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 AVAILABILITY OF PRE-APPLICATION INTERVENOR FUNDS AND DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING INTERVENOR FUNDS

(Issued May 16, 2018)

Any person interested in filing an application to construct a major electric generating facility in New York must first file a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) with the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board). On April 18, 2018, Hecate Energy Albany 1 LLC and Hecate Energy Albany 2 LLC (collectively, Hecate Energy), wholly owned subsidiaries of Hecate Energy LLC, filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement regarding a proposal to construct the Coeymans Solar Farm, a commercial-scale solar photovoltaic electric generating facility in the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York (the Project).

As proposed in the Preliminary Scoping Statement, the Project would consist of arrays of ground-mounted photovoltaic solar panels installed on a 428-acre rural site, with a total Project capacity of 40 megawatts. The Project would be located on agricultural private land and would be expected to include access roads, inverters, fencing, an electric substation, and electrical interconnection facilities. The points of interconnection with the electric grid would be to existing National Grid 115 kilovolt transmission lines that cross the southern portion of the Project site.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that intervenor funds are available to eligible municipal and local parties¹ to participate in the pre-application phase of this proceeding. With its Preliminary Scoping Statement, Hecate submitted the required intervenor fee of \$14,000 to be used by such parties to defray expenses associated with the retention of attorneys, expert consultants and other administrative costs incurred. At least 50% of these funds must be reserved for potential awards to eligible municipalities. Additional funding for eligible municipal and local parties will be made available in the application phase of the Project and will be the subject of further notice.

Eligible municipal and local parties intending to request pre-application intervenor funding must submit their request for pre-application funding by no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, June 15, 2018. Parties requesting such funding must use the "RFIF Form" available on the Siting Board's web page at http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard (by accessing the "Forms" link on the left side of the page). All requests for pre-application intervenor funds must be submitted to the Presiding Examiners, Administrative Law Judges Anthony Belsito and Maureen F. Leary of the New York State Department of Public Service (Anthony.Belsito@dps.ny.gov; Maureen.Leary@dps.ny.gov) and to the Associate Examiner, Administrative Law Judge Daniel P. O'Connell of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Daniel.oconnell@dec.ny.gov). Each funding request must also be filed with Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary to the Siting Board, at Secretary@dps.ny.gov by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018.

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¹ A "local party" is defined as any person residing or having a dwelling in a community who may be affected by the proposed major electric generating facility at the proposed location.

Persons without e-mail access may send their documents to the Presiding Examiners, the Associate Examiner, and Secretary Burgess by first class mail at the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223, such that the requests are received by the due date.

A copy of each funding request must also be served on all persons identified on the party list for this proceeding, by e-mail or by first class mail. The party list can be accessed from the Department of Public Service website,

http://www.dps.ny.gov by following the "Search" link at the top of the page; then, by using the "Search by Case Number" function, entering "17-F-0617." The resulting page is the public case file for this proceeding. The party list may be viewed by clicking the "Party List" tab.

Guidance regarding the Article 10 siting process, including the procedures regarding pre-application intervenor funding for eligible municipal and local parties, is available at the Siting Board's web page, listed above. To access Frequently Asked Questions, please click the "FAQ" link on the left side of the page; to access a Guide to Intervenor Funding, please follow the "Guides" link on the left side of the page.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS Secretary