aged five and older in the county, this means approximately 90,278 speak a language other than English at home.

The Study Area contains portions of five zip codes in which languages other than English are spoken. However, within these zip codes, fewer than 5,000 people speak a language other than English (see Table 1). EDF Renewables understands that Amish communities may be present in Erie County. However, EDF Renewables confirmed with multiple landowners in October and November 2019 that no Amish communities live within close proximity to the Facility Area. Based on these findings EDF Renewables proposes to disseminate Project-related materials in only the English language.

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



⁷ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(d).

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

Number of			
Zip Code	Language	Speakers	
	English	1,520	
	German	18	
14020	Spanish or Spanish Creole	12	
14030	Polish	6	
	Other West Germanic languages	5	
	Total:	1,561	
	English	1,311	
	Spanish or Spanish Creole	5	
14055	French (inc. Patois, Cajun)	4	
	Japanese	3	
	Total:	1,323	
	English	658	
14060	Spanish or Spanish Creole	13	
14069	German	11	
	Total:	682	
	English	4,302	
	Polish	37	
	Spanish or Spanish Creole	32	
	French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	21	
14080	Hungarian	17	
	German	16	
	Italian	7	
	Vietnamese	6	
	Total:	4,438	
	English	7,121	
	Spanish or Spanish Creole	117	
	French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	84	
	German	29	
14141	Italian	24	
14141	Russian	22	
	Polish	12	
	Other Native North American languages	6	
	Tagalog	6	
	Total:	7,421	

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

• <u>Project Representative:</u>

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 inperson 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.geneseeroadsolar.com

- Local Document Repositories (see Figure 5):
 - Hulbert Library of the Town of Concord
 18 Chapel St
 Springville, NY 14141

Phone: (716) 592-7742

Open: 12:00 PM to 7 PM Monday and Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday; Closed Friday and Sunday

Town of Sardinia
12320 Savage Road
Sardinia NY 14134

Phone: (716) 496-8900

Open: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Tuesday 6:30 PM-8:30 PM.



Town of Concord
 86 Franklin St
 Springville, NY 14141
 Phone: (716) 592-4948

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and

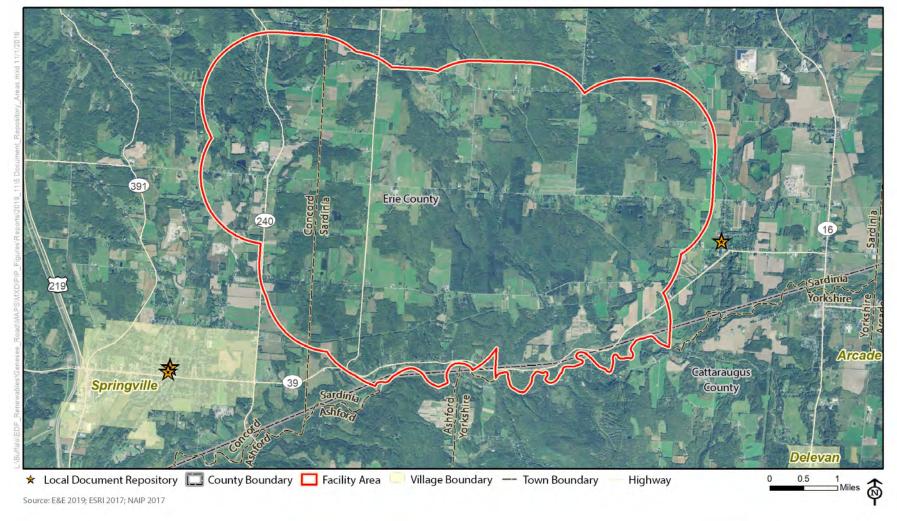
Wednesday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM; Summer Hours: (Memorial Day to Labor Day): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Wednesday 9:00

AM to 12:00 PM



Figure 5: Local Document Repositories

Genesee Road Solar Energy Center Towns of Sardinia and Concord, Erie County, New York





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 Concord and Sardinia, and Erie County. EDF Renewables met with officials from the Town of Sardinia and Concord on June 5th and 6th, respectively to introduce the project, share the site map and project details, and discuss the Article 10 process. A presentation was made to the Town of Concord Town Board on July 11th and an Open House Public Meeting was held at the East Concord Fire Department on August 7th for adjacent landowners, local stakeholders, and municipal officials. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting. EDF Renewables noticed this meeting in a local newspaper, the Springville Journal, 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). 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. 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).

