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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND COMMONLY USED TERMS

Acronym/Abbreviation	Definition/Denotation
AC	Alternating Current
ACS	American Community Survey
CES	Clean Energy Standard
DC	Direct current
DPS	New York State Department of Public Service
Facility	Generating facility components and site associated with the Ridge View Solar Energy Center
Facility Area	Land area that may host generating facility components, interconnections and related facilities
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GW	Gigawatt
IPP	Independent power producer
kV	Kilovolt
MW	Megawatt
MW _{ac}	Megawatt, Alternating Current
MWh	Megawatt-hour
MW _p	Megawatt, Peak
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 Plan
POI	Point of Interconnection
PSC	New York State Public Service Commission
PSL	Public Service Law
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	Areas within a 2-mile radius of the Facility Area
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

EDF Renewables Development, Inc. (“EDF RD” or the “Applicant”), a subsidiary of the EDF Renewables, Inc. (“EDF Renewables”) is proposing to construct a 350 megawatt (“MW”) alternating current (“AC”) photovoltaic (“PV”) solar energy generation facility, that may include approximately 100 MW (400 megawatt hours “MWh”) of energy storage capacity referred to as the Ridge View Solar Energy Center (the “Facility” or “Project”), in the Towns of Hartland and Newfane, Niagara County, New York. As discussed further below, EDF Renewables is a leading independent power producer (“IPP”) and service provider with 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, as well as, explain the public outreach and involvement efforts that EDF RD will pursue throughout the development of the 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. Through this process, stakeholder concerns, interests, local knowledge, and recommendations will be evaluated, addressed and considered by the Applicant and the Siting Board.

Given the proposed size of the Project, it 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 new major electric generating facilities in New York State with a nameplate generating capacity of 25 MW or more. This review is conducted [administered] in New York State by the Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the “Siting Board”), in a unified proceeding instead of requiring a developer of such a facility to apply separately for numerous state and local permits.

In addition to Article 10, the Siting Board has also adopted rules and regulations which must be followed in developing a project such as the Ridge View Solar Energy Center.¹ The Siting Board’s rules 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. Under the Siting Board’s rules,² the PIP Plan must be submitted to the Department of Public Service (“DPS”) for review at least 150 days prior to filing a Preliminary Scoping Statement (“PSS”).

¹ Copies of Article 10 and the Siting’s Board’s rules can be found at:
<http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/1392EC6DD904BBC285257F4E005BE810?OpenDocument>.

² 16 NYCRR § 1000.4.

This document describes EDF RD's public outreach and involvement activities that will be conducted by the Applicant throughout the Article 10 review process, and is intended to serve as the required PIP Plan. Through this PIP Plan, the Applicant (1) formally introduces the Project, (2) describes the Article 10 process to the local community, stakeholders and other interested parties, 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 as a stakeholder by asking questions and providing comments.

More specifically, as required by the Siting Board's rules and 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.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 COMPANY PROFILE

With more than 30 years of renewable energy experience EDF RD and its affiliates possess the technical expertise, financial resources and commitment to deliver this new, proficient solar facility in accordance with New York's Clean Energy Standard. With United States headquarters in San Diego, California, and offices in more than 20 countries, EDF Renewables is a global market leader in renewable electricity production, as well as a leading independent power producer (IPP) and service provider. With more than 16 GW of renewable energy projects developed, including more than 1,500 MW of commercial and utility-scale solar installations operating or in construction, EDF RD ranks among the most reputable full-service renewable energy companies in the United States. Throughout its significant experience, EDF RD has built long-standing relationships with key stakeholders, including utilities, corporate buyers, regulatory agencies, and the communities in which it operates, enabling them to expertly navigate the development process, ensuring successful completion and operation of our projects. Recent examples of grid-scale solar facilities developed and/or managed by EDF Renewables include the:

- 119 MW Gutenberg Solar facility in North Carolina
- 111 MW Bluemex Solar facility in Mexico
- 111 MW Pecan Solar facility in North Carolina
- 143 MW Catalina Solar facility in California

The Catalina Solar project in Kern County, California consists of more than 1,100,000 solar panels and generates enough electricity to meet the demand of 35,000 homes and displaces approximately 250,000 metric tons of CO₂ annually. EDF Renewables 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 believes in turning renewable energy ideas and long-term relationships into ethical, high-value sustainable businesses. Solar generation at grid-scale is new to these and most communities. Information, transparency, education and listening are key to developing a project that is a net benefit to all. Working in conjunction with EDF RD is EDF Renewable Services, Inc. (EDF RS), a market leader in the operating and maintaining of renewable energy facilities for EDF Renewables and for third parties. This PIP Plan establishes EDF RD's approach for successful public and stakeholder engagement.

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

With more than 14 GW of wind and solar facilities under its responsibility, EDF RS is one of the largest North American providers of third-party operations and maintenance (“O&M”) services for the renewable energy industry. Providing a full range of services beginning prior to commissioning and going through to decommissioning, EDF RS provides total project operations and maintenance services including options such as balance-of-plant management, remote monitoring, and OEM oversight, all performed by qualified and experienced EDF RS technicians under stringent safety standards. EDF RS provides critical 24/7/365 remote monitoring, diagnostics, and troubleshooting from its state-of-the-art 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 operations and maintenance (“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. This PIP Plan establishes EDF RD’s approach for successful public and stakeholder engagement.

2.2 PROJECT SUMMARY

The Ridge View Solar Energy Center is a proposed 350 MW_{ac} photovoltaic solar facility, that may include approximately 100 MW (400 MWh) of energy storage capacity, located in the Towns of Hartland and Newfane, Niagara 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 Public Service Commission’s (“PSC”) proceeding implementing a Clean Energy Standard (“CES”), which supports the development of clean energy and renewable resources in New York State. The Facility will safely generate enough clean, renewable electricity to power approximately 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, during operation offering long term highly skilled operational positions and significant long-term economic benefits through lease revenue to local landowners and additional revenue to the community.

The primary factor directing the siting of a solar + storage facility is proximity to a transmission line with existing capacity so the power from the project may be added to the transmission grid without prohibitive cost. To meet New York State’s renewable energy policy goals and a societal need for additional renewable power, a proposed project needs to be both clean *and* cost effective. Therefore, the cost to interconnect the Facility to the transmission system is a major factor in project siting. The Facility will interconnect to the New York power grid via a new Point of Interconnection (POI) in the Town of Hartland, tapping into the existing Kintigh (Somerset) to Rochester 345 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission

line owned by the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG) bisecting the Facility Area. 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. Other important factors include the availability of relatively flat, open, and appropriately oriented land to site the panels, willing land lease and host participants, and preliminary environmental screenings that have not indicated any significant environmental or societal concerns.

The lands that are being evaluated for potential solar development are located entirely in the Towns of Hartland and Newfane, Niagara County, New York, and are identified on Figures 1 and 2 as the “Facility Area”. Not all the land included in this area will be included in the Project. Rather, the Facility Area represents the broader area within which selected parcels will be developed with solar facilities. This provides flexibility during the project development phase to minimize and avoid impacts to wetlands, cultural resources, visual resources, wildlife habitat, and other sensitive resources. The Facility will ultimately be sited on approximately 2,000 acres of leased privately owned land within the Facility Area, which will likely consist primarily of cleared land. The Applicant will be leasing or obtaining easements on the majority of the land required to accommodate the Project from private landowners.

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. Ground-mounted solar panels are typically mounted on piles driven or screwed into the ground or screwed or grouted into bedrock. The Facility will consist of the following components:

- A solar field of PV panels producing direct current (“DC”) electricity mounted on fixed tilt structures, typically installed with a maximum panel height of approximately 12 feet in height above the ground;
- Inverters placed throughout the Facility to convert DC electricity to alternating current (AC) electricity, co-located with transformers that will increase the electricity voltage from the solar panels to 34.5 kV;
- A medium voltage 34.5 kV electrical collection system that will aggregate the AC output from the inverters;
- Energy storage systems are being considered, and may be co-located with the inverters within the Facility Area or installed near the POI;
- A POI substation 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. The station would be enclosed by a security fence. Although not yet designed, taller substation equipment such as the overhead gantry (which allows the powerlines to connect to the existing transmission line), lightning shield poles, and possible telecommunication structures, could have a maximum height of 70 feet or more. The POI substation will likely

be located in the Town of Hartland on a parcel of land within the Facility Area, intersecting the 345 kV transmission line;

- Internal infrastructure including access roads and fencing; and
- Temporary laydown areas for equipment staging during construction.

The Ridge View Solar Energy Center will have a nameplate capacity of about 350 MW_{ac} and may include energy storage. It is expected to generate enough electricity to meet the average annual consumption of 80,000 New York households. Solar energy is most beneficial during the summer demand to meet air conditioning loads. Because it uses no fossil fuel, it offsets additional air pollution by displacing thermal generation sources. Solar modules have followed the same cost pattern as many other electrical devices. Module costs have fallen significantly over the last 10 years, dramatically changing their role in wholesale power supply.

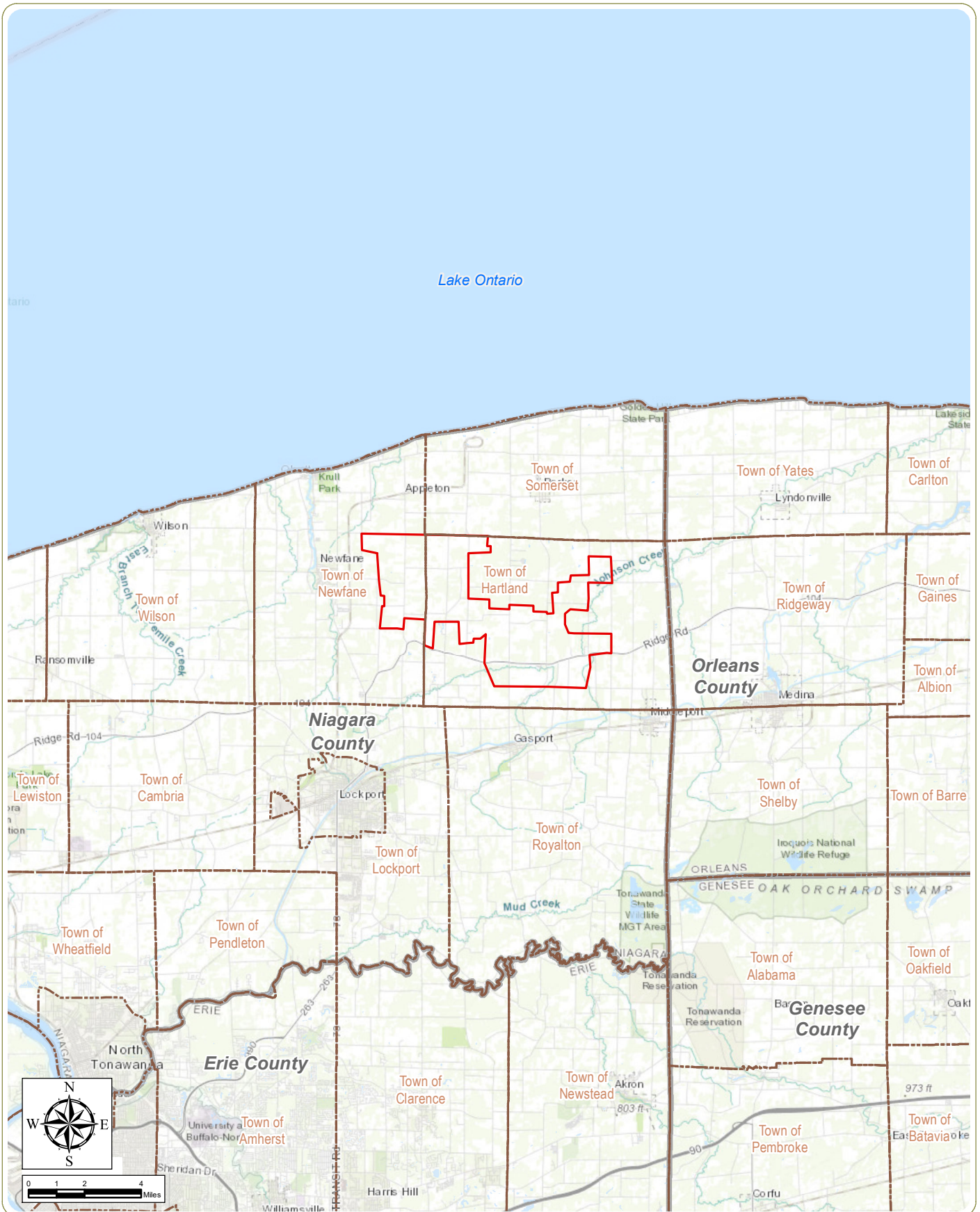
The proposed Facility will have positive impacts on socioeconomics in the area through employment opportunities, specifically by generating temporary construction employment, a significant amount of which will likely be drawn from Niagara County and the regional labor market. Local construction employment will primarily benefit those in the construction trades, including equipment operators, truck drivers, laborers, and electricians. The average crew size for construction employment is estimated to be around 300 workers and significantly more at peak. In addition, an estimated four full-time jobs will be generated from operation of the Facility, with additional occasional work for contractors for landscaping, periodic maintenance and other incidental work. A payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and host community agreement are being proposed to provide approximately \$1,000,000 in annual revenues to the Towns of Hartland and Newfane, Niagara County, Barker Central School District, Newfane Central School District and the Royalton-Hartland Central School District. The final amount will depend on the conclusion of negotiations and the final size of the Project. Landowners hosting Facility infrastructure will 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 will have minimal impacts on the surrounding community. Solar facilities produce minimal noise and no vibration. The solar PV panels proposed to be used for the Facility do not contain hazardous material and have a low height profile. Setbacks, fencing and landscape buffering allow solar projects to have a minimal visual impact on the community and natural setting of the area.

