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TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- DEC: the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, a department of the New York State government responsible for managing New York's natural resources and enforcing the state's environmental laws and regulations
- DPS: the New York State Department of Public Service, a department of the New York State government responsible for regulating the electric, gas, water, steam, and telecommunication industries in the state
- MW: megawatt, a unit of power equal to one million watts
- NYISO: the New York Independent System Operator, the entity overseeing the electrical transmission system in New York State
- PIP: Public Involvement Program, the plan required by the New York Department of Public Service as the first formal step toward Certification under Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law
- PSL: the New York Public Service Law. Article 10 of the PSL governs the siting of major electric generating facilities.
- PSS: Preliminary Scoping Statement. The PSS will be filed no earlier than 90 days after filing of the revised PIP and will outline the proposed scope of studies to be conducted, the results of which will form the basis for the Article 10 application, as well as other relevant information about the Project that will also be included in the Article 10 application.
- PV: photovoltaic, capable of generating power by converting the sun's rays into electricity through a collection or "array" of solar panels

I. INTRODUCTION

Franklin Solar, LLC (“Franklin Solar” or the “Applicant”), a subsidiary of Geronimo Energy, LLC (“Franklin Solar”), proposes the construction of a 150-megawatt (“MW”) photovoltaic (“PV”) solar energy generation facility (“Facility”) in the town of Malone, Franklin County, NY, called “Franklin Solar.” Franklin Solar submits this Public Involvement Program (“PIP”) plan to the Department of Public Service (“DPS”) under Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law (“PSL”) and Part 1000 of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment’s (“Siting Board”) rules.

Article 10 of the PSL¹ and its associated regulations² govern the process for developers to apply for siting review by the Siting Board. The Article 10 process enables developers to permit a major electric generation facility in a single unified proceeding at the state level. Creation and submission of the PIP plan is the first formal step toward Certification under Article 10, with submission required at least 150 days prior to Franklin Solar filing a Preliminary Scoping Statement (“PSS”).³ The Article 10 regulations require a PIP plan to 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.⁴

Geronimo values its relationships with local stakeholders, and, before undertaking necessary approval processes for and development of any project, Geronimo conducts extensive public outreach to educate interested parties on all aspects of a proposed solar plant. The purpose of this PIP is primarily to present a proposed outreach and engagement plan including steps to: introduce Franklin Solar to the public; identify local and state stakeholders and their interests; engage stakeholder, other interested parties, and the general public in the Article 10 process in order to understand their varied interests as they relate to the Project and to seek their input as to how to address their interests and concerns as the Project moves forward; and explain how the Applicant’s efforts satisfy New York legal and regulatory requirements. As with all Article 10 PIPs, the results of Franklin Solar’s outreach efforts described herein will inform Franklin Solar’s PSS and Application. Through this process, stakeholder concerns can be evaluated, addressed and considered by the Siting Board.

In accordance with the Siting Board’s rules, the Applicant respectfully submits this PIP to the DPS for review and comment. The Applicant will continue to consult with DPS Staff at appropriate times during the outreach period and through early development of future filings.

¹The Article 10 law can be found at <http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/D12E078BF7A746FF85257A70004EF402>.

²The Article 10 regulations can be found at <http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/143595FA3BE36AEA852579D00068B454>.

³16 NYCRR § 1000.4(d).

⁴Id.

II. DESCRIPTION OF GERONIMO ENERGY AND THE FRANKLIN SOLAR FACILITY

Geronimo Energy

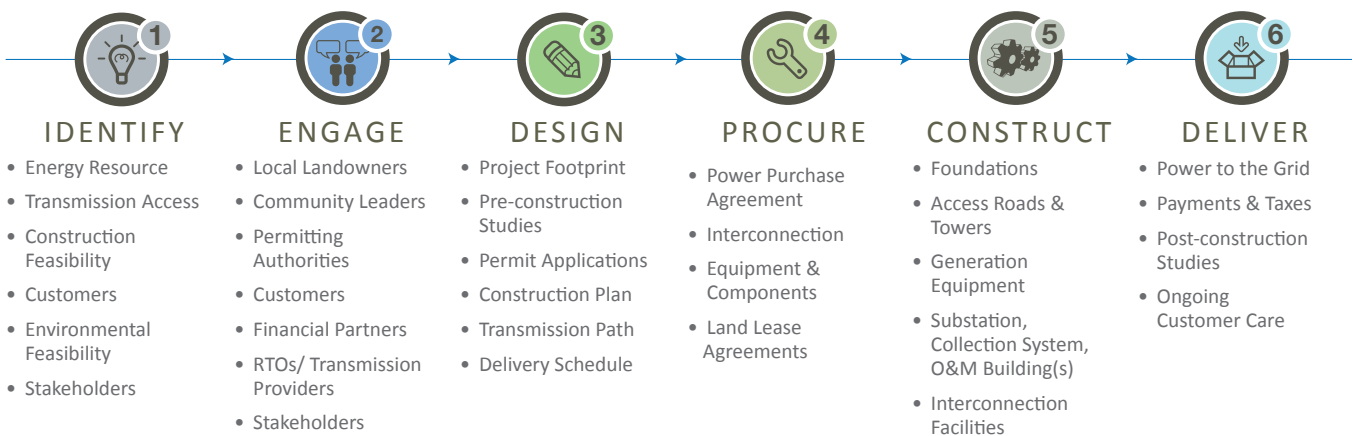
Franklin Solar is a wholly owned subsidiary of Geronimo Energy. Geronimo Energy is a leading independent North American renewable energy development company based in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Geronimo provides renewable electric energy development solutions for utilities, Independent Power Producers (“IPPs”), corporations, and public entities looking to harness renewable energy for business growth. With deep and comprehensive expertise in wind and solar energy development, Geronimo’s resume boasts over 1,600 megawatts of U.S. wind and solar energy projects that are either operational or under construction. Geronimo’s near-term development pipeline has an aggregate nameplate capacity exceeding 2,000 megawatts of additional clean energy.

Before developing any project, Geronimo engages in extensive stakeholder outreach to fulfill Geronimo’s core mission of leaving the world a better place than it was before we touched it:

- environmentally, through the deployment of clean and renewable energy;
- in our communities, through economic development;
- for our employees, through personal improvement and pride in what we do; and
- for our shareholders, through profitable operations.

Keeping in line with its rural focus and farmer-friendly practices, Geronimo develops its projects with integrity, transparency, and honesty. Key aspects of the Geronimo development process include:



Franklin Solar

Franklin Solar (“Project”) will have a nameplate capacity of 150 MW, estimated to generate enough renewable green energy to power over 25,000 New York households.⁵ The Project’s size, location, and interconnection make it an economical resource, allowing Franklin Solar to provide New York State with affordable renewable energy as described in New York’s Clean Energy Standard. The Project will also achieve maximum output during hot summer afternoons when air conditioner usage is at its highest. Increased levels of solar energy production during peak energy usage decrease the need for fossil-fuel-fired energy production, reducing air pollution and power prices during periods of peak energy demand. The Project will also provide economic development benefits to host and adjacent communities and neighbors.

⁵ Energy Information Administration.

The Project will sit on approximately 950 acres of private land. With extensive experience developing solar projects in agricultural areas and in and adjacent to communities, Franklin Solar carefully considers the size, location, and environmental impact of the project, as well as local politics, landscapes, and land uses. Franklin Solar anticipates that the Project will have minimal impact on its neighbors, nearby communities, and surrounding landscapes. The proposed Project will be relatively low in height, estimated to be no more than 15 feet, will not emit air or water pollution, will have no odors, and will produce minimal noise. Franklin Solar will also use a variety of fencing, screening, setback, and landscaping strategies to preserve existing viewsheds and maintain the scenic character of the surrounding area.