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

⁹ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(c).



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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. 10

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.

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 Regulations¹¹ 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

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.

^{11 16} NYCRR § 1000.5(g).



¹⁰ Further information on obtaining funding for participation in this proceeding can be found at: $\underline{https://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/96f0fec0b45a3c6485257688006a701a/6fd11ce8db088a2785257e200054a99b/\$FILE/Guide\%20to\%20Interview and the following th$ enor%20Funding%201-30-18.pdf

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.

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 Genesee Road Solar Energy Center.

EDF Renewables held an open-house style public meeting on August 7, 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 50 stakeholders from the community attended the public meeting.

EDF Renewables noticed this meeting in a local newspaper, the Springville Journal, 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 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 meeting prior to submittal of the PSS, as well as two meetings following PSS submittal. The 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 *Springville Journal* and Springville/Ellicottville *Pennysaver & News*—a free publication—at least 14 days prior to the scheduled event. In addition, information on future meetings will be posted on the Facility website at www.geneseeroadsolarr.com, and will be mailed to the Master Stakeholder List (see Section 5.5.2 below). Utilizing free publications for information sharing and easily accessible, central locations for public meetings is part of EDF Renewables' strategy for ensuring low income communities (See Section 3.7 Environmental Justice Communities) have equal access to project information.

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 will establish a live, user-friendly website, with all information up to date in plain English, that describes the Facility: www.geneseeroadsolar.com. This website will provide 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,

EDF Renewables will provide updates throughout the development and construction of the Genesee Road Solar Energy Center through the project website:

www.geneseeroadsolar.com

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 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 will include 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

Point of Contact:

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

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.

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 Concord and Sardinia (identified as the *Springville Journal* and *Springville Times*), as well as in the newspaper of largest circulation in Erie County, as required by the regulations, ¹². Whenever possible, EDF Renewables will use free regional publications, including the Springville/Ellicottville *Pennysaver & News*.

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.

¹² See 16 NYCRR § 1000.7(a).



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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 has already held an open-house style public meeting and intends to hold two more open-house style public meetings prior to submittal of the PSS, and two additional meetings following submittal of the PSS. The 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.13 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 stakeholders have been added to the Master Stakeholder List.

¹³ 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 Erie 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 five 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 full time permanent highly skilled jobs during operation.
- Contributing more than \$20 million in direct revenues for local municipalities, schools, and Erie 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 also 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 Sardinia, Concord, Erie County, and local school districts. The final amount will depend on the conclusion of negotiations and the final size and 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 Erie County Industrial Development Agency (IDA). A public open house meeting was also held in the at the East Concord Fire Department on August 7th. The meetings were attended by around 50 people Multiple 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. Several participants expressed concern about visual impacts, road use, decommissioning, and loss of farmland.

EDF RD 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. 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

The Town of Sardinia and the Pioneer Central School District have opted out of New York Real Property Tax Law 487. Additionally, the Town of Concord has a Town Industrial Development Authority. As outlined in section 7.2, EDF Renewables plans to negotiate a Payment In Lieu of Taxes with the Erie County IDA and/or the Town of Concord IDA which will cover all affected taxing jurisdictions.



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Exhibit B Goals and Objectives for Stakeholder Involvement



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Municipalities in Facility Area	
Town of Concord; and Town of Sardinia (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. Initiate direct contact with
	Discuss potential avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures to address identified impacts.	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.

 $^{^{14}}$ EDF Renewables will consider the following general outreach goals and objectives for each agency/municipality:

c. Maintain appropriate communications and outreach efforts with these key stakeholders.