Responsibly sited solar facilities can provide long term preservation of agricultural land. The Facility is not a permanent structure and will be decommissioned at the end of its operational life, at which time the land can be returned to its

former use. Therefore, the land is converted to another productive and beneficial use, and can be reversed back to agricultural use after site decommissioning and restoration. The Facility essentially provides a form of preservation for agricultural land by preventing other forms of traditional development. Solar projects generally have an operational life of up to 40 years. The Applicant will provide a detailed decommissioning plan in the Article 10 Application. In accordance with the Siting Board's rules⁴, the plan will ensure proper removal of the Facility and restoration of the land at the end of the Project's useful life.

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

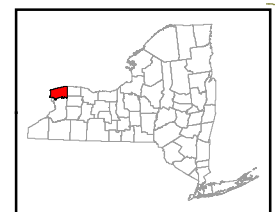


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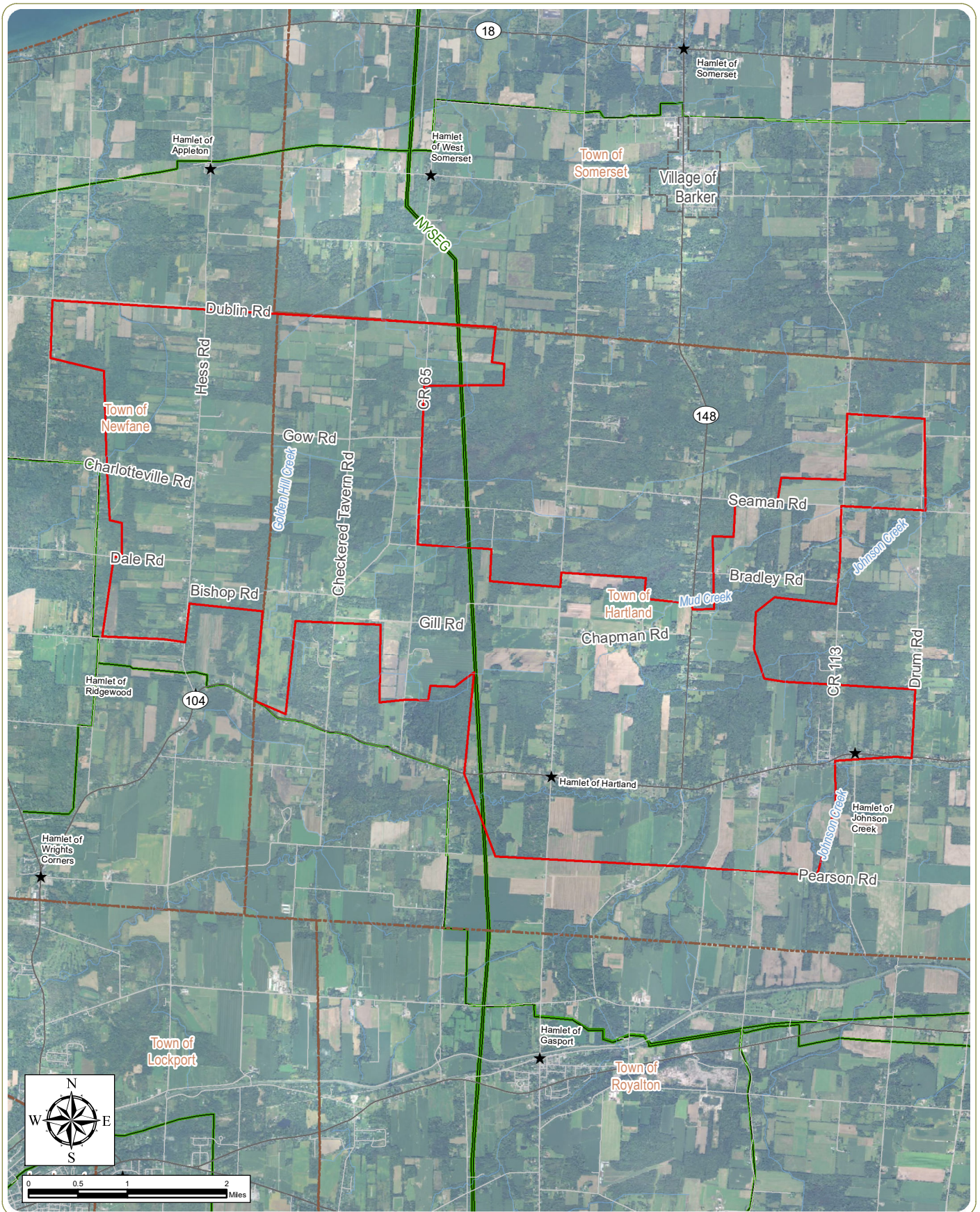
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Figure 1: Regional Facility Location

- Facility Area
- Town Boundary
- County Boundary



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 Town of Newfane, Town of Hartland, Niagara County, New York

Figure 2: Preliminary Facility Area

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- ★ Hamlet
- Transmission Line
- Facility Area
- Village Boundary
- Town Boundary

2.3 STUDY AREA

The Siting Board's rules define the Study Area to be used for analysis of major electric generating facilities as "an area generally related to the *nature of the technology* and the *setting* of the proposed site. For large facilities or wind power facilities with components spread across a rural landscape, the Study Area shall generally include the area within a radius of at least five miles from all generating facility components, interconnections and related facilities and alternative location sites."⁵ Unlike a wind power project that contains wind turbines that may be 500 feet or more in height and which are visible from a relatively large surrounding area (e.g., 5 miles or more), a solar generating facility does not have any tall visible components. The tallest components of the generating portion of the proposed Facility will be the PV panels and inverter equipment, which have a relatively low profile, and are not expected to be more than 12 feet above grade, less than a single-story residence. Non-generating portions of the Facility, including an operation and maintenance building and any required storage facilities, are also not expected to exceed 25 feet above grade. As described above, equipment within the POI will be as high as 70 feet or more above grade at a single location near the existing 345 kV transmission line that will serve as the final grid interconnection point within the Facility Area. Therefore, the nature of the technology is such that visibility is anticipated to be relatively limited to those areas located adjacent to the Facility.

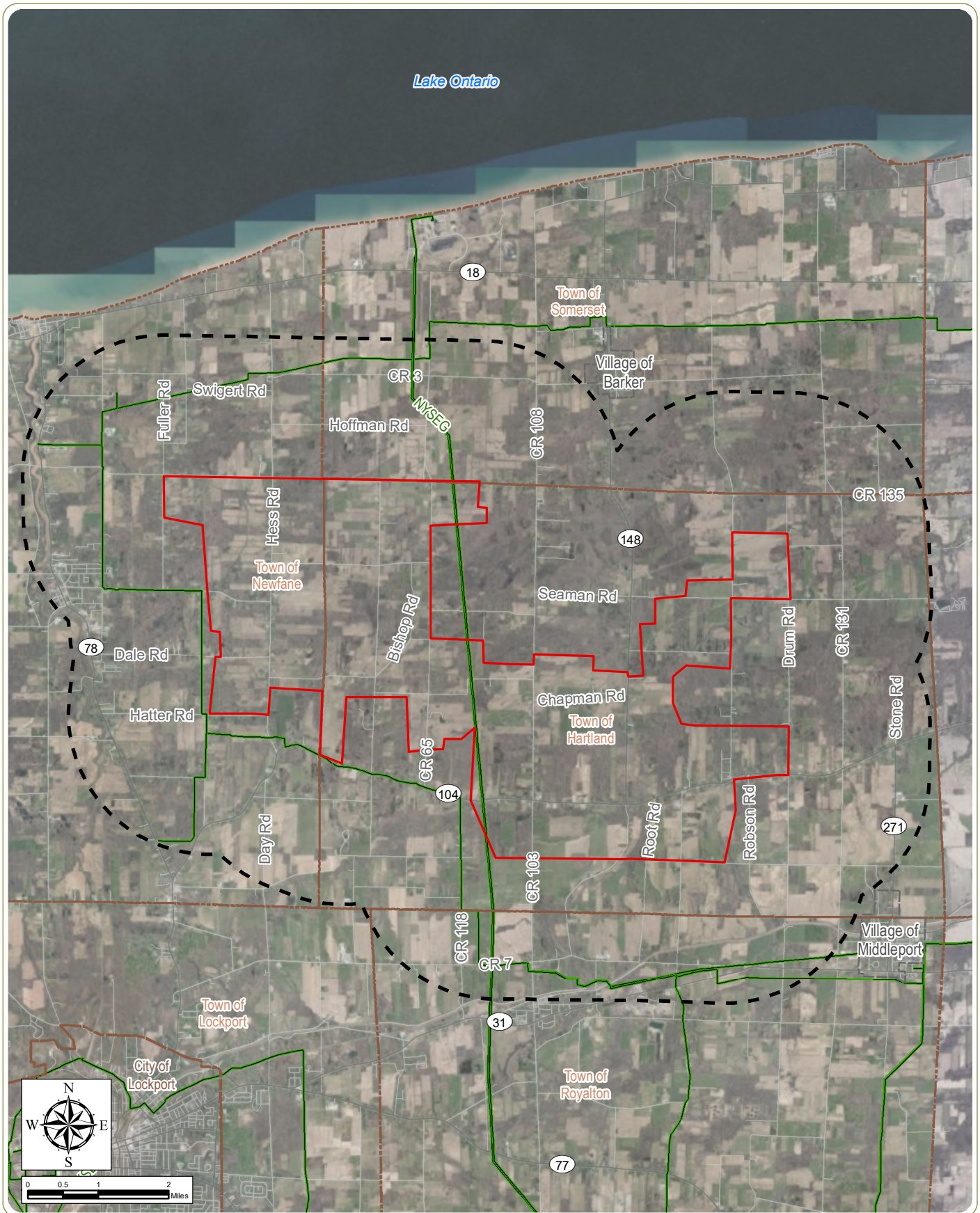
With respect to setting, the Facility Area is located within elevations of approximately 350± feet to approximately 450± feet above sea level, while elevations for Niagara County range from approximately 250± feet to approximately 676± feet.⁶ The Facility Area is characterized by relatively flat to gently sloping topography. Land use in and around the Project Site is dominated by a mix of agricultural land with associated rural residences, forested land, lowland marshes/swamps, and successional communities. Because of the flat topography in the immediate vicinity of the Facility, and its low-profile, visibility of the Facility components will be largely limited to the immediate vicinity of the proposed Facility. Each section of the Facility will be surrounded by fencing and sections bordering public roads or nearby residences will be designed to include landscape buffering outside the fence. Therefore, the Applicant 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. Municipalities within this Study Area include the Towns of Hartland, Newfane, Royalton and Somerset, all of which are located in Niagara County.