The Project is in the town of Malone and village of Malone in Franklin County. Located in northern New York, the region is the northernmost portion of the state of New York; the Project area is located approximately ten miles from the Canadian border. The Project is directly southwest from the village of Malone, abutting the village limits. As such, the area to the north and east of the Project area is developed.

The land within the Project area is mostly cultivated cropland. The area around the Project, excluding the village of Malone, is cultivated cropland interspersed with hay and pasture, forest, and woody wetlands. The Project area is relatively flat, with topography increasing to the south. The Project site is zoned as “Agricultural” by the town of Malone. The Applicant sited the project here due to access to transmission capacity, relatively few anticipated environmental impacts, open and available land, and willing participant landowners.

The Applicant will conduct various surveys and studies throughout the Article 10 process to assess and measure environmental and community impacts, as well as potential opportunities for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation. The Project will have significant positive impacts as well, including economic benefits for the local community, county, region, and state in the form of clean energy generation, payments to landowners, tax revenue to local communities, and jobs and contracts for local goods and services.

Franklin Solar’s solar projects positively impact the environment by providing natural vegetation that can serve as wildlife habitat and improve water quality by reducing stormwater runoff. As required by Article 10, the Project will have a decommissioning plan that includes financial security to ensure that the cost of removing the facility’s infrastructure at the end of the project’s life will be covered. The Project area will have multiple use options at the end of the Project lifespan. The Project may be repowered if financially feasible, or could be restored to farmland or repurposed for another use.

The Project will consist of photovoltaic (“PV”) panels installed on low-profiled racking systems mounted on poles driven directly into the ground. Inverters, which collect the electricity by the panels and convert it from direct current to alternative current, are spaced throughout the Project. The substation will take the power from the inverters and step it up in voltage; a short transmission line carries the power directly to the electrical grid. A protective fence will surround the Project. Additional temporary laydown and staging areas will be used during construction to store and position vehicles and equipment.

Franklin Solar plans to connect directly to National Grid’s 115kV Malone substation which is located directly adjacent to the facilities eastern boundary along Webster Street with a short overhead line of approximately 300 feet (details subject to change based on electrical optimization and finalized interconnection studies for the facility). Additionally, the Nicholville to Malone 115kV transmission line bisects the facility boundary and connects to the Malone substation. A map has been provided below to depict the location of the substation and transmission line. The project has applied for interconnection in accordance with the specifications laid out by Attachment X of the New York Independent System Operator’s (“NYISO”) Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”) on March 30, 2017, which details the Large Facility Interconnection Procedures (“LFIP”) for facilities that exceed 20 MW in size. Franklin Solar has had scoping meetings with staff from NYISO and National Grid to review the feasibility of the project interconnection and is in the process of finalizing the Scope for the project’s System Reliability Impact Study (“SRIS”). It is anticipated that the SRIS study will be completed on time for the project to enter the NYISO Class Year study process in March of 2018. For reference, Franklin Solar is number 624 in the NYISO interconnection queue.

In addition, the Franklin Solar Project may also include an Energy Storage System (ESS) consisting of pre-fabricated enclosures, a master site controller, batteries, Power Conversion System, fire detection, fire suppression, and HVAC systems. The ESS will be located within the existing footprint of the Project and will charge off the solar array sharing inverters and a common generator step up transformer. New ESS software offers the ability to control and acquire data from batteries, inverters, and numerous

other sources, such as building load, solar output, and SCADA signals. Additionally, an increasing library of storage applications are available to provide hardware-neutral applications, such as frequency regulation, capacity shifting, and demand charge management, among other applications. The location of the potential Energy Storage System will be further identified as project engineering activities refine the electrical optimization of the facility. The outreach activities described in this PIP will also address the ESS, should this option be included in the final project design. Franklin Solar will provide additional details regarding the ESS as Project engineering activities refine the electrical optimization of the facility.

Study Area

While the Article 10 regulations suggest a five-mile study area radius, a smaller radius is likely more appropriate for solar projects as they have a relatively low profile, as discussed in section II(b), above.⁶

Franklin Solar has designated a two-mile radius around the Project's proposed above-ground components in all directions as the proposed study area ("Study Area"). The Study Area includes the village of Malone, the Malone Golf Club, and some surrounding agricultural lands, as well as the hilly, forested area to the south. The hill to the south does continue to increase in elevation beyond the study area, but Franklin Solar expects that the rolling topography and forest in the area, particularly to the south of the Project area, will sufficiently screen the Project from areas beyond the Study Area. Overall, as a form of development with minimal impacts to water or air quality, Franklin Solar anticipates that the project will not cause significant environmental or viewshed impacts to any nearby communities or natural areas.

⁶ 16 NYCRR § 1000.2.

FIGURE 1. Regional Location.