<sup>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</sup> identified interests and concerns in the early planning stages.

Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Obtain all relevant local laws, comprehensive plans, building codes, zoning maps, etc.	
	Determine whether all local laws potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
	Review of flood hazard mapping and local code requirements for development in any FEMA Flood Hazard Zones within the Facility Area.	
	Discuss transportation routes, use of right-of-way, and other issues of local concern with Town Highway Departments.	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.
	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.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General
3 3,7 1 1 1 1		Schedule for Consultation
Diamage Control Colonel	School Districts in Facility Are	
Pioneer Central School District; Holland Central School District; and Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District (host school districts)	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10	Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/information sessions, and opportunities for participation.
	process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	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. By phone, mail, or in person as requested.
		Public Information Open House Sessions and attendance at local meetings.
	Solicitation of local feedback.	At least two public sessions currently planned, one prior
	Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	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.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴ Explain and discuss delivery methods of project components and transportation routes and	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation Meeting or telephone conference at least two
	timing; discuss and address any school district concerns regarding transportation and project impacts pre- and post-construction.	months prior to mobilization to site for construction.
	Municipalities and Counties in	
Cattaraugus County; Town of Ashford; Town of Colden; Town of Holland; Town of Yorkshire; and Village of Springville	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.
	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.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
County		
Erie 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.	
	Determine whether all local laws potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
	Review flood hazard mapping and local code requirements for development in the FEMA Flood Hazard Zones within the Facility Area.	
	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.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	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.
Erie County Executive 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.
Erie 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.
Erie County Department of Health	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.
Erie County Department of Public Works	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 ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
Erie County Environment and Planning Department	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.
Erie County Historian	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.
Erie 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.
Erie County Legislature	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 ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
Erie County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department	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 consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed
	Discuss potential viewpoints to be nominated for the development of the VIA photo-simulations.	throughout Article 10 process.
Erie 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.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
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, Western New York Region	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 (NYSA&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.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Determine whether all	Initial meeting or telephone
	NYSDEC regulations	conference no later than one
	potentially applicable to the	month prior to submittal of
	Project have been identified.	PSS.
	Notifications, as required by	
NVSDEC Pagion 0	Article 10. To be served	As per schedule in
NYSDEC Region 9	copies of the PSS and	regulations.
	Application filings.	
	Notifications, as required by	
New York State Department	Article 10. To be served	As per schedule in
of Health (NYSDOH)	copies of the PSS and	regulations.
	Application filings.	
	Determine whether all	Initial meeting or telephone
	NYSDOH regulations	conference no later than one
	potentially applicable to the	month prior to submittal of
	Project have been identified.	PSS.
	Notifications, as required by	
	Article 10. To be served	As per schedule in
	copies of the PSS and	regulations.
NIVED CITY IN THE STATE OF THE	Application filings.	
NYSDOH, Western Region	Determine whether all	Initial meeting or telephone
	NYSDOH regulations	conference no later than one
	potentially applicable to the	month prior to submittal of
	Project have been identified.	PSS.
	Facilitate Article 10 review	
NYS Department of Public	process. To be served copies	
Service	of the PSS and Application	Meetings throughout process.
	filings.	
	Notifications, as required by	
NYS Department of State	Article 10. To be served	As per schedule in
(NYSDOS)	copies of the PSS and	regulations.
,	Application filings.	5
	Determine whether all	Initial meeting or telephone
	NYSDOS regulations	conference no later than one
	potentially applicable to the	month prior to submittal of
	Project have been identified.	PSS.
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Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
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 5	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 finalization of visual assessment viewpoints, ongoing review of studies, and mitigation recommendations.
New York State Assemblyman David DiPietro (or current), District 147	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.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
New York State Senator	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
Patrick M. Gallivan (or current), District 59	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.
F	ederal Agencies/Representativ	res
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, Representative, 27 th Congressional District	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
US National Park Service	Discuss potential viewpoints to be nominated for the development of the VIA photo-simulations.	Initial consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.
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.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Other Stakeholders	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
Alliance for Clean Energy New	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
York	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
TOTA	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
Arcade Area Chamber of	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Commerce	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
Commerce	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Arcade Free Library	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Buffalo Audubon Society	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation 14	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
Buffalo Niagara Partnership	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Cornell Cooperative Extension Erie 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.
Delevan-Yorkshire 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.
Erie 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.
Finger Lakes Trail Conference, 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.