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 revised for certain studies (e.g., visual impact assessment). 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

⁵ 16 NYCRR § 1000.2(ar).

⁶ USGS Topographic Map

than the ultimate footprint of the Facility. 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 would be located within the communities identified herein.



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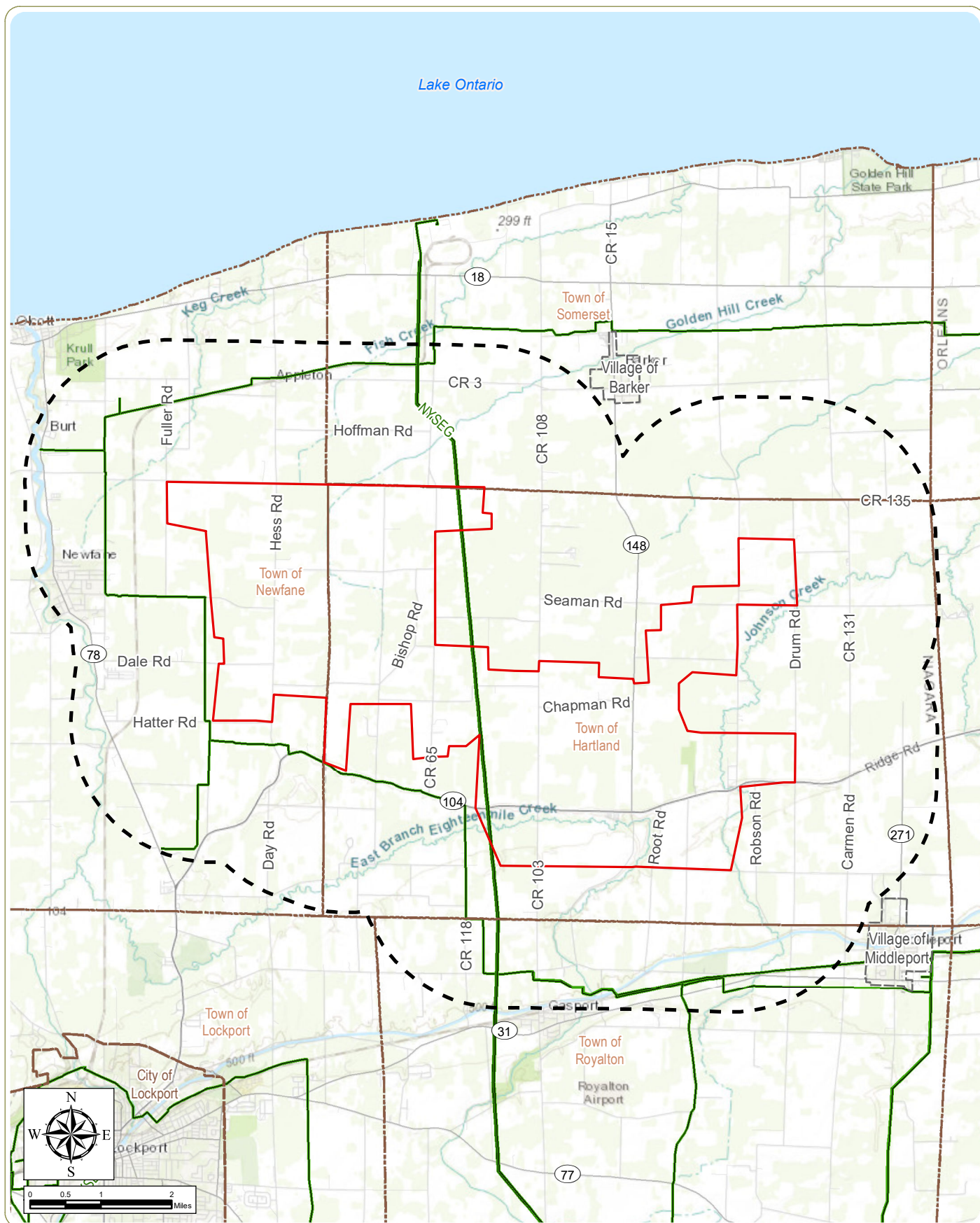
Town of Newfane, Town of Hartland, Niagara County, New York

Figure 3: Study Area (Aerial)

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- Transmission Line
- 2-Mile Study Area
- Facility Area
- Village Boundary
- City Boundary
- Town Boundary





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Town of Newfane, Town of Hartland, Niagara County, New York

Figure 3: Study Area

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- Transmission Line
- 2-Mile Study Area
- Facility Area
- Village Boundary
- City Boundary
- Town Boundary



3.0 IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

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. In more than 30 years of activity in North America, EDF RD has developed more than 16,000 MW of grid-scale power, including a wide variety of solar, wind, and energy storage projects. EDF RD maintains a development approach that places transparency, safety, accountability, and respect for local communities as its core values. Based on this experience, EDF RD has successfully engaged interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other potential stakeholders by being transparent at all times and providing timely information to consistently educate all stakeholders. The process by which EDF RD identifies specific stakeholders for this Facility is informed by experience coupled with DPS guidance, local community guidance, and prior submissions of other Article 10 PIP plans. Stakeholder identification efforts for Ridge View Solar Energy Center also included reviewing County GIS records, tax records, personal visits, and internet research, among other steps. At the outset, the Applicant considered the following in compiling its list of affected agencies and other stakeholders:

- The anticipated locations of Facility components within the Facility Area;
- “Local Party,” as defined in the Siting Board’s rules (16 NYCRR §1000.2[s]);
- “Affected Agencies,” as that term is used in the Siting Board’s rules (16 NYCRR § 1000 et seq.);
- Host municipalities, which, for the purposes of this PIP Plan, refers to those municipalities that are currently within the Facility Area and are anticipated to host Facility components (to be determined and further described in the PSS);
- Adjacent municipalities;
- Previous consultation with local stakeholders;
- Public interest groups; and
- State and federal elected officials representing the Host Municipalities and, if different, other municipalities within the Study Area.

A master list of stakeholders (also referred to as the Notification List), which includes all known potentially interested stakeholders and parties, was developed based upon the combination of efforts described above (see Exhibit A). EDF RD anticipates that the Notification List will be updated as necessary based on information and requests from interested stakeholders received during PIP Plan activities and these updates will be provided to the DPS along with the PIP Plan tracking submissions. In addition, potentially affected or interested stakeholders include host landowners who have a land agreement with EDF RD, 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, below, identify stakeholders by category.

3.1 AFFECTED STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

Empire State Development Corporation
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
New York Independent System Operator
New York Power Authority (NYPA)
NYS Energy Research and Development Authority
NYS Attorney General
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
NYS Department of Corrections and Community Services
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Central Office
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 9
NYS Department of Health
NYS Department of Public Service
NYS Department of State
NYS Department of Transportation, Central Office
NYS Department of Transportation, Region 5
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
NYS Governor's Office
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
State Assemblyman Robin Schimminger, 140th Assembly District
State Assemblywoman Jane L. Corwin, 144th Assembly District
State Assemblyman John D. Ceretto, 145th Assembly District
State Assemblyman Raymond Walter, 146th Assembly District
State Senator Robert G. Ort, 62nd Senate District
US Army Corps of Engineers
US Department of Defense
US Federal Aviation Administration
US Fish and Wildlife Service
US House of Representatives, Brian Higgins, 26th Congressional District
US House of Representatives, Chris Collins, 27th Congressional District
US Senator Charles E. Schumer
US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand

3.2 LOCAL AGENCIES

Hartland Volunteer Fire Company
Niagara County Chamber of Commerce
Niagara County Clerk Department
Niagara County Industrial Development Agency
Niagara County Attorney's Office
Niagara County Historian
Niagara County Sheriff's Office
Niagara County Legislature
Niagara County Department of Parks and Golf Courses
Niagara County Public Information Office
Niagara County Real Property Tax Service
Niagara County Department of County Manager
Niagara County Department of Economic Development
Niagara County Department of Health
Niagara County Department of Public Works
Niagara County Office of Emergency Services & Fire Coordinator
Niagara County Planning Board
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District
Miller Hose Company
Town of Hartland Clerk's Office
Town of Hartland Highway Department
Town of Hartland Historian
Town of Hartland Planning Board
Town of Hartland Zoning & Building Department
Town of Newfane Clerk's Office
Town of Newfane Highway Department
Town of Newfane Town Board
Town of Newfane Historical Society

3.3 MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE FACILITY AREA

Niagara County

Town of Hartland
Town of Newfane
Barker Central School District
Newfane Central School District
Royalton-Hartland Central School District

3.4 MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STUDY AREA

Orleans County
Town of Somerset
Town of Royalton
Town of Ridgeway
Medina Central School District
Village of Barker
Village of Middleport

3.5 ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

Becker Farms & Vizcarra Vineyards
Burnt Dam and Fisherman's Park
Chateau Niagara Winery
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County
Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance
Great Lakes Seaway Trail
Hartland Central Cemetery
Hartland Conservation Club
Haunted History Trail of New York State
Hiller's Sweet Corn Farm Market
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 237
Leonard Oakes Estate Winery
Medina/ Wildwood Lake KOA
Murphy Orchards
National Grid
Newfane Public Library

New York Forest Owners Association
New York State Electric and Gas Company (NYSEG)
New York State Laborers' Union, Local 91
Newfane Pro Am Par 3 Golf Course
Niagara County Camping Resort
Western New York Land Conservancy
Sierra Club, Niagara Group
The Nature Conservancy, Central & Western New York
Tonawanda Reservation
Tuscarora Nation
Upstate NY Operating Engineers, Local 158
Van Horn Mansion

3.6 HOST AND ADJACENT LANDOWNERS

Host landowners are landowners with whom the Applicant has entered or will enter into a lease or easement agreement. As defined in the Siting Board's rules,⁷ adjacent landowners are landowners with property within 500 feet of proposed Project components. Landowners who would typically be notified of local Town land use actions will be included. The identities of potential host and adjacent landowners are determined from county GIS records, tax records, and personal visits by representatives of the Applicant.

The Applicant has not determined when the final Facility layout will be completed. However, information obtained during the pre-application process will be used, as appropriate, to assist in developing the final layout. 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 to wetlands identified during field delineation efforts). Therefore, specific host and adjacent landowner information is not included within 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 stakeholder list may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than landowner identification.

3.7 PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS

Niagara County Farm Bureau

⁷ 16 NYCRR § 1000.2(a).

Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce
Niagara USA Chamber

3.8 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL

The Ridge View Solar Energy Center is subject to 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.⁸

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

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

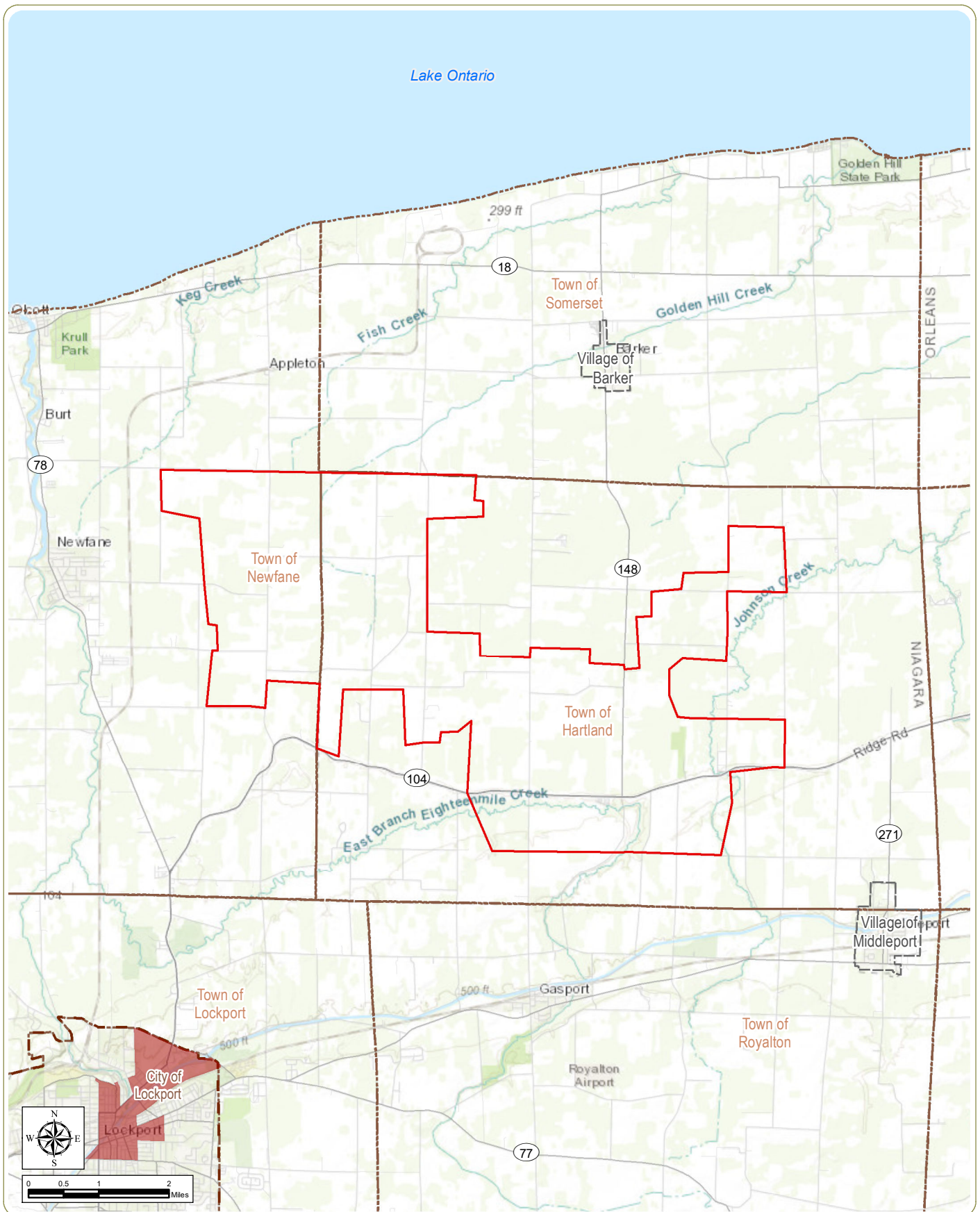
Based on 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) data there is one Potential Environmental Justice Area within the vicinity of the Facility Area (please see Figure 4). The nearest Potential Environmental Justice Area is located southwest of the Facility Area in the City of Lockport. All census blocks within this Potential Environmental Justice Area exceed the threshold for percent population in an urban area which have household incomes below the federal poverty level (please see Table 1). 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 to the Siting Board's rules.⁹

Table 1. Potential Environmental Justice Area Census Blocks

Census Block (Niagara County, New York)	Percent Population Reported as Members of Minority Groups	Percent Population below Federal Poverty Level	Area Type
Block Group 1, Census Tract 235	13.57%	29.40%	Urban
Block Group 3, Census Tract 235	7.26%	36.28%	Urban
Block Group 1, Census Tract 237	29.66%	26.27%	Urban
Block Group 2, Census Tract 237	35.67%	30.35%	Urban
Block Group 1, Census Tract 238	2.12%	27.62%	Urban

⁸ See 6 NYCRR Part 487.

⁹ 16 NYCRR § 1000.5(l)(2)(xi).



Ridge View Solar Energy Center
 Town of Newfane, Town of Hartland, Niagara County, New York
Figure 4: Environmental Justice Communities

- Environmental Justice Community
- Facility Area
- Village Boundary
- City Boundary
- Town Boundary

Notes: 1. Basemap: ESRI ArcGIS Online "World Topographic Map" map service. 2. This map was generated in ArcMap on November 26, 2019. 3. This is a color graphic. Reproduction in grayscale may misrepresent the data.

4.0 LANGUAGE ACCESS

The Siting Board's regulations require a PIP Plan to identify (1) any language, other than English, that is spoken (according to United States Census data) by 5,000 or more persons residing in any portion of a 5-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 close proximity to the proposed facility, alternative locations, or interconnections.¹⁰

According to the US Census Bureau data from the 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates, 4% of Niagara County residents age 5 or older speak a language other than English at home¹¹. With a 2017 population estimate of 201,586 persons, this means approximately 8,185 people in the County speak a language other than English at home. The Study Area contains portions of seven zip codes in which languages other than English are spoken. However, in all seven zip codes, fewer than 5,000 people speak a language other than English (see Table 2). Based on these findings, the Applicant is proposing to distribute Project related materials in only the English language.

Table 2. Most Prevalent Languages Spoken in Study Area Zip Codes

Zip Code	Language	Number of Speakers
14008	English	1,279
	Spanish	3
	Other Indo- European Languages	2
	Asian and Pacific Island Languages	2
	Other Languages	0
	Total:	1,286
14012	English	2,211
	Spanish	103
	Other Indo- European Languages	26
	Asian and Pacific Island Languages	0
	Other Languages	0
	Total:	2,340
14028	English	1,515
	Spanish	9
	Other Indo- European Languages	2
	Asian and Pacific Island Languages	1
	Other Languages	0
	Total:	1,527
14067	English	5,212
	Spanish	27
	Other Indo- European Languages	75
	Asian and Pacific Island Languages	0

¹⁰ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(d).

¹¹ <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

	Other Languages	17
	Total:	5,331
14094	English	44,840
	Spanish	745
	Other Indo- European Languages	728
	Asian and Pacific Island Languages	283
	Other Languages	54
	Total:	46,650
14105	English	4,138
	Spanish	51
	Other Indo- European Languages	17
	Asian and Pacific Island Languages	0
	Other Languages	0
	Total:	4,206
14108	English	5,891
	Spanish	14
	Other Indo- European Languages	3
	Asian and Pacific Island Languages	0
	Other Languages	0
	Total:	5,908

Source: <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml> (American Fact Finder, U.S. Census Bureau)

5.0 PROPOSED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

5.1 PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

- EDF Renewables Development, Inc.

195 Montague Street, 14th Fl.

Brooklyn, NY 11201

(833) 333-7369

- Project Representative:

Kevin Campbell, Development Manager

(833) 333-7369 (toll free)

Kevin.Campbell@edf-re.com

The Project Representative's normal business hours are from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays and between Christmas and New Year's.

- Local Project Office During Construction:¹²
[Address TBD]
Open: 9 AM to 5 PM Monday-Friday

- Project Website: www.ridgeviewsolar.com

- Local Document Repositories:
 - Hartland Town Clerk
8942 Ridge Rd.
Gasport, NY 14067
Phone: (716) 735-7179
Open: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Tuesdays – Friday
 - Royalton Hartland Public Library
9 S. Vernon St.
Middleport, NY 14105
Phone: (716) 735- 3281
Open: 11:00 AM- 8:00 PM Monday – Thursday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Saturday
 - Town of Newfane
2737 Main Street
Newfane, NY 14108
Phone: (716) 778-8531
Open: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday
 - Newfane Public Library
2761 Maple Avenue
Newfane, NY 14108
Open: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM Tuesday
and Thursday; 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday

Please see Section 5.6 for additional information regarding how calls/comments on the toll-free number received during non- business hours will be addressed and the timetable for which a representative will respond to calls, emails, and website inquiries.

¹² When this information becomes available, the Applicant will post it to the Project Website, provide it to Host Municipalities and Document Repositories, and include it on future public notices, where appropriate.

5.2 PROPOSED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The Applicant's proposed PIP Plan focuses first and foremost on early and frequent communication with Host Communities, including the Towns of Hartland and Newfane, and Niagara County. The PIP Plan will be made available at the document repositories listed in Section 5.1 above and the Project website. Aside from the Town and County, there are many important stakeholders to consider in developing a solar project of this scale. The Siting Board's rules provide that a PIP Plan must 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.¹³ 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), 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. The Applicant will establish 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 5.4 below for additional detail).

5.3 CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS

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

The Applicant engaged the Towns of Hartland and Newfane earlier in 2019 about its intentions to develop a solar project in the Towns, and since been in close communication to keep the Towns apprised of its development effort and progress. A voluntary public meeting was hosted by the Applicant on August 14, 2019 in the Town of Hartland to introduce the Project to the community prior to submitting this PIP Plan to the DPS. The meeting was communicated through notices in local newspapers and direct invitations to landowners within the Facility Area, landowners within 1,000 feet of the Facility Area, media and Town representatives. EDF RD will continue to communicate with the

¹³ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(c).

municipalities and make an initial contact with each agency to make certain they are aware of the Facility and inform them of any progress on a regular basis.

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

1. The Applicant has already contacted the Town of Hartland and the Town of Newfane to make certain they are aware of the Facility and to inform them of the Article 10 process, including steps for intervenor funding, and provide information on who to contact with any questions or comments about the Facility and/or about the Article 10 process. Other agencies and municipalities as identified by this PIP Plan will be contacted as part of the Article 10 permitting 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 consultation with DPS Staff during early development of the PSS; and
4. Other specific consultations as required by the Siting Board's rules, or as needed to inform the process.

With respect to intervenor funding, the Applicant is required to deposit funds for intervenor participation. Funds are deposited with the DPS at the time the pre-application 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 dispersed to qualifying parties to aid in their participation in the scoping phase of this 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 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.¹⁴

The goals of the initial consultation with each municipality or agency will be to consult 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 ad hoc

¹⁴ Further information on obtaining funding for participation in this proceeding can be found at: [http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/96f0fec0b45a3c6485257688006a701a/6fd11ce8db088a2785257e200054a99b/\\$FILE/02420356.pdf/Guide%20to%20Intervenor%20Funding%20-14-13.pdf](http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/96f0fec0b45a3c6485257688006a701a/6fd11ce8db088a2785257e200054a99b/$FILE/02420356.pdf/Guide%20to%20Intervenor%20Funding%20-14-13.pdf)

appointment process and local municipal responsibility; information about other planned consultations; 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, environmental impact review, and determination of news sources to be used for official notices.

Information related to the appointment of the two ad hoc local representatives to the Siting Board will be provided to the local municipalities. These two ad hoc members will be nominated **by each host municipality** for the purpose of providing a local voice in consideration of the proposed application. Note that one ad hoc member is appointed by the President Pro Tem (Majority Leader) of the New York State Senate and one is appointed by the Speaker of the New York State Assembly from a list of candidates submitted to them. Municipalities will be advised that the list of candidates should be submitted within fifteen days of receipt of notification of the pre-application PSS. Additional details regarding the ad hoc appointments can be found on the DPS Siting Board's web site (www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard) under Frequently Asked Questions.

