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Honorable Steven Bellone
Suffolk County Executive
H. Lee Dennison Bldg.
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Hauppauge, NY 11788

RE: Case 17-F-0655 - Application of Riverhead Solar 2, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of a Solar Electric Generating Facility Located in the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County.

Dear County Executive Bellone:

Article 10 of the Public Service Law empowers the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) to issue Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need authorizing the construction and operation of major electric generating facilities.

The Siting Board has opened Case 17-F-0655 to track a possible future application by Riverhead Solar 2, LLC for a certificate to construct and operate a 36 MW alternating current photovoltaic solar energy generation facility in the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York. If the application is submitted, two ad hoc public members will be appointed to the Siting Board for the purpose of providing a local voice in the review of the project and a vote on the final decision on the application.

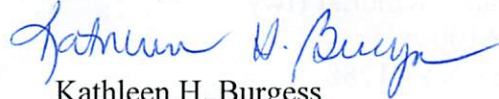
Article 10 requires you, as the County Executive of Suffolk County, to nominate four candidates to serve as the ad hoc public members. A similar letter has been addressed to the Town Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead, the host town within the proposed project area. Nominations are to be made after an applicant has filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) with the Siting Board. If the project proceeds, you will receive notice from Riverhead Solar 2, LLC of that filing. Public Service Law §161(2) requires you to submit your nominations to the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly within fifteen days of your receipt of that notification.

While no action is required of you at this time, you may wish to familiarize yourself with the nomination process and begin considering candidates, so that you will be prepared to act within the fifteen-day time period if and when Riverhead Solar 2, LLC files a PSS. Based on the Article 10 regulations, an applicant must wait a minimum of 150 days after filing its Public Involvement Plan before it may submit a PSS. In this case, the earliest date Riverhead Solar 2, LLC may file a PSS is March 19, 2018.

Attached to this letter is a fact sheet about the Siting Board and the ad hoc public members, including the required qualifications and restrictions on holding securities in an electric utility corporation operating in the state or proposed for operation in the state, that may appear before the Siting Board. You may also obtain more information about the Siting Board and Case 17-F-0655 at: <http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard/>.

Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary

Attachment