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	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Green Springville, Inc.	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
Hulbert Library of the Town of	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Hulbert Library of the Town of Concord	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
Concord	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
International Brotherhood of	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Electrical Workers (IBEW),	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
Local 41	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Kissing Bridge Park	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
National Grid	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
New York Agricultural Land	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Trust	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
Trust	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
New York Farm Bureau	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
New York Farm Bureau,	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Region 1	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
Kegion i	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
New York Forest Owners	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Association, Niagara Frontier	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
Chapter	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
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.
New York State Electric and Gas Corporation	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 Snowmobile Association, Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and County Chapters: Colden Trail Riders, Eden Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Grand Island Snowmobile Club, Hamburg Snowmobile Club, Holland Snorascals Snomobile Club, Marilla Sno- Mob Snowmobile Club, Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Pioneer SnoSurfers, Southern Tier Snow Drifters and Western New York Snowmobile Club of Boston, 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.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
New Yorkers for Clean Power	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Sardinia Historical Society	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Sierra Club, Atlantic Chapter	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
Sierra Club, Niagara Group	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	
	Provide information on the	
Springville Area Chamber of Commerce	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial correspondence no
	contact information, and	later than one month prior to
	discuss stakeholder initiatives	submittal of PSS.
	that may be affected or	
	promoted by the Project.	



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
The Western New York Environmental Alliance and GrowWNY	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.
Western New York Farm Bureau 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.
Western New York Land Conservancy	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.
Western New York Public Health Alliance, 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.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation ¹⁴	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
Nearby Airports: Basher Field Airport (private use); Gentzke Aeronautical Park Airport (private use); Hedge Hop Field Airport (private use); High Acres Airport (private use); Hilltop Airport 3NY9 Airport (private use); Arcade Tri- County Airport; Ciszak Airport (private use); East Arcade Airport; Treichler Farm Airport (private use); Bloecher Farm 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



Genesee Road Solar Energy Center Record of Activity

Date of Activity	Locations of Activity	Activity Attendees	Purpose of Activity	Follow-up Action Items	Comments	Future Outreach
6/5/2019	Town of	Jack Honor (EDF	General presentation about	Prepare		Meeting(s) with
	Sardinia Town	Renewables) and	the project, EDF Renewables,	presentation for		Town Board and
	Hall	Town of Sardinia	solar development, Article	Town Board.		Other Local
		Code Enforcement Officer	10 permitting, etc.			Officials
6/6/2019	Concord	Jack Honor and	General presentation about	Prepare		Meeting(s) with
	Town Board	Town of Concord	the project, EDF Renewables,	presentation for		Town Board and
	Member Ken	Board Member Ken	solar development, Article	Town Board.		Other Local
	Zittel's Office	Zittel	10 permitting, etc.			Officials
7/11/2019	Town of Concord	EDF Renewables and Town Board,	General presentation about the project, EDF Renewables,		Town generally supportive of	Public Open House Meeting
	Town Hall	various members of the public, and media	solar development, Article 10 permitting, etc.		Project.	J
8/7/2019	East Concord	Interested media,	Open house-style meeting	None	Attendees	Additional public
	Fire	stakeholders, and			generally	meetings in area
	Department	landowners			supportive of	
					project. Around	
					50 people	
					attended.	
8/14/2019	Conference	Jack Honor, Nixon	General discussion	In-person meeting	Expressed EDF	Continued
	Call	Peabody (EDF	introducing the project and	sometime in	Renewables	throughout project
		Renewables	a high-level review of the	October/November	interest to apply	
		attorneys), Erie	County IDA's policies,		for a PILOT.	
		County IDA	procedures, etc.			