Goals of consultation with various utilities within the Project Area include avoiding impacts to utility infrastructure, and minimizing any impacts to local service providers and utility customers during Facility construction and operation.

It should be noted that in accordance with the Siting Board's rules,¹⁵ comments on the PSS are due within 21 days after filing with the Secretary to the Siting Board. The Applicant intends to engage municipalities, agencies, and stakeholders throughout the PIP Plan implementation process in order to identify their respective interests, and obtain information regarding particular resources, locations, concerns and recommendations of the affected communities, agencies and interest groups. Prior to filing the PSS, this will be accomplished through a variety of methods, including open house meetings, direct correspondence, review of comments submitted through the Project and DPS websites, and targeted meetings with some of the individual stakeholders identified herein. Stakeholder consultation meetings will be documented and summarized in the PIP Plan Record of Activity (Exhibit C) and discussed in both the PSS and the Application (Exhibit 2).

The Table provided in Exhibit B lists the affected agencies and municipalities, as identified at the time this PIP Plan was prepared, along with the goals and objectives (to be developed) for each consultation and the plan for achieving these goals.

¹⁵ 16 NYCRR § 1000.5(g).

5.4 PRE-APPLICATION ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

EDF Renewables has engaged involved and interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, neighbors, 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 Ridge View Solar Energy Center. In addition to the engagement activities that have already taken place, the Applicant 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. The Record of Activity (Exhibit C) will be regularly updated as consultations and stakeholder participation activities take place, and additional means of engagement are identified (as necessary). In addition, concerns and questions raised by the public, and the Applicant's response to these issues will be documented in Exhibit C, as well as the PSS and the Article 10 Application (Exhibit 2). 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

The Applicant plans to attend Town meetings and present Applicant-sponsored public information sessions. EDF RD will be distributing educational materials, and will provide a Facility website, which will offer information on the proposed Facility, as well as links to information on the Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and other important stakeholder issues. These efforts will allow the Applicant 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. These efforts are discussed in further detail below and Exhibit E outlines the anticipated project and public participation schedule.

5.5.1 PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Applicant intends to hold a minimum of two open-house style public meetings prior to submittal of the PSS, and two meetings following PSS submittal but prior to application submittal. These meetings will be held at two different times on the same day or different days to accommodate workers' schedules and provide the best opportunity for interested persons to attend. Representatives for the Applicant will be present to provide Facility information and answer questions. It is anticipated that these meetings will be held at a public meeting space in reasonable proximity to the Facility Area. To provide early outreach to adjacent landowners, the Applicant will contact all residents within 2,500 feet of the proposed Facility (panels and substation) location to make sure they are aware of the project.

The Applicant will also conduct a mass mailing to all residents in the Study Area to announce the initial set of public meetings and will properly notice these meetings in local newspapers, including the Lake Country Penny Saver, and

the Lockport Union- Sun & Journal at least 14 days prior to the scheduled event. In addition, the Applicant will maintain a copy of the mailing and an affidavit of service as a record of what was mailed and to whom. Information regarding the public meetings will also be posted at the document repositories identified in Section 5.1. The first meeting following PSS submittal will be scheduled approximately two months prior to filing of the Application, to present detailed information regarding the anticipated content of the Application and to solicit public input. The second meeting will be scheduled immediately before or after filing of the Application to present an overview of the Applications content. Notification of all public meetings held by the Applicant will also be mailed or emailed to the Master Stakeholders List (also referred to as the Notification List) contained in Exhibit A, including host and adjacent landowners. The Applicant will indicate in the PIP Record of Activity (Exhibit C) whether a mailing was sent and the means in which the mailing was sent (i.e. US Postal Service or email).

Additional stakeholders will be added to this list as they are identified through the initial public meetings and the Facility website. The updated list will then be used for future mail and email notifications, and the list will be further updated based on additional requests. In addition, all meetings will be posted on the Facility website. The Applicant will provide DPS Staff with informal notice of all scheduled public meetings.

5.5.2 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

The Applicant 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 libraries, document repositories, and/or through mailings to stakeholders. Materials will also be available on the Facility website.

5.6 PROJECT WEBSITE

Concurrent with the filing of the Final PIP Plan, the Applicant will establish a live, user-friendly website with all information up to date in plain English which describes the Facility. This website (www.RidgeViewSolar.com) 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, 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.

The Applicant 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 and toll-free telephone number;
- Copies of Article 10 and related permitting documents;
- Addresses of local document repositories;
- A schedule that lists dates/times/locations for outreach events and key milestone dates.

As indicated above, the website will include the Facility contact information (email address and toll-free telephone number). The Applicant will make efforts to respond directly to all substantive inquiries and comments submitted to the Facility contact (by email, telephone or mail) within three business days of receiving the inquiry and/or comment. The Applicant's normal business hours are from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays and between Christmas and New Year's. Where the inquiry and comments may take longer to respond, the initial response will indicate a timeframe anticipated for the full response. Correspondence will be documented. In addition, where an in-person meeting is requested, efforts will be made to accommodate such meetings within 20 business days. Email inquiries will receive an automated response acknowledging receipt of an interested party's question or comment. A local office will be established in the Town of Hartland or Newfane during the construction phase of the Project.

5.7 NOTIFICATIONS

The Siting Board's rules establish the notification requirements for serving documents. Pursuant to the rules, the Applicant shall publish all required notices in the Lake County Penny Saver and the Lockport Union- Sun & Journal and provide notice in accordance with standard notice requirements for actions of the Towns of Hartland and Newfane.¹⁶

No less than three days before filing of the PSS and the Application, the Applicant 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.

¹⁶ See 16 NYCRR § 1000.7.

The Applicant 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 procedures contained in Article 10. An updated stakeholder list will be provided with the Application filings, including parties identified through the Applicant's outreach efforts, and in the Application including host and adjacent landowners, as well as proof that a mailing has occurred.

5.8 ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

Beyond the activities described above in Sections 5.1 through 5.5, the Applicant 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).

The Applicant will track its PIP Plan and provide regular updates to DPS Staff. Specifically, the Applicant 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, the Applicant intends to hold at least two open-house style public meetings prior to submittal of the PSS, and an additional two meetings following submittal of the PSS, but prior to submitting the application. These meetings will be held at two different times on the same day 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, the Applicant will conduct additional public outreach and notifications as the project enters the construction phase. These efforts will include notification of the start of construction to various parties and implementation of a Complaint Resolution Plan.

5.9 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

(1) Details of the direct benefits to the community

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 Niagara 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 more than 400 workers. In addition, an estimated four full-time on-site 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.

EDF RD is committed to working with the community to incorporate complimentary forms of agriculture into the project. EDF RD can include pollinator friendly vegetation and host healthy populations of bees. Those bees can benefit nearby farm fields. Sheep grazing to maintain the vegetation beneath and around the solar panels is also being proposed to provide new lands for sheep farmers to grow their operations, and also to enable them an opportunity to market free range grass fed lamb.

(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 \$1,000,000 in annual revenues to the Towns of Hartland and Newfane, Niagara County, Barker Central School District, Newfane Central School District and the Royalton-Hartland Central School District. The final amount will depend on the conclusion of negotiations and the final size 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.

(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 the Town of Hartland, the Town of Newfane, Niagara County and the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency since earlier in 2019. A public meeting was also held in the Town of Hartland on August 14, 2019. The meeting was attended by almost 100 people and confirmed that the attendees were generally supportive of the Project. Furthermore, the attendees of the public meetings indicated that they support renewable energy and the

new revenues proposed for the Town, County and School District by the Facility. On the other hand, some participants expressed concern about the amount of land that will be used by the project and what will happen when the Project is at its end of life, and who will pay for decommissioning. There were some questions about whether the solar panels were toxic, the view of panels from local residences and what happens at the end of the operating life. These questions will be addressed throughout the consultation process with the community and individual stakeholders.

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. For example, one of the first meetings at the very outset of the project was to communicate the project idea with local Town supervisors and ask their permission to contact local landowners to seek their interest for hosting the Project. Regular follow up meetings were held with Town officials from both the Town of Hartland and the Town of Newfane where questions were asked, and issues addressed.

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.

(4) Host community status w/r/t NYS real property tax law

Neither Niagara County, the Town of Hartland, nor the Town of Newfane have opted out of New York Real Property Tax Law 587. Therefore, they all support the negotiation of PILOT agreements for large scale solar project development. Furthermore, the Town of Hartland and the Town of Newfane either have in place, or are currently proposing new solar codes, or revisions to existing solar codes that would support the development of the Project in their Towns.

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.¹⁷ The proposed Facility will not involve the construction of any structure that exceeds 200 feet above ground level (“AGL”). Consequently, the filing of a notice with the FAA will not be required for the Facility.

¹⁷ See 14 CFR §77.9(a-e) (Construction or alternation requiring notice).



Exhibit A

Master List of Stakeholders/Notification List

AFFECTED STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

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Exhibit B

Goals and Objectives for Stakeholder Involvement

Table 1: Affected Agency and Municipality Consultations

Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
<i>Municipalities in Facility Area</i>		
Town of Hartland (host municipality) Town of Newfane (host municipality)	<p>Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.</p> <p>Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts.</p> <p>This includes ongoing coordination with the Code Enforcement Office and Town Board, as applicable.</p>	<p>Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/ information sessions, and opportunities for participation.</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Provide notice to the towns, municipalities, and identified agencies no less than three days prior to submittal of PSS.</p>	<p>Mail notice.</p> <p>Included on the PSS service list.</p>
	<p>Notifications, as required by Article 10.</p>	<p>As per schedule in regulations.</p>
	<p>Solicit local feedback.</p> <p>Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.</p>	<p>By phone, mail, or in person as requested.</p>
	<p>Work with local Fire Departments to develop appropriate emergency response plans for construction and operational phases of the Project.</p>	<p>Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.</p>
	<p>Obtain all relevant local laws, building codes, comprehensive plans, zoning maps, etc.</p> <p>Determine whether all local laws potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.</p>	<p>Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.</p>
	<p>Discuss transportation routes, use of right-of-way and other issues of local</p>	<p>Meeting with Town Highway Departments before submittal of</p>

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	concern with Town Highway Departments.	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.
Town of Hartland Historian Town of Newfane Historical Society	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Schools in Facility Area		
Barker Central School District (host school district) Newfane Central School District (host school district)	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/ information sessions, and opportunities for participation. 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.
Royalton- Hartland Central School District (host school district)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Solicitation of local feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested. Public Information Open House Sessions and attendance at local meetings. At least two public sessions currently planned, one prior to, and one following, submittal of the PSS.