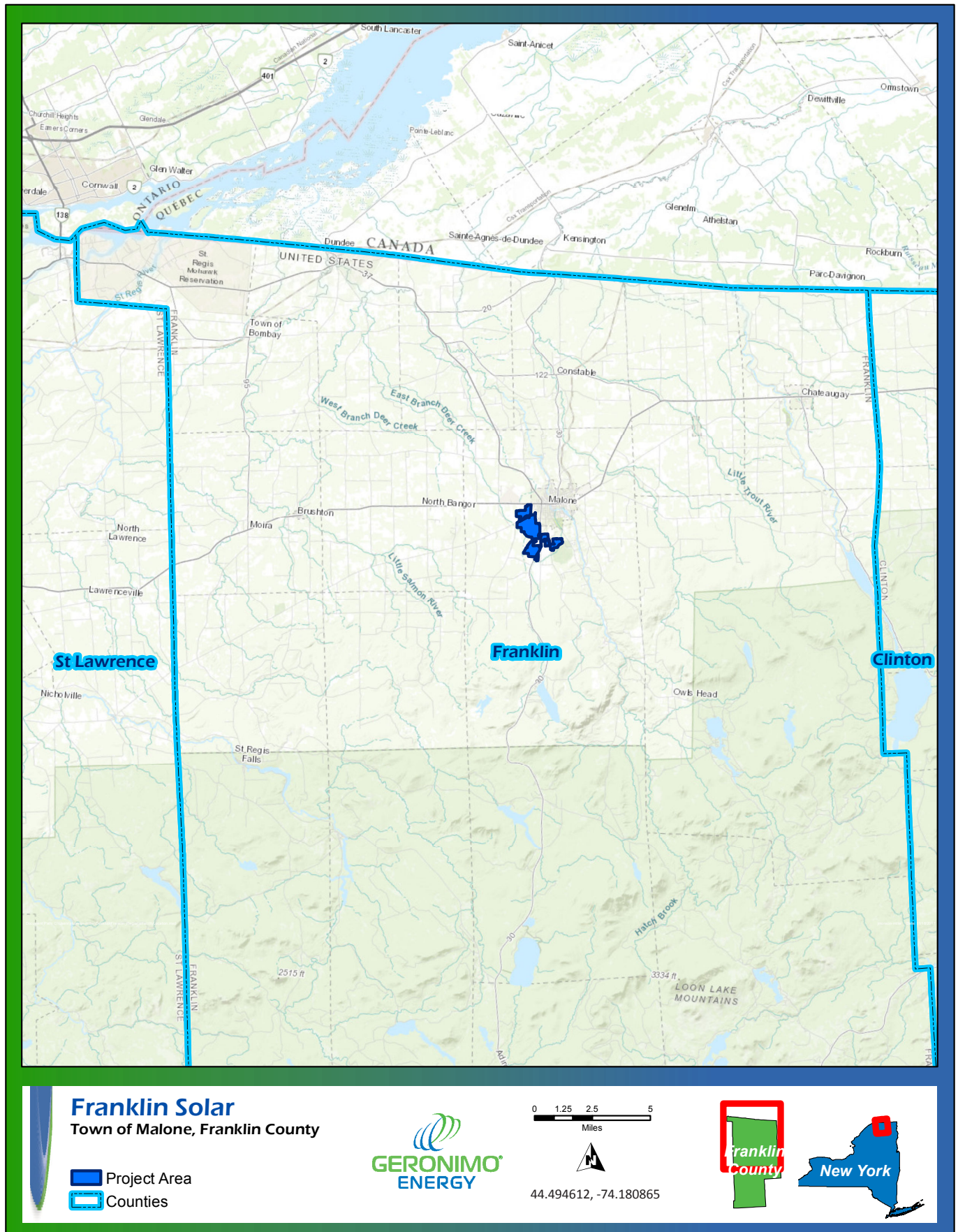


FIGURE 2. Facility Location

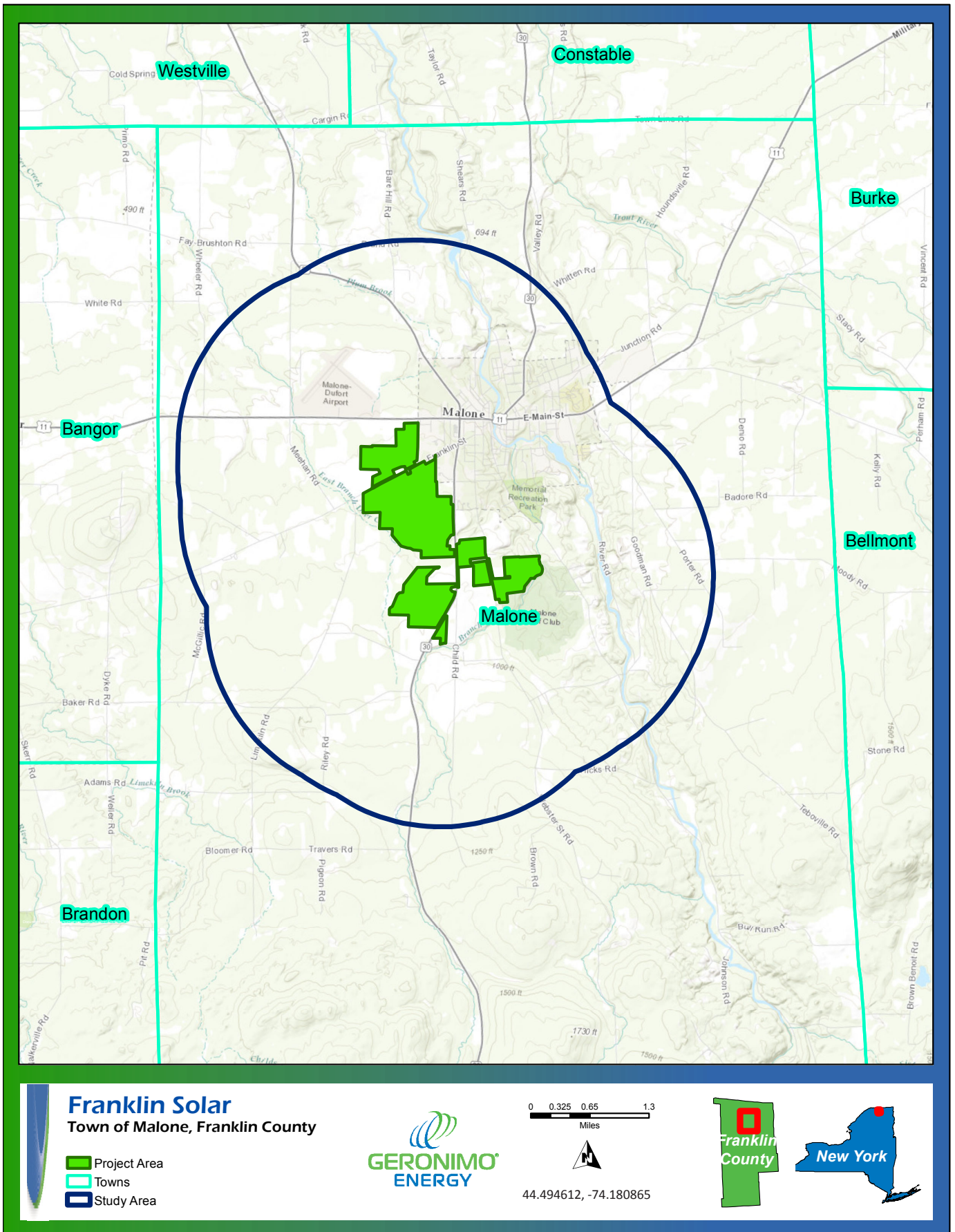
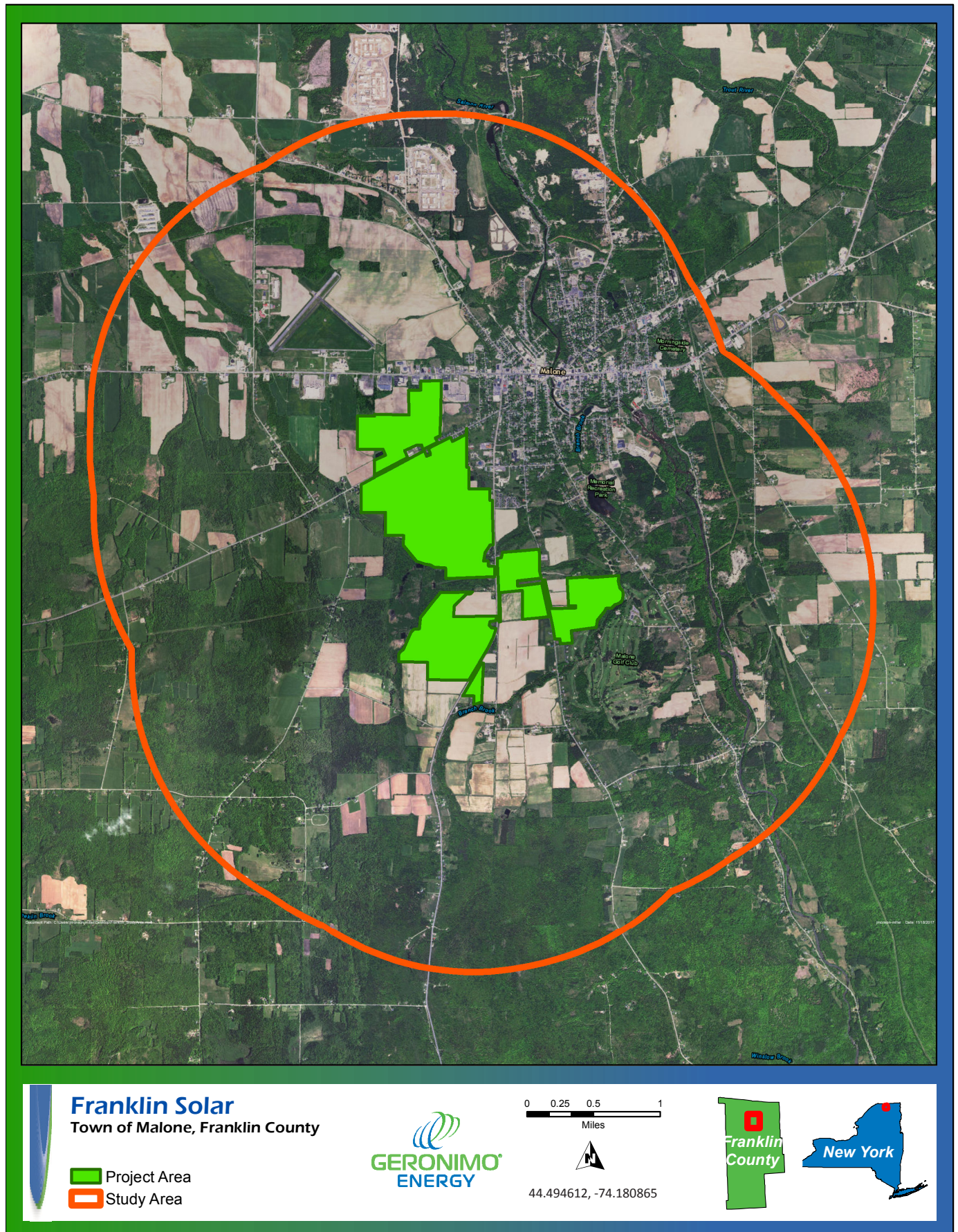


FIGURE 3. Study Area



III. THE HOST COMMUNITY

Demographics

The town of Malone serves as a regional retail and government center. The town has an economy based on retail, public administration, agriculture, and construction. Dairy farming contributes significantly to the local economy. The median income for the town (\$37,500) is lower than that of New York State (\$51,691), but the cost of living in the town is lower than in many other parts of the state.

