

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC
GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 17-F-0617 - Application of Hecate Energy Albany LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of the Coeymans Solar Farm, Albany County.

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

(Issued May 16, 2018)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 14, 2018, Hecate Energy Albany 1 LLC and Hecate Energy Albany 2 LLC (collectively, Hecate), wholly owned subsidiaries of Hecate Energy LLC, filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement regarding a proposal to construct the Coeymans Solar Farm, a commercial-scale electric generating facility in the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York (the Project). As proposed, the Project will consist of an array of ground-mounted photovoltaic solar panels with a total capacity of 40 megawatts. The Project is proposed to be located on a 428-acre rural site between State Route 9W and County Route 101, on agricultural private land that is purchased or leased by the Project developer. The Project is expected to include access roads, inverters, fencing, an electrical substation and interconnection facilities. The points of interconnection with the electric grid are proposed to be at the existing National Grid 115 kilovolt transmission lines that cross the southern portion of the Project site.

Before Hecate can construct a major electric generating facility such as this one, it must first obtain approval from the Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board), pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law. The Siting Board's approval takes the form of a

Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate).

Hecate's filing of the Preliminary Scoping Statement initiates the preliminary phase of the proceeding, in which the nature and scope of studies are identified and information is developed for inclusion in Hecate's formal application for a Certificate. In general, these studies identify and evaluate the potential impacts of the Project on the environment, public health, and the public interest. During this preliminary phase, State agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to submit comments and to engage in discussions with Hecate to reach agreements or stipulations regarding the details of these studies. Additional information about this preliminary phase and the Article 10 siting process is available at the Siting Board's website: <http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard>.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Preliminary Scoping Statement is available for review and comment on the Siting Board's website at <http://www.dps.ny.gov> by clicking on the Search button and entering Case 17-F-0617.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person, entity, agency or municipality may submit comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement by filing those comments with the Siting Board and serving them on Hecate, as described below. Under the Siting Board's regulations, 16 NYCRR 1000.5(g), comments must be filed within 21 days after the filing of the Preliminary Scoping Statement. By letter dated May 16, 2018, the deadline of June 15, 2018 was adopted, pursuant to 16 NYCRR Part 3.3(a)(1), to promote the fair, orderly and efficient conduct of this proceeding. **Therefore, all comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement must be received by the Siting Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018.** Public comments may be

filed electronically by visiting the Department of Public Service website at www.dps.ny.gov. Use the "Search by Case Number" function and enter Case 17-F-0617. Click on the "Post Comments" button in the upper part of the screen. Fill in the form to enter your comments. Alternatively, comments may be sent via e-mail to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary to the Siting Board, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or may be sent by U.S. first class mail, by overnight mail, or by hand delivery to Secretary Burgess at New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments must refer to "Case 17-F-0617 - Hecate Coeymans Solar."

All comments must also be timely served electronically or by mail on Hecate's designated representative: Gabriel Wapner, 621 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60661 (833) 529-6597, Contact@albanycountysolar.info

Within 21 days of the close of this public comment period, Hecate is required to file a summary of and response to all timely filed comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement. 16 NYCRR 1000.5(g). **Hecate's summary and response to comments is required to be filed by 4:30 p.m. on or before Friday, July 6, 2018.**

(SIGNED)

KATHLEEN H. BURGESS
Secretary