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		Establish a contact phone number, and dedicated project email address to respond to inquiries and accept public comment.
	Explain and discuss delivery methods of project components and transportation routes and timing; discuss and address school district concerns regarding transportation and project impacts pre- and post-construction.	Meeting or telephone conference at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction.
<i>Municipalities in Study Area</i>		
Orleans County	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.
Town of Somerset	Provide notice no less than three days prior to submittal of PSS.	Mail notice.
Town of Royalton	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
Town of Ridgeway	Solicit feedback	By phone, mail, or in person as requested.
Village of Barker	Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	
Village of Middleport	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.
<i>Schools in Study Area</i>		
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	<p>Notifications, as required by Article 10.</p>	<p>As per schedule in regulations.</p>
	<p>Solicitation of local feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.</p>	<p>By phone, mail, or in person as requested.</p> <p>Public Information Open House Sessions and attendance at local meetings. At least two public sessions currently planned, one prior to, and one following, submittal of the PSS.</p> <p>Establish a contact phone number, and dedicated project email address to respond to inquiries and accept public comment.</p>
	<p>Explain and discuss delivery methods of project components and transportation routes and timing; discuss and address and school district concerns regarding transportation and project impacts pre- and post-construction.</p>	<p>Meeting or telephone conference at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction.</p>
County		
Niagara County (host municipality)	<p>Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.</p>	<p>Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.</p>
	<p>Provide notice to County no less than three days prior to submittal of PSS.</p>	<p>Mail notice.</p>
	<p>Notifications, as required by Article 10.</p>	<p>As per schedule in regulations.</p>

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	<p>Solicit local feedback.</p> <p>Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.</p>	<p>By phone, mail, or in person as requested by County.</p>
	<p>Obtain all relevant local laws, building codes, comprehensive plans, zoning maps, etc.</p> <p>Determine whether all local laws potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.</p>	<p>Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.</p>
	<p>Review County Division of Transportation requirements, transportation routes, and use of right-of-ways.</p>	<p>Meeting with Division 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.</p>
	<p>Work with County Emergency Management Office to develop appropriate emergency response plans for construction and operational phases of the Project.</p>	<p>Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.</p>
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Niagara County Public Information Office	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by 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.
Niagara County Real Property Tax Service	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by the Project.	Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application

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		and as needed throughout Article 10 process.
Niagara County Farm Bureau	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by 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.
Niagara County Department of Economic Development	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Niagara County Department of Health	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by 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.
Niagara County Department of Health- Environmental Health Division	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by 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.
Niagara County Department of Public Works	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by 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.
Niagara County Office of Emergency Services & Fire Coordinator	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by 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.
Niagara County Planning Board	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and	Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during

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	discuss facilities that may be affected by the Project.	development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.
Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by 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.
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss existing and future planning documents, associated objectives, and how such objectives may be affected or promoted by 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.
State Agencies/Representatives		
Empire State Development Corporation	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	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 X process.
New York Power Authority (NYPA)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
New York State Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
NYS Attorney General	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYS&M)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	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.

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NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Central Office	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.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Determine whether all NYSDEC regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
NYSDEC Region 9	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Determine whether all NYSDOH regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
NYS Department of Public Service	Facilitate Article 10 review process.	Meetings throughout process.
NYS Department of State (NYSDOS)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Determine whether all NYSDOS regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), Central Office	Identify constraints associated with roads used for component transport.	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.
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.
NYS Governor's Office	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.

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NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation	Consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law and/or Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, as required.	Meetings to develop work plans and content of cultural resources studies prior to submittal of PSS, ongoing review of studies and mitigation recommendations.
Members of NYS Assembly for District 140 (currently Robin Schimminger), District 144 (currently Jane L. Corwin), District 145 (currently John D. Ceretto), and District 146 (currently Raymond Walter) Members of NYS Senate for District 62 (currently Robert G. Ort)	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.
<i>Federal Agencies/Representatives</i>		
US Army Corps of Engineers	Determine jurisdiction and permits necessary under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.	Pre-application meeting anticipated as final design of Project nears completion.
US Federal Aviation Administration	No Hazard Determinations.	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Determine potential concerns regarding compliance with applicable federal laws and regulations.	Prior to submittal of the PSS.
US House of Representatives, Brian Higgins, 26 th Congressional District, and Chris Collins, 27 th Congressional District	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.
US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
<i>Other Stakeholders</i>		

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Becker Farms & Vizcarra Vineyards	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Burnt Dam and Fisherman's Park	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Chateau Niagara Winery	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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- Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Great Lakes Seaway Trail	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Hartland Central Cemetery	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.

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	may be affected or promoted by the Project.	
Hartland Conservation Club	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Haunted History Trail of New York State	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Hiller's Sweet Corn Farm Market	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 237	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Leonard Oakes Estate Winery	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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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Medina/ Wildwood Lake KOA	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Murphy Orchards	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
National Grid	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Newfane Public Library	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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 Forest Owners Association	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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 Company (NYSEG)	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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 Laborers' Union, Local 91	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.

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Niagara County Camping Resort	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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, contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Sierra Club, Niagara Group	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
The Nature Conservancy, Central & Western New York	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Tonawanda Reservation	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Tuscarora Nation	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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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Telecommunications Providers with equipment, easements or rights-of-way within Facility Area	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Upstate NY Operating Engineers, Local 158	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Van Horn Mansion	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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

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2019-02-06	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Mike Hartman, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Town of Hartland	Left message regarding discussions about large-scale solar projects.			
2019-02-06	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Mike Hartman, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Town of Hartland	Initiate discussions about large-scale solar projects and set up meeting date.			
2019-02-06	E-Mail	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Mike Hartman, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Town of Hartland	E-mail thanking for the set-up meeting and the call.			
2019-02-08	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Mike Hartman, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Town of Hartland Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion regarding solar project, Article 10, scale of project & timing.			
2019-02-11	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Mike Hartman, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Town of Hartland	Follow-up on meeting			
2019-02-13	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Mike Hartman, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Town of Hartland	Discussion about potential land, zoning and path forward.			

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2019-02-27	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about project status, target landowners, schedule a meeting with the Town Board.			
2019-03-05	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion regarding meeting for land review update.			
2019-03-08	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland Mike Hartman, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Town of Hartland	Discussion regarding land availability, soil quality and preferred target areas.			
2019-03-11	E-Mail	Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Mike Hartman, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Town of Hartland	E-Mail about land agents approaching land owners for Morris Ridge Solar.			
2019-03-13	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Town of Hartland Town Board	Project overview presentation.			
2019-03-19	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Mike Hartman, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Town of Hartland	Discussion about solar zoning and soil quality			

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2019-04-01	E-Mail	Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland Mike Hartman, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Town of Hartland	E-mail regarding positive feedback received from town meeting, land agents beginning to approach land owners, request for town solar codes			
2019-04-09	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about land acquisition efforts and Article 10.			
2019-04-19	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion regarding numerous topics including Article 10, potential open house, land acquisition, recent press and next update meeting.			
2019-05-13	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Tim Horanburg, Supervisor, Town of Newfane	Introduction call and asking for a meeting to discuss potential project expansion into Town of Newfane.			
2019-05-15	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about project status and set up in person meeting.			
2019-05-16	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about project update, site map review, soil quality, strategy for target landowners and Article 10 process.			
2019-05-20	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Tim Horanburg, Supervisor, Town of Newfane	Discussion regarding project update and meeting date set-up.			
2019-05-20	E-Mail	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Tim Horanburg, Supervisor, Town of Newfane	Discussion regarding meeting date and project update,			

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2019-05-22	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Tim Horanburg, Supervisor, Town of Newfane Bill Clark, Town Planner, Town of Newfane Jim Sanson, Town Attorney, Town of Newfane	Solar project presentation.			
2019-05-22	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion regarding acknowledgement letter for the NYSERDA application.			
2019-05-28	Letter	Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Town of Hartland acknowledging well informed about proposed Ridge View Solar project.			
2019-05-29	E-Mail	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about Article 10 protocols, decommissioning, land-owner concerns and recent press articles about other projects.			
2019-06-03	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Tim Horanburg, Supervisor, Town of Newfane Bill Clark, Town Planner Town of Newfane	Project update and picking up the acknowledgement letter for NYSERDA submission.			
2019-06-04	E-Mail	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	E-mail an example of land lease and discussed a follow-up meeting to review project status.			
2019-06-11	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about Morris Ridge Project.			

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2019-06-18	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about project update and next steps including an open house in August.			
2019-06-19	E-Mail	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Tim Horanburg, Supervisor, Town of Newfane	Discussion about the initial NYSERDA application, property status and set up a meeting for a project update.			
2010-06-20	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about project and update land acquisition plans.			
2019-06-21	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Tim Horanburg, Supervisor, Town of Newfane Bill Clark, Town Planner Town of Newfane	Discussion about project and update land acquisition plans.			
2019-06-27	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about up-coming presentation to the Town board and local press.			
2019-06-27	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Town Board, Town of Hartland	Project presentation and questions answered.			
2019-07-08	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about property update and reaching-out to the Niagara County IDA for an introductory discussion.			

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2019-07-03	Email	Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Marion Trieste, Trieste Associates Abigail McHugh-Grifa, Rochester People's Climate Coalition	Reaching out to set up a meeting to discuss EDF Renewables plans to develop large scale solar projects in upstate New York.			
2019-07-10	E-Mail	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about reaching-out to the Niagara County IDA for an introductory discussion, open house and local publications.			
2019-07-11	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Susan Langdon - Niagara County IDA Director and Amy Fisk, Niagara County Brownfield Development Corp	Introduction/Presentation Ridge View project and large-scale solar projects.			
2019-07-11	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Town Board, Town of Hartland	Project update presentation and questions answered.			
2019-07-12	E-mail	Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Marion Trieste, Trieste Associates Abigail McHugh-Grifa, Rochester People's Climate Coalition	Upcoming meeting logistics			
2019-07-12	E-mail	Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Marion Trieste, Trieste Associates	Set up meeting to discuss proposed solar energy developments in western NY.			

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2019-07-26	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion about up-coming open house and logistics.			
2019-07-30	E-Mail	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Tim Horanburg, Supervisor, Town of Newfane	Discussion regarding update project status, NYSERDA bid qualification and open house plans.			
2019-07-30	E-Mail	Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	E-mail showing public meeting notice that would be sent to local newspaper.			
2019-08-02	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Follow-up open house			
2019-08-03	E-Mail	Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Neely Kelley, Mothers Out Front	Invitation to public meeting.			
2019-08-05	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Follow-up open house and meeting set up.			
2019-08-12	E-mail	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Discussion regarding schedule for the open house and press meeting.			

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2019-08-13	E-mail	Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Mike Saviola, Environmental Analyst of the NYS Department of Agriculture and Market	Message about proposed New York solar projects and upcoming public meetings. Invitation to discuss projects.			
2019-08-14	Meeting	Team of 10 persons representing EDF Renewables including Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables and Taylor Foley, Environmental and Permitting Manager, EDF Renewables Approximately 60 persons from community	Public open house including 35 story boards to introduce EDF Renewables, Ridge View Solar Energy Center, permitting, project maps, intervenor funding, timeline, site design information, economic benefits, solar project equipment, biodiversity in project. Respond to questions and note comments/feedback from community.			
2019-08-14		Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Delivered copy of presentation made during July 11 Town Board meeting. Discussed follow up meeting with all Town Boards to update project and answer questions			
2019-08-15	Meeting	Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Susan Langdon - Niagara County IDA Director and Amy Fisk, Niagara County Brownfield Development Corp	Project update including results from public meeting on August 14 th . Left a hard copy of presentation made on July 12 th .			
2019-08-15	E-Mail	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	E-mail to follow-up on meeting.			
2019-08-19	E—mail	Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Follow- up from August 14 public meeting. Town of Hartland Solar Code and Article 10 permitting process.			

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2019-08-29	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Tim Horanburg, Supervisor, Town of Newfane Bill Clark, Town Planner, Town of Newfane Jim Sanson, Town Attorney, Town of Newfane	Update on property status and discuss zoning code.			
2019-08-29	Meeting	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Kevin Campbell, Development Manager, EDF Renewables Various boards from Town of Hartland	Project introduction for Town members who did not participate in previous meetings. Responded to various questions and answers about project.			
2019-09-03	Phone call	Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group, LLC Ross Annable, Supervisor, Town of Hartland	Planning a follow up town hall style meeting to continue meeting with public to answer questions and share project details.			
2019-09-04	Letter	Tim Horanburg, Supervisor, Town of Newfane	Letter acknowledging that Town was informed of Ridge View solar project and that the Town is revising the zoning code with intent to attract solar development to the region while protecting local interests.			