Date of Activity	Locations of Activity	Activity Attendees	Purpose of Activity	Follow-up Action Items	Comments	Future Outreach
9/12/2019	Erie County Offices in East Aurora	EDF Renewables and Erie County Department of Environment and Planning	General presentation about the project, EDF Renewables, solar development, Article 10 permitting, etc. Conversation focused on environmental and agricultural impact of the project.	Prepare additional maps for Erie County.		Additional meetings as project progresses.
9/12/2019	Town of Sardinia Town Hall	EDF Renewables and Town Board, various members of the public, and media	General presentation about the project, EDF Renewables, solar development, Article 10 permitting, etc.			Public open house meeting sometime in the next 3 months
9/12/2019	Town of Concord Town Hall	EDF Renewables and Town Board, various members of the public, and media	General presentation about the project, EDF Renewables, solar development, Article 10 permitting, etc.			Public open house meeting sometime in the next 3 months
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



Date of Activity	Locations of Activity	Activity Attendees	Purpose of Activity	Follow-up Action Items	Comments	Future Outreach
10/24/2019	NYS Department of Environmental Conservation	Jack Honor (EDF Renewables) and project team members, DEC staff	Discuss status of special status species and habitat and survey requirements	EDF Renewables to provide NHP letters		
11/19/2019	Erie County IDA offices in Buffalo	Jack Honor, project team members, Erie County IDA, Deputy Erie County Executive, Eric County Department of Environment and Planning	Introductory presentation about the project, more in- depth discussion of environmental topics, potential for PILOT agreement, project benefits, etc.	Second in-person meeting in early 2020. Additional maps, environmental information, and financial information requested by Erie County.	Productive meeting which provided many focus areas for follow up consultation.	Public open house meeting on Nov 19 and continued outreach throughout the project.
11/19/2019	Town of Sardinia Town Hall	13 Members of EDF Renewables' project team and approximately 100 interested stakeholders, municipal and government officials, and nearby residents.	Open house-style meeting where more than 40 poster boards about EDF Renewables, the project, and solar energy were presented. 13 members of the project team were on hand to answer questions and discuss the project with the public.	Multiple follow-up items with stakeholders. Many provided thoughtful feedback on the project and the project team is preparing additional material and expanded information for our second meeting in early 2020.	95 attendees signed in.	Next meeting planned for early 2020.



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 [Case 19-F-0602] 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.



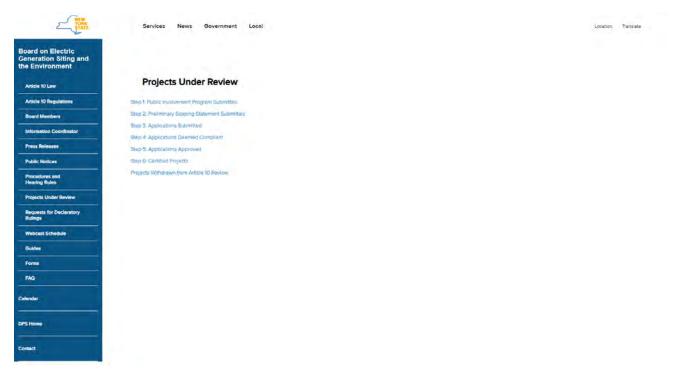
Instructions for Joining the Party or Service List in a Siting Board Proceeding

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.

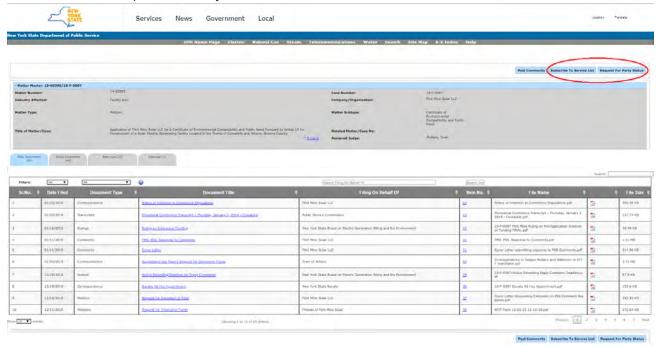




Links to Article 10 project dockets are also available through the Siting Board's website (http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard), by clicking "Projects under Review," and identifying the project from the list provided.