The town is largely residential, with approximately half of the town's land used for year-round residential dwellings. The town has a minimum residential lot size of one acre; approximately one quarter of residential properties are five acres or more in size. Residential growth has been spurred by the influx of residents in the 35- to 44-year-old age groups; families with children have been moving to the town in recent years and purchasing homes. Correspondingly, the second-largest population group is children ages 5 to 14. Figure 4 depicts the Project in relation to the town of Malone.

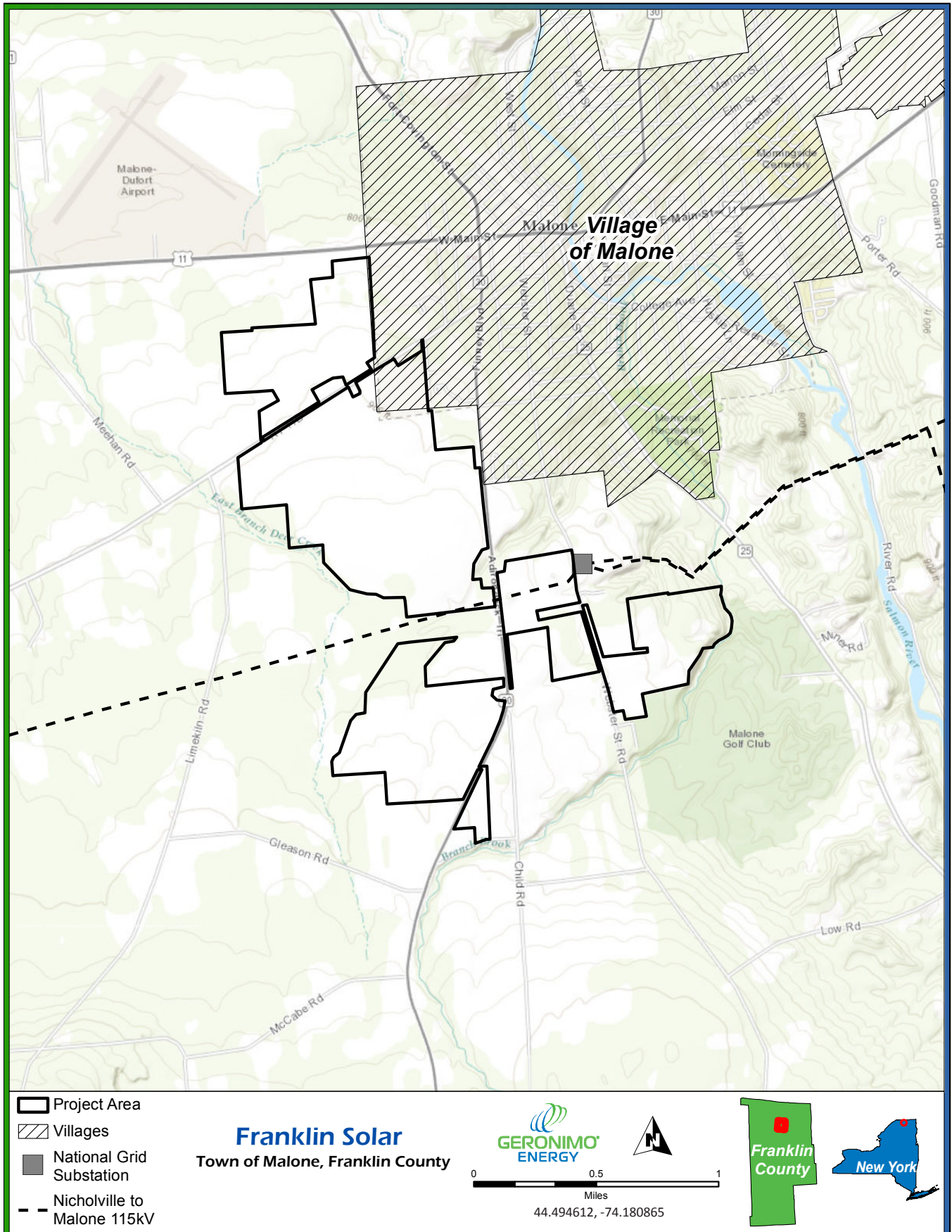
The small portion of the Project will also be located in the village of Malone. The village of Malone is within the Town of Malone and is the county seat of Franklin County. Primarily a farming community, the village of Malone is surrounded by dairy farms.

The population of the village is approximately 6,000. Population density is around 1,900 per square mile. The median income for a household is approximately \$25,000 and the median income for a family is approximately \$35,000.⁷ Figure 4 depicts the Project in relation to the village of Malone.

The region provides many opportunities for outdoor recreation. Within the facility study area is the Malone Golf Club which lies directly east of the project boundary as well as the Franklin Snowmobilers trail that runs approximately one and a half miles due east from the Project. Outside the study area, the Titus Mountain ski operation lies approximately four and a half miles to the south of the facility, and Lake Titus, a recreational lake surrounded by permanent homes, seasonal homes, and a campground is approximately 5.5 miles to the South. Five to ten miles south of the facility, there are several state forests and numerous hiking and snowmobiling trails within ten miles of the Project area.

⁷Town of Malone Comprehensive Plan, available at http://www.malonetown.com/PDF/Planning%20&%20Zoning/townmaloneplan_text_nov15_07.pdf.

FIGURE 4. Facility Area



Languages

The Article 10 Regulations require an applicant developer to identify in its PIP (1) any language other than English spoken according to United States Census data by 5,000 or more persons residing in any 5-digit zip code postal zone in which any portion of such zone is 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.⁸

According to U.S. Census Bureau data, a total of 1,224 people within all of Franklin County speak a language other than English at home.⁹ The entire Project area falls within the 12953 zip code, which is wholly located within Franklin County. As there do not appear to be more than 5,000 persons within the Project's zip code speaking a non-English language, the Applicant does not propose any non-English public outreach for this project. The following chart breaks down the languages spoken in the 12853 zip code.

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Subject	Estimate
Population 5 years and over	14,878
Speak only English	13,654
Speak a language other than English	1,224
Speak a language other than English	
Spanish	1,007
Other Indo-European languages	177
Asian and Pacific Island languages	32
Other languages	8

⁸ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(d).

⁹ https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml.

Nearby Environmental Justice Communities

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) regulations describe the process for an Article 10 applicant to determine whether a proposed project is likely to impact an environmental justice area, defined as “a minority or low-income community that may bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations . . .”¹⁰

The DEC’s Environmental Justice Policy (CP-29) further provides criteria for an environmental justice area as follows:

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.