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RIDGE VIEW SOLAR ENERGY CENTER OPEN HOUSE REPORT August 2019

OVERVIEW

EDF Renewables (EDFR) held an open house meeting to inform and educate the public on the company's proposed Ridge View Solar Energy Center (Project) in the towns of Hartland and Newfane in Niagara County, NY. The meeting was held on August 14, 2019 and was attended by approximately 60 people. Meeting attendees were provided with information on the proposed 350 MW solar facility and had an opportunity to ask questions of and interact with the project development team. The meeting was held in an open house style format and those who came were able to review nearly 40 informational boards, speak directly with the project experts, provide feedback and leave comments with respect to the proposed Project. The overall tone of the meeting was informative and positive.

DATE, LOCATION, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was held within the proposed project area from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at the Hartland Fire Hall located at 8945 Ridge Road, Gasport, NY 14067. Members of the host towns and media were invited to attend any time after 3:00 PM. Refreshments and food were available for attendees. Copies of the sign-in sheets and comment forms, which includes names of the nearly 60 people who signed in, are included in Appendix I of this report.

SESSION AGENDA

To ensure that the public had as much information as possible, the meetings were held in an open house style format, allowing people to come and go as their schedules allowed and review a variety of information at their own pace. Nearly 40 informational display boards we set up in the facility. The boards covered topics including:

- EDF Renewables commitment to the community
- An overview of the project
- Project maps
- Required upcoming environmental studies
- Information on the New York State Article 10 process
- Information on intervenor funding
- A proposed project timeline
- Site design information
- Renderings and examples of view shed screening
- Local economic benefits
- Biodiversity
- Information on solar equipment





PDF copies of the boards were available to those who were interested. Copies of the informational boards are attached.

There was also a station set up with additional project maps staffed by land experts who met with interested members of the public, explained the project boundaries and engaged in conversations with current and potential landowners.

To ensure that as many questions as possible were answered in a direct, one-on-one manner, the project team circulated throughout the room and spoke with individuals and small groups of the public. Notes on those interactions are below. The project team included:

- Kevin Campbell, Project Developer, EDFR
- Taylor Foley, Permitting and Environmental Manager, EDFR
- Grant Cushing, Brownfield Group
- Two environmental and permitting experts
- Legal counsel
- Three land acquisition experts
- Two public outreach specialists

MEETING NOTIFICATIONS

To ensure that the public was notified about the meeting, EDFR created and distributed a mailed invitation that was sent to everyone in the project area, along with those up to 1,000 feet from the project boundary. The invitation was mailed to 1,115 households two weeks prior to the meeting.

EDFR also purchased full-page ads in the *Lockport Union Sun & Journal* and the *Lake Country Penny Saver* inviting people to the meeting. The advertisements ran approximately two weeks prior to the event.



MEDIA COVERAGE

Three media stories were published about the public meeting. All were informational with a positive tone. The stories quoted local officials and reiterated EDFR's commitment to working with stakeholders to build support for the project. On August 14, 2019, the *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal* wrote a story, "Solar project eyed for Hartland," that noted there would be an open house that night to provide more information to the public on the project. On August 15, 2019, the *Buffalo News* reported "2,000-acre solar power project proposed for eastern Niagara County" and also on August 15, the *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal* wrote a story "Residents offered closer look at proposed Ridge View Solar project." All three of these stories are included in Appendix II of this report.

MEETING FEEDBACK

The EDFR Development team was engaged in conversations with meeting attendees throughout the entire three-hour event. Overall, the tone of the meeting was positive and informative. People who attended the event asked questions and EDFR was pleased to be able to provide them with more information on this proposed project. EDFR was able to address the following subjects:

Local Input and Permitting: EDFR was able to converse with attendees about the numerous opportunities for public input that is part of the Article 10 process. EDFR was also able to provide information on intervenor funding and reiterate the company's commitment to maintaining an open dialogue with land owners and local officials.

Safety: EDFR talked to attendees about the safety of the solar panels, how they meet strict safety standards, are non-toxic, and fenced-in for further protection.

Renewable Energy Goals: EDFR was also able to talk to attendees about how adding more clean energy is a positive development for the environment and will help meet the strong and growing demand for new renewable energy. Others were also eager to learn how the energy will flow once connected to the grid.

Visual aspects: The EDFR team was able to explain the company's approach to project fencing, barriers, easements, and setbacks. People were pleased to hear how EDFR works directly with landowners to create visual buffering along roadsides and adjacent to neighboring homes. Questions were also answered on setbacks.

Decommissioning: When questions were raised on decommissioning, EDFR explained that as part of the Article 10 permitting process, there will be a decommissioning plan and commitment to putting in place a security to cover the decommissioning costs prior to the start of operation.

Biodiversity: There was a strong interest, and supportive reaction, to how EDFR plans to use sheep for vegetation management. Also, of interest was EDFR's plans to plant wildflowers and incorporate bees into the facility. Additionally, the project team was able to explain how the project will still fit in with the existing character of the region.

Nine written comments received from attendees at the meeting are attached in Appendix II.

CONCLUSION

EDFR was pleased to host this event and inform the public about the Project. Based on the turnout, comments, and positive feedback from the community, EDFR looks forward to continuing its conversations with the public as this project moves forward. EDF Renewables plans to file the Article 10 Public Involvement Plan in the fall of 2019 and will host additional public meetings in 2020.

APPENDIX II - Media Coverage

https://www.lockportjournal.com/news/local_news/residents-offered-closer-look-at-proposed-ridge-view-solar-project/article_0f196d54-6cdd-5288-9fa2-5f664faa2d78.html

EDITOR'S PICK FEATURED

Residents offered closer look at proposed Ridge View Solar project

PROJECT: Ridge View Solar Energy Center would cover 1500 acres in Hartland, 500 acres in Newfane.

By Connor Hoffman connor.hoffman@lockportjournal.com Aug 14, 2019



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GASPORT — Hartland and Newfane residents were able to get more details about a proposed solar project during an open house held on Wednesday.

EDF Renewables is proposing the Ridge View Solar Energy Center, a 350 Megawatts solar project, that would take up 1500 acres in Hartland and 500 acres in Newfane.

Kevin Campbell, the development manager with EDF Renewables, said the company realizes it is asking for a lot of land, so it would like to integrate agriculture in some form with the solar facility, which he said might include the integration of bee hives and pollinators or sheep grazing. He added that the company has done this before with smaller projects.

Campbell explained they would like to build the facility in Hartland and Newfane for three main reasons. One reason is that the land is close to a grid that has the capacity to take the electricity that would be generated. There is the 345 KV line in Somerset that runs through Hartland.

The second reason is they need open land to place the panels.

The third reason is they need a community open to siting a facility like they are proposing, and the town governments of Hartland and Newfane have allowed them to pursue the opportunity with local property owners.

Campbell said his company would like to start construction by 2023 and have the project operational by the end of 2024. The facility would employ five full-time employees.

Campbell said the project could bring in about \$1 million in new revenue to the towns, county and school district in the form of a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes and host community agreements. The company is also applying for a renewable energy credit with the New York State Energy and Development Authority.

The power would be created and used where the demand is, which Campbell observed, would "likely head to a direction in New York City."

Attendees of the open house expressed an openness to the project.

Don and Hannah Bucholz, a Hartland couple that would have some of the panels on their property, expressed support for the project.

"I think it's an opportunity for us to put our money where our mouth is," Hannah Bucholz said.

David Hill, a Hartland resident, said he thinks the project would be "very beneficial for the town."

"It's going to create revenue that we could in no other way bring in this town, which, in turn, is just going to make it a better community. We're going to be financially stronger and more stable," Hill said.

This is not the first large-scale solar project being proposed in the area. Bear Ridge Solar Project, which, if completed, would encompass 750 acres in Cambria and 250 acres in Pendleton, is also in the works. That project would create 100MW of energy.

Both the Cambria town board and Pendleton town board have approved resolutions formally opposing the Bear Ridge Solar Project for not following local zoning ordinances. There has also been a group of citizens formed against the project called Cambria Opposition to Industrial Solar.

Article 10 of the New York State Public Service Law puts an appointed board in charge of siting review and permitting of major electric generating facilities, which are 25 MW or more. As part of the process, they have to consult with the public first.

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2,000-acre solar power project proposed for eastern Niagara County



A California company has proposed a 2,000-acre solar project in Hartland and Newfane. (News file photo)

By Thomas J. Prohaska

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Niagara County continues to be the focus of local solar power generation efforts, as a California company this week disclosed a plan to cover 2,000 acres of land with solar panels in two largely rural towns.

The Ridge View Solar Energy Center would occupy 1,500 acres in Hartland and 500 acres in neighboring Newfane, generating up to 350 megawatts of electricity.

EDF Renewables, the San Diego-based developer, already has made arrangements to lease the land it needs in Hartland, Supervisor W. Ross Annable said Thursday.

Newfane Supervisor Timothy R. Horanburg said he expects EDF to begin contacting landowners in the southeast part of his town next month.

"The first thing they said when they walked in is, 'If you don't want us here, we'll walk out and leave,' " Horanburg said.

Annable said he was contacted by representatives from EDF's Toronto office earlier this summer. EDF has developed solar and wind power projects all over the United States, Canada and Mexico, and it is planning a solar project near Mount Morris in Livingston County.

EDF did not immediately respond to request for comment Thursday.

While another California company, Cypress Creek Renewables, has run into [official and public opposition](#) to its 900-acre Bear Ridge Solar plan in Cambria and Pendleton, Annable said he's more positive about the Ridge View project.

"We're cautiously optimistic," Annable said. "We're a little different set-up than the Town of Cambria. ... We don't have a large infrastructure here or a business district. If this is something that's welcomed by the townspeople, it would provide some additional revenue for the town to help stabilize our taxes."

He said EDF has discussed a host community agreement that would pay what Annable called "a conservative estimate" of \$1 million a year, divided among the towns and the Newfane and Royalton-Hartland school districts.

The footprint of the project in Hartland would be L-shaped, running generally along Route 104 from the Newfane border to Johnson Creek and north to the Somerset border.

Annable said the location was chosen to make it relatively easy to connect the solar farm to the high-voltage power lines that connect the Somerset Operating Co. power plant to the state's power grid.

The owners of that coal-burning power plant have said they plan to close it next year and build a data center on the site.

[Opponents of Bear Ridge Solar](#) and [single-farm solar projects](#) approved last year in Lewiston and Wheatfield have complained about the look of masses of ground-based solar panels.

Annable said EDF has promised "landscaping or trees that eventually will block the view of those panels. They're a maximum 12 feet high."

EDF has not yet filed an application for the project with the state Department of Public Service. Annable said he expects the company to begin filing documents next month.



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https://www.lockportjournal.com/news/local_news/solar-project-eyed-for-hartland/article_7c6f6087-6008-56f0-8271-70c7a47f15cd.html

Solar project eyed for Hartland

MEETING: Open house being held tonight for Ridge View Solar Energy Center.

By Connor Hoffman connor.hoffman@lockportjournal.com Aug 14, 2019



GASPORT — An open house is being held tonight to introduce community members to a proposed solar project in the Town of Hartland.

Supervisor Ross Annable said EDF Renewables, a Toronto-based company, is proposing the Ridge View Solar Energy Center, which is currently proposed to encompass 1,500 acres in Hartland. It would create 350 megawatts of energy.

Annable said a meeting is being held at Hartland Volunteer Fire Company, 8945 Ridge Road, from 5 to 8 p.m. in an effort to inform the public about the project and what it might entail.

He added that it's one of many meetings that will probably take place about the project.

There is the possibility of the project also being in the Town of Newfane.

Newfane Supervisor Tim Horanburg explained that there is the potential of the project extending into the southeast section of the town.

This is not the first large-scale solar project being proposed in the area. Bear Ridge Solar Project, which if completed, would encompass 750 acres in Cambria and 250 acres in Pendleton. It would create 100MW of energy.