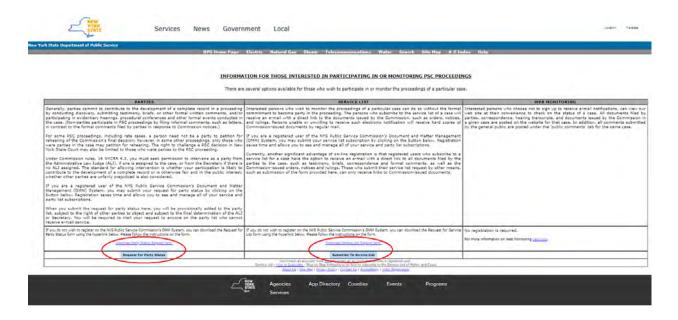


Either method will bring up the project's docket or Document and Matter Management (DMM) System page. In the top right hand corner of the DMM page, there are buttons titled "Subscribe to Service List" or "Request for Party Status." Click one.





Clicking the "Subscribe to Service List" or "Request for Party Status" buttons opens a page outlining the differences between joining the Party List, subscribing to the Service List, or participation via Web Monitoring. Select the preferred method of participation by clicking one of the buttons, or by downloading a form for submission to the Secretary.



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

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. Please read the details of each and decide which is the best option for you.

Service List

Parties 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.) Once a party, a person or organization may be compelled to respond to discovery requests and to

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

perform other actions.

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 email 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.

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.

Currently, another significant

Interested persons who choose not to sign up to receive email notifications, can view our website 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.

Web Access



Parties Service List Web Access

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.

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 no ALJ has been 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.

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.

When you submit the request for party status here, you will be provisionally added to the

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 Commissionissued documents.



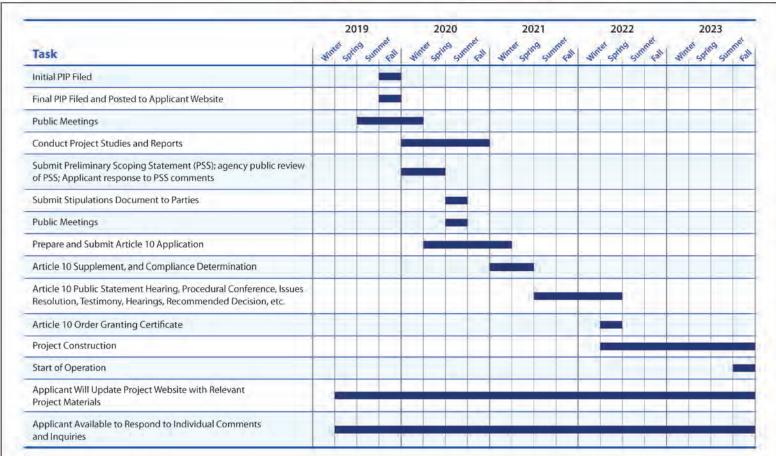
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party list, subject to the right of other parties to object and subject to the final determination of the ALJ or Secretary. You will be required to mail your request to anyone on the party list who cannot		
receive email service. Registering with the PSC's Document Management System (DMM) and using a web form to request party status is the preferred	Registering with the PSC's Document Management System (DMM) and using a web page to manage your Service List subscriptions is	No registration is required. Search for a case and find out more about Web Monitoring.
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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.	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 email to the Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov	
	If you are unable to email the Secretary, you may mail your request to: Secretary Department of Public Service Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350.	



Exhibit E Project Schedule



Genesee Road Solar Energy Center Project Schedule



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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