CP-29 has limited applicability, applying only to applications for major projects and major modifications for permits relating to water pollution, air pollution, solid and hazardous waste management, and siting of industrial hazardous waste facilities. The Project will not require any such permits. Accordingly, CP-29 is not applicable to the Project. Although CP-29 is not applicable, the Applicant has considered whether the Project could have negative impacts on nearby environmental justice areas. Based on the Applicant’s review of the DEC’s GIS Tools for Environmental Justice website,¹¹ the Applicant does not expect that the Project will have impacts on any environmental justice areas. There appear to be two EJ communities within the Study Area. The larger community to the north of Route 11 and encompassing the three corrections facilities is, based on DEC information, an EJ community based on its 67% minority population. The smaller EJ community south of Route 11 and in the Town of Malone is based on 37.76% of the population being below the federal poverty level.

The two EJ communities will be added to the stakeholder list. Franklin Solar will explore additional outreach activities beyond those contained in this PIP and continue to consult with DPS and DEC Staff to identify the appropriate outreach activities.

If the Applicant does determine that the Project is likely to impact any environmental justice community north of the Project, or, at a later point in the Article 10 process, the Applicant will provide information about the expected impacts of the Project on those communities at that time. The Applicant intends to voluntarily provide additional information about potential impacts to environmental justice areas in the Preliminary Scoping Statement for the Project, and to comply with the Siting Board’s environmental justice regulations¹² throughout the entire Article 10 proceeding for the Project.

¹⁰ 6 NYCRR § 487.3(l).

¹¹ <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/911.html>.

¹² 16 NYCRR § 1000 *et seq.*



IV. IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDERS

As with all projects Franklin Solar develops, Franklin Solar is committed to identifying and involving all applicable stakeholders during development to ensure that the Project enjoys community support and is integrated well into its host community. To ensure that the Applicant successfully identified the relevant stakeholders for the PIP, the Applicant reviewed the following resources, including stakeholders below based on the definitions of “local party” and “affected agencies” described in the Siting Board’s rules:¹³

- Land use plans;
- County websites;
- Town websites;
- Tax records;
- GIS resources; and
- Other independent research.

The Applicant developed the following list of potentially interested parties from these resources. Franklin Solar plans to update the list (included as Attachment A to this document) as Franklin Solar identifies additional potentially interested parties. Franklin Solar will provide these updates in revised versions of Attachment A to the DPS.

Host and Adjacent Landowners

Host landowners are those with whom the Applicant has entered (or will enter) into a lease, purchase, or easement agreement for the purpose of installing Project facilities on their land. Adjacent landowners are those with property within 2,500 feet of a solar collector array, or substation, or within 500 feet of other Project components.¹⁴ Franklin Solar has identified adjacent landowners using municipal and tax records, and through personal visits by Applicant representatives. Participating and adjacent landowners will be included in initial mailings, outreach activities and notifications that are provided to the stakeholders identified in this PIP. Participating and adjacent landowners that express an interest in the Project and request that they be added to the stakeholder list will receive additional mailing and notifications as the Project progresses. However, for privacy purposes, the stakeholder list may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than landowner identification.

As Franklin Solar plans to use stakeholder input to further refine the list of host and adjacent landowners, a list is not included here. Franklin Solar will include a final list in the Project’s Application. Franklin Solar also has broad additional outreach planned, such as mailings and in-person gatherings. Franklin Solar will keep the DPS apprised of additional outreach by filing revised versions of Attachment C. Franklin Solar also plans to keep the Project’s website up-to-date with project development information throughout the Article 10 process. Participating and adjacent landowners will be included in initial mailings, outreach activities and notifications that are provided to the stakeholders identified in this PIP. Participating and adjacent landowners that express an interest in the project and request that they be added to the stakeholder list will receive additional mailing and notifications as the Project progresses. However, for privacy purposes, the stakeholder list may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than landowner identification.

Study Area Communities

Franklin County
Town of Malone
Village of Malone

Study Area School Districts

Malone Central School District
Chateaugay Central School District
Brushton-Moira Central School District

¹³ 6 NYCRR § 487. The Article 10 regulations identify “affected agencies” (16 NYCRR § 1000.5 and elsewhere) and “local party” (16 NYCRR § 1000.2(s)), definitions Franklin Solar relied on in compiling the list of stakeholders described herein.

¹⁴ 16 NYCRR § 1000.2(a).

Local Agencies

Malone Chamber of Commerce
 Franklin County Emergency Services
 Franklin County Economic Development Agency
 Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District
 Franklin County Highway Department
 Franklin County Public Health Department
 Cornell Cooperative Extension of Franklin County

State Agencies

New York State Governor's Office
 New York State Attorney General
 New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
 New York State Department of Economic Development
 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
 New York State Department of Health
 New York State Department of Public Service
 New York State Department of State
 New York State Department of Transportation
 New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
 New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
 New York State Office of General Services
 New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation
 New York Independent System Operator
 New York Power Authority
 Empire State Development Corporation
 Adirondack Park Agency

Federal Agencies

National Park Service
 National Telecommunications and Information Administration
 United States Army Corps of Engineers
 United States Department of Defense
 United States Federal Aviation Administration
 United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Elected Officials

US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
 US Senator Charles Schumer
 US Representative Elise Stefanik
 New York Senator Betty Little
 New York Assemblyman Billy Jones

Non-Governmental Entities

Franklin County Historical & Museum Society
 Malone Callfiremen
 Audubon Society
 The Nature Conservancy
 New York Public Interest Research Group
 New York Rivers United
 Sierra Club
 The Wetland Trust

Airports and Heliports

The Article 10 regulations require an applicant to consult with airport or heliport operators if the Project triggers requires a Notice of Proposed Construction to be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration.¹⁵ The Project will not have any facilities that extend more than 200 feet above ground level, nor does the Project meet any of the other requirements triggering notice in the FAA's regulations.¹⁶ Franklin Solar will include the privately owned and operated Malone-Dufort Airport as an interested party; the airport lies north of the Project area.

Other Identified Interested Parties

National Grid
 Time Warner Cable/Charter Communications
 Verizon Communications

Franklin Solar will keep the DPS informed of additional identified stakeholders, if any, through filing revised versions of Attachment A and/or through the PSS and Application.

¹⁵ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(f), referencing 16 NYCRR § 1001.25(f).

¹⁶ 14 CFR §77.9(a-e).

V. PROPOSED STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Project Contact and Document Repository

Pursuant to the Article 10 regulations requiring an applicant to “encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity,” Franklin Solar has begun initial outreach to identified interested parties and will continue to do so throughout the Article 10 process.¹⁷ Franklin Solar plans to adapt stakeholder and outreach activities to best encourage local input and participation as the Article 10 process proceeds.

For the duration of the Article 10 process, the Project Representative will be available to receive and address public questions and concerns at:

Eric W. Will
8104 Cazenovia Road – Bldg. 3, 2nd Fl., Manlius, NY 13104
952.988.9000
eric@geronimoenergy.com

Franklin Solar is in the process establishing a toll-free number and local field office. When the number is established and office location identified, the PIP will be revised and the information will be listed on the Project website and in future correspondence and notices.

Telephone calls received after-hours will receive a response acknowledging the receipt of the question or comment. A local office will be established prior to filing the PSS, and Franklin Solar will update interested parties accordingly once established. The location and hours of the field office will be listed on the Franklin Solar website and contained in future mailings to interested parties and stakeholders.

Franklin Solar will also maintain a local document repository for major filings and educational materials at:

Wead Library of Malone
64 Elm Street, Malone, NY 12953

Finally, Franklin Solar has created a user-friendly website in plain English that describes the proposed Project. The website also includes information about Article 10 and related Project status, and provides notice of opportunities for public participation. As the Project develops further, Franklin Solar will update the website with maps, educational materials, Project milestones, etc. to keep the public abreast during the development process. The website will also provide further opportunities for submitting questions and concerns directly to the Applicant; the Applicant will document all such communications.

Project Website

The project website URL is: <http://www.geronimoenergy.com/ourprojects/franklin-solar>.