Both the Cambria Town Board and Pendleton Town Board have passed resolutions formally opposing the Bear Ridge Solar Project for not following their zoning ordinances. There has also been a group of citizens formed against the project called Cambria Opposition to Industrial Solar.



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 size 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 – 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 site, and/or monitoring the filings and announcements posted to that site. You will need the project case number to access these materials.
- Contacting the Applicant to request additional information, or to receive notices.
- Filing comments on the “Public Comments” tab on the project docket site.
- 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, an Applicant will identify stakeholders and outline its proposed strategies for stakeholder involvement. You can find additional information on the Applicant’s plans in the PIP, such as the “local document repositories” where important project documents will be made available, the online resources where project detail will be provided, the newspapers where the Applicant 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 is filed, the Applicant will file a PSS outlining the studies and information it proposes to provide in its Application. This starts a 21-day public comment period on the proposed studies and PSS. The Applicant then must respond to public comments within another 21 days.

- At least 3 days before the PSS is filed, notices will be published in local newspapers and on the project website, and 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 site, or by contacting the Applicant.

- The PSS is distributed to the Party and Service Lists, placed in repositories, posted to project website and Siting Board docket site.
- Instructions for submitting comments on the PSS will be included in the notices.
- After the PSS is filed, and before an Application is submitted, the Applicant may hold another public meeting or open house.

3. Preliminary Conference and Pre-Application Intervenor Funding

Within 2 months of the PSS filing, a Preliminary Conference will be scheduled 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 in 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 what the Applicant will study and how it will study issues of concern—the scope and methodology of studies—before the Application is filed. 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, the Applicant 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

The Applicant 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” which 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 site, 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

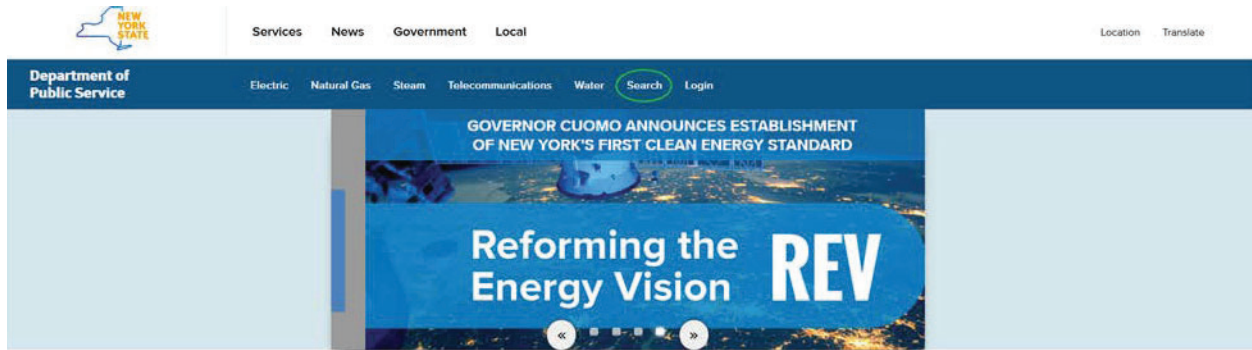
If a Facility is issued an Article 10 certificate, there will generally be items and tasks which must be addressed prior to Facility construction, before the Facility begins operating, or at certain milestones after operations begin. You will be able to find information on these requirements in the Siting Board's decision, and proof of the Applicant's 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 should any issues arise while the Applicant 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 the Applicant plans to interact with the community over the life of the project.

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


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



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The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu on the left, with 'Projects Under Review' highlighted by a green circle. The main content area is titled 'Projects Under Review' and lists several steps: Step 1: Public Involvement Program Submittals, Step 2: Preliminary Scoping Statement Submittals, Step 3: Applications Submitted, Step 4: Deemed Compliant, Step 5: Applications Approved, Certified Projects, and Projects Withdrawn from Article 10 Review. The top navigation bar includes 'Services', 'News', 'Government', and 'Local'.

Either method will bring up the project’s docket or “DMM” 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.

The screenshot shows the project docket page for Matter Number 18-00290/18-F-0087. The page includes a header with navigation links and a main content area with details about the matter. In the top right corner, the buttons 'Post Comment', 'Subscribe to Service List', and 'Request for Party Status' are circled in red. Below the details is a table of documents filed for this matter.

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1	4/13/2018	Letters	Letter from Secretary Berman to Supervisor Nantz regarding ad hoc nominations	New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment	2	18-F-0087 Town of Coxsackie.pdf	747.48 KB
2	4/13/2018	Letters	Letter from Secretary Berman to County Administrator Gordon regarding ad hoc nominations	New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment	6	18-F-0087 Greene County.pdf	750 KB
3	4/13/2018	Letters	Letter from Secretary Berman to Supervisor Ruffe regarding ad hoc nominations	New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment	3	18-F-0087 Athens Town Supervisor.pdf	765.91 KB
4	4/17/2018	Plans and Proposals	First Mine Solar PIP Figures 1-4	First Mine Solar LLC	8	First Mine Solar PIP Figures 1-4.pdf	1.99 MB
5	4/17/2018	Plans and Proposals	Cover Letter	First Mine Solar LLC	8	Cover Letter Filing First Mine Figures 1-4.pdf	251.26 KB
6	4/18/2018	Correspondence	First Mine Solar LLC's Final PIP and Responses to Comments	First Mine Solar LLC	2	First Mine Solar Responses to DRE PIP Comments.pdf	478.71 KB
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8	3/7/2018	Letters	DPS Staff PIP Recommendations	New York State Department of Public Service	2	Case 18-F-0087 - First Mine Solar Facility - DPS Comments_3-9-18 (1).pdf	290.68 KB
9	2/7/2018	Petitions	First Mine Solar PIP Plan	First Mine Solar LLC	1	First Mine Solar PIP Plan.pdf	337.19 KB
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11	2/7/2018	Petitions	Cover Letter	First Mine Solar LLC	1	First Mine Solar PIP Cover Letter.pdf	47.39 KB

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.

PARTIES	SERVICE LIST	WEB MONITORING
<p>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.)</p> <p>For some PSC proceedings, including rate cases, a person need not be a party to petition for rehearing of the Commission's final decision; however, in some other proceedings, only those who were parties in the case may petition for rehearing. The right to challenge a PSC decision in New York State Court may also be limited to those who were parties to the PSC proceeding.</p> <p>Under Commission rules, 16 NYCRR 4.3, you must seek permission to intervene as a party from the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), if one is assigned to the case, or from the Secretary if there is no ALJ assigned. The standard for allowing intervention is whether your participation is likely to contribute to the development of a complete record or is otherwise fair and in the public interest; whether other parties are unfairly prejudiced is also considered.</p> <p>If you are a registered user of the NYS Public Service Commission's Document and Matter Management (DMM) System, you may submit your request for party status by clicking on the button below. Registration saves time and allows you to see and manage all of your service and party list subscriptions.</p> <p>When you submit the request for party status here, you will be provisionally added to the party list, subject to the right of other parties to object and subject to the final determination of the ALJ or Secretary. You will be required to mail your request to anyone on the party list who cannot receive e-mail service.</p> <p>If you do not wish to register on the NYS Public Service Commission's DMM System, you can download the Request for Party Status form using the hyperlink below. Please follow the instructions on the form.</p>	<p>Interested persons who wish to monitor the proceedings of a particular case can do so without the formal commitment to become party in the proceeding. The persons who subscribe to the service list of a case will receive an e-mail with a direct link to the documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulings. Persons unable or unwilling to receive such electronic notification will receive hard copies of Commission-issued documents by regular mail.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Currently, another significant advantage of on-line registration is that registered users who subscribe to a service list for a case have the option to receive an e-mail with a direct link to all documents filed by the parties to the case, such as testimony, briefs, correspondence and formal comments, as well as the Commission-issued orders, notices and rulings. Those who submit their service list request by other means, such as submission of the form provided here, can only receive links to Commission-issued documents.</p> <p>If you do not wish to register on the NYS Public Service Commission's DMM System, you can download the Request for Service List form using the hyperlink below. Please follow the instructions on the form.</p>	<p>Interested persons who choose not to sign up to receive e-mail notifications, can view our web site at their convenience to check on the status of a case. All documents filed by parties, correspondence, hearing transcripts, and documents issued by the Commission in a given case are posted on the website for that case. In addition, all comments submitted by the general public are posted under the 'public comments' tab for the same case.</p> <p>No registration is required.</p> <p>For more information on Web Monitoring click here.</p>
<p>Download Party Status Request Form</p> <p><input type="button" value="Request For Party Status"/></p>	<p>Download Service List Request Form</p> <p><input type="button" value="Subscribe To Service List"/></p>	

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.

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 SITING BOARD 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.

PARTIES	SERVICE LIST	WEB ACCESS
<p>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 Siting Board 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 perform other actions.</p> <p>For Siting Board Proceedings, only those who were parties in the case may petition for rehearing. The right to challenge a Siting Board decision in New York State Court is limited to those who were parties to</p>	<p>Interested persons who wish to monitor the proceedings of a particular case can do so by subscribing to the service list for the case. Subscribers will receive an e-mail with a direct link to the documents issued by the Siting Board, such as orders, notices, and rulings. Persons unable or unwilling to receive such electronic notification will receive hard copies of Siting Board-issued documents by regular mail.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A significant advantage of on-line registration is that registered users who subscribe to a service list for</p>	<p>Interested persons can view the Siting Board web site at their convenience to check on the status of a case. All documents filed by parties, correspondence, hearing transcripts, and documents issued by the Siting Board in a given case are posted on the website for that case. In addition, all comments submitted by the members of the public are posted under the 'Public Comments' tab.</p>

the Siting Board proceeding and petitioned for rehearing of the Siting Board decision.

A Siting Board case does not have formal “parties” until an application is filed. However, it would be convenient and useful if persons, groups and other entities interested in participating in the stipulations process or applying for intervenor funding during pre-application phases place themselves on the party list for tracking purposes. A request for party status during the pre-application phase does not preclude a reevaluation of party status at the time of the filing of the application. Those who are interested in being added to the party list during pre-application phases or participating as a party after an application is filed must submit the following form: The form is available [here](#). Once an application has been submitted, under Commission rules, 16 NYCRR 4.3, you may also be required to seek permission to intervene as a party from the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), if one is assigned to the case, or from the Secretary if there is no ALJ assigned.

If you are a registered user of the NYS Public Service Commission’s Document

a case have the option to receive an e-mail 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 Siting Board-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 Siting Board-issued documents.

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

	<p>your request to Secretary Department of Public Service Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350.</p>	
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Exhibit E

Anticipated Project and Public Participation Schedule

Ridge View Solar Anticipated Project and Public Participation Schedule

	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023				2024			
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall
Initial PIP Filed				Blue																				
Final PIP Filed and Posted to Applicant Website				Blue																				
Public Meetings						Red																		
Conduct Project Studies and Reports					Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue																
Submit Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS); agency public review of PSS; Applicant response to PSS comments							Blue																	
Submit Stipulations Document to Parties								Blue																
Public Meetings									Red															
Prepare and Submit Article 10 Application								Blue	Blue	Blue														
Article10 Application Initial Review for Compliance										Blue														
Article 10 Supplement, and Compliance Determination										Blue														
Article 10 Public Statement Hearing, Procedural Conference, Issues Resolution, Testimony, Hearings, Recommended Decision, etc.										Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue											
Article 10 Order Granting Certificate														Blue										
Article 10 Compliance Filings															Blue	Blue								
Project Construction																Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Start of Operation																	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Applicant will Update Project Website with Relevant Project Materials				Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Applicant Available to Respond to Individual Comments and Inquiries			Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red

Notes:
Red denotes steps where public participation is encouraged.
The Applicant will hold additional meetings with individual stakeholders as required throughout the Project lifecycle.