The Applicant anticipates that the website will include:

- Facility description;
- Facility benefits and need;
- Contact information;
- Link to request information or stakeholder status;
- 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 layout figures and photo simulations/renderings;
- Facility contact information, including email address and toll free telephone number;
- Copies of Article 10 and related licensing documents;

¹⁷ 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(d)(2).

- Addresses of local document repositories;
- A schedule that lists dates/times/locations for outreach events and key milestone dates, such as when the Application will be filed; and
- Tracking Reports summarizing the Facility's PIP activities to date, including summaries of stakeholder interactions, comments, and questions.

As indicated above, the website will include Facility contact information (email address and toll free telephone number). The Applicant intends to respond directly to all substantive inquiries and comments submitted to the Facility contact, and will document all such correspondence. Email and postal addresses collected through the website will be added to the master stakeholder list.

Local Newspapers

Notices requiring newspaper publication, such as for open houses and filing of the PSS and application, will be published in the Malone Telegraph, Press Republican and Free Trader.

Initial Outreach and Consultation

The Article 10 regulations require an applicant to undergo both general and specific consultations with agencies and municipalities the applicant has identified as potentially affected by a project. The purpose of consultation is to provide information about the Project, Article 10, and unique aspects of the site and local community; receive and discuss stakeholder interests and issues regarding same; and schedule follow-up consultations if appropriate. Franklin Solar's communications to identified parties will include (at a minimum) the following:

- A description of the Project and project location;
- An explanation of the Article 10 process, including opportunities for participation by interested parties at each step;
- A description of the intervenor process and explanation on how to obtain intervenor funding; and
- A request for input on the potential impacts and benefits from the Project.
- Application contact information and information on how interested parties can obtain additional information and request they be placed on the stakeholder list.

As identified above, Franklin Solar plans to consult a broad number of stakeholders and interested parties regarding the Project.

Going forward, Franklin Solar plans to utilize the following tools to engage identified parties, as applicable:

Outreach/Consultation Tool	Involved Parties	Temporal Basis
Direct outreach to municipal staff and elected officials to introduce the Project and educate regarding the Article 10 process as needed, including the process for obtaining intervenor funds.	Local, state, and federal agencies, and elected officials.	Ongoing.
Town-hall-style open houses where the general public is invited to come learn about the Project and about Franklin Solar, and provide feedback on Project details, to be held as close to the Project as is reasonably feasible and with notice published in local and general-circulation newspapers and mailed to all residents and businesses as well as host landowners and identified stakeholders in the study area at least 14 days in advance. Multiple Project representatives will be present at each meeting to ensure that attendees are able to ask questions, provide comments or suggestions, etc. in person. Franklin Solar will also provide sign-up sheets at open houses for members of the public to sign up for regular Project updates. Meeting invitations will contain Project contact information and a link to the Project website where interested parties can obtain additional information.	All identified stakeholders.	At least four meetings (two prior to filing the PSS and two after) but prior to filing the application, to be held over the following months. Franklin Solar will either hold two meetings in one day or one meeting per day for two consecutive days. The format of the meeting will be clearly set forth in the notice.
Attending municipal board and commission meetings to give presentations and take questions/concerns on plans for and development of the Project, and suggestions for integrating the Project successfully into the surrounding community.	Host and adjacent landowners, host communities and school districts, study area communities and school districts, and local agencies.	Ongoing.
Direct consultation with agencies and organizations to obtain specific input on the impacts and benefits from the Project, including, but not limited to, land use, environmental, recreational, cultural, political, zoning, tax, economic, environmental justice, security and public safety, public health, agricultural, community, emergency response, transportation, utility, transmission, interconnection, reliability, etc.	Local agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, elected officials, and non-governmental entities.	Ongoing.
Broad dissemination of information through print and online resources in local and general circulation. Beyond notice required for certain steps in the Article 10 process, Franklin Solar will also distribute updates to the listed stakeholders as well as individuals and groups who have requested updates through the PSC or by signing up at a Franklin Solar open house or through the Project website. Franklin Solar may also provide paper notifications, such as flyers or fact sheets, by mail or in local document repositories as appropriate.	All identified stakeholders.	Ongoing.
Application for interconnection to the electrical grid, which includes a study of the Project and its impact on the electricity system as a whole.	National Grid.	Ongoing.

At all public meetings and open houses, Franklin Solar will supply flyers, fact sheets, maps, or similar handouts that will include the Project website URL and DPS docket number. Franklin Solar also intends on providing presentations and materials at such meetings that educate the public on renewable energy as a technology and the history of renewable energy policy and regulation in the state of New York, as an opportunity for education beyond the specifics of this specific Project. Finally, Franklin Solar will have information available on the Article 10 process and timelines, as well as the intervenor fund (including how to participate) and opportunities for public comment.

Franklin Solar plans to carefully track and document all above-described activities, and will file these logs as part of its revised Attachment C filings.

Preliminary Scoping Statement

At least 90 days before filing an Article 10 Application, the Article 10 regulations require an applicant to file a Preliminary Scoping Statement (“PSS”).¹⁸ Franklin Solar will provide a copy of the PSS on the Project website and at the local document repository, and directly to parties that have requested service of Project filings.

At the time the PSS is filed, the applicant must also submit an intervenor fee equal to \$350 per MW of facility generating capacity, capped at \$200,000.¹⁹ The intervenor fee funds participation by interested parties in the Article 10 process that may otherwise be hindered by lack of financial resources. 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.

Three or more days before filing the PSS, the Article 10 regulations dictate that Franklin Solar will provide notice of PSS filing to residents of host municipalities by publishing project-specific information in newspapers of both local and general circulation. Franklin Solar will also be required to provide direct notice to state legislators whose districts host the project, and to any person who has requested notice within the previous 12 months from the Siting Board. Finally, service is required for a number of other stakeholders identified above.

Franklin Solar also plans to engage additional interested parties by posting notice to the Project website, and by circulating notice by mail to residents of host and adjacent communities, to facilitate additional access to and comment on the Project PSS in the 21-day public comment period following PSS submission.

Notice of filing of the PSS will be sent to remaining stakeholders not receiving hard-copies of the PSS.

Upon an applicant filing a PSS, the DPS will appoint a presiding examiner to oversee the stipulation process. Stipulation gives the applicant and interested parties the opportunity to discuss and agree on any aspect of the PSS, or the scope or methodology of any studies or program of studies proposed by the applicant. Reaching agreement between the applicant and parties at this phase through stipulations can benefit all involved by limiting the scope of later hearings on the application.

Application

After at least 90 days have passed following the PSS filing, the applicant may file the Application. The Article 10 regulations require additional intervenor funds equal to \$1,000 per MW of facility generating capacity, capped at \$400,000.²⁰ Notice requirements are comparable to those required for the PSS; Franklin Solar intends on engaging in comparable additional outreach to ensure comprehensive stakeholder involvement for the Application as well.

Post-Certification

Franklin Solar anticipates continuing its identification of new interested parties, engagement with identified parties, and consultation/solicitation of input and feedback throughout the entire pre-application, application, and post-certification periods.

Additionally, upon certification, Franklin Solar will post the Certificate, along with all related conditions and requirements, to the Project website and provide a copy to the local document repository. Franklin Solar will maintain the Project website and repository as a resource for interested parties throughout the life of the Project.

As with all its projects, Franklin Solar intends on remaining engaged with the local community throughout the Project’s lifespan, such as by hosting and sponsoring community events, providing periodic updates to Project neighbors by mail or electronically, and by posting updates and notices in online and print community news resources.

¹⁸ 16 NYCRR § 1000.5.

¹⁹ 16 NYCRR § 1000.10(a).

²⁰ 16 NYCRR § 1000.10(b).

ATTACHMENT A: IDENTIFIED STAKEHOLDERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

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ATTACHMENT B: AFFECTED MUNICIPALITY AND AGENCY CONSULTATIONS

Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
County		
Franklin County (host municipality)	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
	Provide notice to County two weeks prior to submittal of PSS.	Mail notice.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Solicit local feedback.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested by County.
	Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested by County.
	Obtain all relevant local laws, building codes, comprehensive plans, zoning maps, etc.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
	Determine whether all local laws potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
	Review County Division of Transportation requirements, transportation routes, and use of right-of-ways.	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.
	Work with County Emergency Management Office to develop appropriate emergency response plans for construction and operational phases of the Project.	Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.
Municipalities in the Facility Area		
Towns and Village of Malone (host municipalities)	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/ information sessions, and opportunities for participation.
	Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts.	Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (at least 2 weeks prior to filing), etc.
	Provide notice to Town two weeks prior to submittal of PSS.	Mail notice.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Solicit local feedback.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested.
	Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested.
	Work with local Fire Departments to develop appropriate emergency response plans for construction and operational phases of the Project.	Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.
	Obtain all relevant local laws, building codes, comprehensive plans, zoning maps, etc.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.

Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
Municipalities in the Facility Area (continued)		
Franklin County (host municipality)	Determine whether all local laws potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
	Discuss transportation routes, use of right-of-way and other issues of local concern with Town Highway Departments.	Meeting with Town Highway Departments before submittal of PSS to discuss capital improvement projects and future plans, during Article 10 process as needed, and prior to mobilization to site for construction.
	Inform local emergency responders of contingency plans in the event of an emergency during construction or operational phases of the Project.	Meeting or telephone conference during Article 10 process and at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction.
Town of Malone Clerk	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.
Village of Malone Clerk	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 the Facility Area		
Malone Central School District, Chateaugay Central School District, and Brushton-Moira Central School District (host school districts)	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 (at least 2 weeks prior to filing), etc. Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Solicitation of local feedback.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested.
	Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	Public Information Open House Sessions and attendance at local meetings. At least four public sessions currently planned, two prior to, and two following, submittal of the PSS. Establish a contact phone number, and dedicated project email address to respond to inquiries and accept public comment.
	Explain and discuss delivery methods of project components and transportation routes and timing; discuss and address 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.

Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
Local Agencies		
Malone Chamber of Commerce	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.
Franklin County Emergency Services	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.
Franklin County Industrial Development Agency	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.
Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District	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.
Franklin County Highway Department	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.
Franklin County Public Health Department	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 Franklin 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.
Franklin County Economic Development Department	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.
Malone Callfireman	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.
Malone Dufort Airport	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.
Town of Malone Hiway Department	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.
Village of Malone Dept. of Public Works	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.
Village of Malone - Emergency Services	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.

Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
State Agencies/Representatives		
NYS Governor's Office	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 (NYSA&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.
NYS Department of Economic Development	Notifications.	Prior to submittal of PSS.
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)	Identify agency concerns to incorporate feedback into environmental study design.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. Obtain agency comment/approval.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Determine whether all NYSDER regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
New York State Department of 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	Identify constraints associated with roads used for component transport.	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.
	Consultation with NYS DOT regarding potential Project impacts on the Adirondack Scenic Byway and with respect to any road crossings.	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
New York State Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
NYS Office of General Services	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation	Consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law and/or Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, as required.	Meetings to develop work plans and content of cultural resources studies prior to submittal of PSS, ongoing review of studies and mitigation recommendations.

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State Agencies/Representatives (continued)		
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	Notifications.	Prior to submittal of PSS.
Empire State Development Corporation	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
Adirondack Park Agency	Review the Project location in relation to the APA areas of jurisdiction and potential visibility of the major array of solar panels from any Adirondack Park scenic vistas or elevated peaks.	Prior to submittal of PSS.
Federal Agencies/Representatives		
National Telecommunications and Information Administration	Notifications, as required by Article 10. Consultation to determine Project affects on government communication systems.	As per schedule in regulations, and prior to submittal of PSS.
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 Department of Defense	Information dissemination on proposed Project. If necessary, develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts.	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.
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.
Elected Officials		
US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
US Senator Charles E. Schumer	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
US Representative Elise M. Stefanik	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
New York Senator Betty Little and New York Assemblyman Billy Jones	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Solicit feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested.

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Non-Governmental Agencies		
Malone Chamber of Commerce	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.
Franklin County Historical & Museum 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.
Malone Callfiremen	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.
Audubon 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.
The Nature 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.
New York Public Interest Research 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.
New York Rivers United	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	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 Wetland Trust	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.
Airport and Heliports		
Malone Dufort Airport	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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Other Identified Interested Parties		
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.
Time Warner Cable/Charter Communications	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.
Verizon Communications	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.
Environmental Justice Communities	Identify possible additional outreach activities for the Environmental Justice communities	Franklin Solar will explore additional outreach activities beyond those contained in this PIP and continue to consult with DPS and DEC Staff to identify the appropriate outreach activities.

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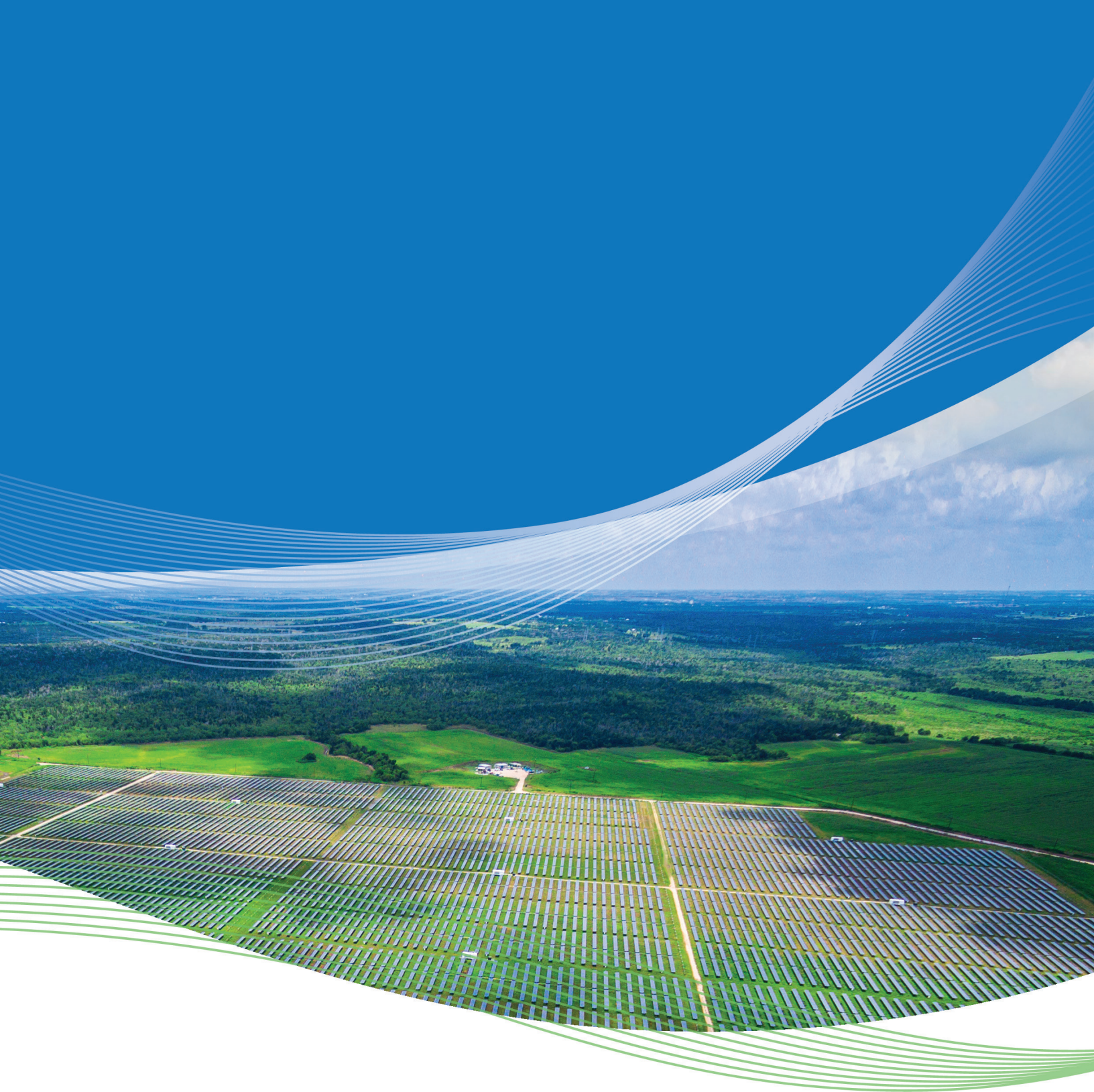
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9/07/2017	Project intro meeting with Town of Malone.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Denice Hudson- Town Board Officer Bob Crossman- Town Budget Officer Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep Eric Will – Geronimo rep	Meet with Town Board and Town Supervisor.	
9/07/2017	Project intro meeting with IDA and County Economic Development Officer.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Franklin County	Russ Kinyon – Dir of Economic Development Jeremy Evans – CEO of IDA Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
9/12/2017	Project intro meeting with DPS Staff.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	PSC Offices	Graham Jesmer – Staff Counsel Brian Ossias – Staff Counsel Andy Davis – Staff Leka Gjonaj, Staff Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep Eric Will – Geronimo rep Bill Flynn – Harris Beach (Geronimo Counsel) Gene Kelly – Harris Beach (Geronimo Counsel) Steve Wilson – Harris Beach (Geronimo Counsel)	Meet with DEC and Ag/Markets to discuss project.	
9/13/2017	Project intro meeting with Town of Malone – Staff, Supervisor, and Deputy Town Supervisor.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Howard Maneely – Town Supervisor Jack Sullivan – Deputy Town Supervisor Denice Hudson – Town Budget Officer Bob Crossman – Town Code Officer Russ Kinyon – Dir. of Economic Development Eric Will – Geronimo rep Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep	Present the project to the Town Board and public.	
9/13/2017	Project intro meeting with Village of Malone Mayor.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Village of Malone	Joe Riccio – Village Mayor Russ Kinyon – Dir. of Economic Development Eric Will – Geronimo rep Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep		
9/13/2017	Project intro meeting with County Manager.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Franklin County	Donna Kissane – Franklin County Manager Russ Kinyon – Dir. of Economic Development Eric Will – Geronimo rep Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep		
9/13/2017	Project intro meeting – Town Board Meeting.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Town Board Members Residents Eric Will – Geronimo rep Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep		
9/27/2017	Public Hearing – solar moratorium.	Town Board introduced solar moratorium.	Town of Malone	Town Board Members Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep Jenny Monson Miller – Geronimo rep		
10/02/2017	Special Town Meeting on Real Property Law for Solar.	Town Board discussed opting out of Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law.	Town of Malone	Town Board Members		
10/10/2017	Project intro meeting – County Legislators	Discussed project and solicited feedback, advice, and concerns of Legislators on project.	Town of Malone	Andrea Dumas – County Legislator Carl Sherwin – County Legislator Eric Will – Geronimo rep Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep		
10/11/2017	Presentation of project at Town Board meeting.	Overview of project equipment, solar installations, and background on common solar concerns.	Town of Malone	Town Board Lillian Anderson-Duffy – Town Attorney Residents Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep		
10/18/2017	Project intro meeting with IBEW Manager.	Discussed project and need for trained PV installers for construction.	Watertown	John O’Driscoll – IBEW Local 910 Bus. Mgr. Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/18/2017	Call.	Call with resident to answer questions on project.		David Werner Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/18/2017	Project intro meeting – Cornell Cooperative Extension	Discussed project and identifying local contact.	Call.	Marty Broccoli – Cornell Cooperative Extension (Oneida Co.) Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/18/2017	Project intro meeting – local businessmen.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Bruce Monette – local businessman Chris Monette – local businessman Eric Will – Geronimo rep		

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10/18/2017	Project intro meeting – American Legion.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Adam Livernois – American Legion member Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/19/2017	Project intro meeting – Franklin Academy.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Brandon Pelkey- Principal Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/19/2017	Project intro meeting prior to Board of Legislators meeting.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Barbara Rice – Chair of Franklin County Legislature Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/19/2017	Project intro meeting prior to Board of Legislators meeting.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Carl Sherwin – Franklin County Legislator Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/19/2017	Project intro meeting prior to Board of Legislators meeting.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Andrea Dumas – Franklin County Legislator Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/19/2017	Project intro meeting – Malone Budget Officer.	Discussed project and local concerns.	Town of Malone	Denice Hudson – Malone Budget Officer Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/19/2017	Project intro meeting – Malone Town Clerk.	Discussed project and local concerns.	Town of Malone	Deborah Hutchins – Town Clerk Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/19/2017	Project intro meeting – Rotary Program Chairman	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project. Discussed presenting project at upcoming rotary meeting.	Call.	Brandon Pelkey – Rotary Program Chairman Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
10/24/2017	Call.	Called to schedule discussing project at upcoming meeting.	Call.	Kelly Johnston – Elks Lodge rep Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
11/01/2017	Project intro meeting – DEC.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	DEC Central Office	Ken Lynch – Exec. Deputy Commissioner Bob Stegemann – Region 5 Director Chris Hogan – Major Power Projects Unit Leader Jon Binder – Assistant Counsel Eric Will – Geronimo rep Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep Gene Kelly – Harris Beach (Geronimo Counsel)		
11/02/2017	Project intro meeting with Village Police Chief.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided information on the Franklin Solar project.	Village of Malone	Chris Premo – Village Police Chief Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep		
11/02/2017	Project intro meeting with Fire Chief.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided information on the Franklin Solar project.	Village and Town of Malone	Brian Gokey – Fire Chief Andrew Catania – Geronimo rep		
11/08/2017	Project intro meeting – Exec. Dir. Cornell Cooperative Extension.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Rick LeVitre – Exec. Dir. Cornell Cooperative Extension (Franklin county) Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
11/08/2017	Project intro meeting – Malone Highway Dept.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project. Left message for Bruce Mallette – Highway Superintendent.	Town of Malone	Receptionist Eric Will – Geronimo rep	Follow-up with Highway Superintendent.	
11/08/2017	Project intro meeting – County Highway Dept.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Bradford Marsh – Supt., County Highway Dept. Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
11/08/2017	Project intro meeting – Franklin County Historical Society.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project. Left message for Cheryl Learned – President.	Town of Malone	Phyllis Carley – Member, Franklin County Historical Society Eric Will – Geronimo rep	Follow-up with President of Historical Society.	
11/09/2017	Project intro meeting – Malone Chamber of Commerce.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Sue LeVitre – Exec. Dir. Malone Chamber of Commerce Tim Lamay – Marketing Manager Eric Will – Geronimo rep		

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11/15/2017	Project intro meeting – Malone Chamber of Commerce.	Discussed projects potential to be a tourist destination.	Town of Malone	Tim Lamay – Marketing Manager Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
11/15/2017	Town Board Meeting.	Discussed, with outgoing Supervisor, introductions and scheduling a meeting with incoming Town Supervisor.	Town of Malone	Howard Maneely – Town Supervisor Donna Kessane – County Manager Eric Will – Geronimo rep		
11/15/2017	Project intro meeting – Franklin County Farm Bureau.	Introduced Geronimo Energy and provided details on the Franklin Solar project.	Town of Malone	Steve Gokey – President, Franklin County Farm Bureau Kim Trombly – Field Advisor Eric Will – Geronimo rep		



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