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List of Acronyms

ACENY Alliance for Clean Energy New York, Inc.

ACS American Community Survey

CES Clean Energy Standard

CLCPA Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act

DOE Department of Energy

FAA Federal Aviation Administration
GIS Geographic Information System
HCA Host Community Agreement

IPP Independent Power Producers

kV kilovolt

LFIP Large Facility Interconnection Procedures

MW megawatt

NYCRR New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations NYISO New York Independent System Operator

NYPA New York Power Authority

NYSDEC New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

NYSDPS New York State Department of Public Service

NYSERDA New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

OATT Open Access Transmission Tariff

OPRHP New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

PILOT payment in lieu of taxes

PIP Plan Public Involvement Program Plan

POC point of contact

Project New Bremen Solar, LLC Project

Project Area locations being evaluated for placement of permanent Project facilities, including

the proposed collection substation and interconnection facilities

PSL Public Service Law

PSS Preliminary Scoping Statement

PV photovoltaic

RTE rare, threatened, or endangered SEP 2015 New York State Energy Plan

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SRIS System Reliability Impact Study

Siting Board New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment

Study Area all areas within two miles of the Project Area property boundaries

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

1.0 INTRODUCTION

New Bremen Solar, LLC (New Bremen Solar or the Applicant), a subsidiary of Geronimo Energy, LLC, A National Grid Company (Geronimo), proposes the construction of an approximately 100-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility (Facility) called "New Bremen Solar" in the Town of New Bremen, Lewis County, New York. New Bremen Solar submits this Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan to the New York State Department of Public Service (NYSDPS) under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (PSL) and Part 1000 of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment's (Siting Board's) rules.

Article 10 of the PSL and its associated regulations 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 New Bremen Solar filing a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS). The Article 10 regulations (16 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations [NYCRR] § 1000.4 (c)) 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.

Geronimo values its relationships with local stakeholders, and, before undertaking necessary approval processes for and development of any project, Geronimo conducts public outreach to educate interested parties on aspects of a proposed solar project. The purpose of this PIP Plan is to introduce New Bremen Solar to the public; identify state and local stakeholders and engage

them, other interested parties, and the general public in the Article 10 process; and explain how the Applicant's efforts will satisfy New York legal and regulatory requirements. As with all Article 10 PIP plans, the results of New Bremen Solar's outreach efforts described herein will inform New Bremen 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 and 16 NYCRR § 1000.4, the Applicant respectfully submits this PIP Plan to the NYSDPS for review and comment. The phase diagram below identifies an overview of the Article 10 process, starting with the PIP Plan.

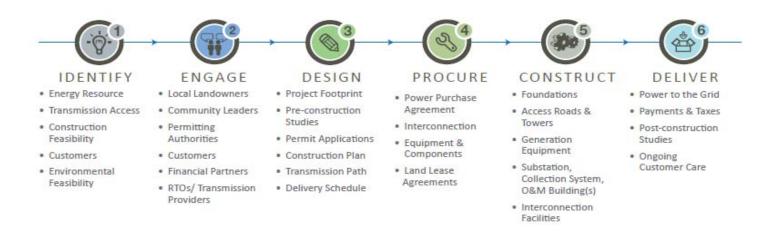
ARTICLE 10 PROCESS THROUGH APPLICATION FILING New Bremen Solar New Bremen Solar will The parties can New Bremen Solar files its draft PIP plan conduct a wide range agree on the New Bremen Solar files its Preliminary with the NYSDPS, the of environmental scope of the will use the study Scoping Statement PIP plan describes how and other studies Application results to turn the PSS with the Siting New Bremen Solar will through designed to assess into a final Application. Board. conduct public outreach. Project impacts. stipulations. **Preliminary Scoping Public Involvement** Stipulation Studies Application Program (PIP) Plan and Hearings **Proceedings** Conducted Statement (PSS) The NYSDPS and other Stipulations are The study The Siting Board The NYSDPS stakeholders have 21 agreements between methodologies reviews the provides comments, days to comment. New Bremen Solar and incorporate any application and and New Bremen Solar and New Bremen other stakeholders on the details agreed deems the Application has 21 days to provide Solar updates its PIP scope and content of the to during the complete if it meets responses and update accordingly. the PSS accordingly. Article 10 Application. stipulation process. the Board's standards. You can participate! You can You can participate! You can participate! Intervenor funds are available at this participate! New Bremen Solar There is a review Feedback from the will accept public and comment public is welcome comments throughout stage to facilitate period for the full on the PSS. the study process. application.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF GERONIMO AND THE NEW BREMEN SOLAR FACILITY

2.1 Company Profile

New Bremen Solar is a wholly owned subsidiary of Geronimo. Geronimo 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 2,400 megawatts of U.S. wind and solar energy projects that are either operational or under construction. Geronimo has a multi-gigawatt near-term development pipeline of additional clean energy.



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

- 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.

2.2 Project Summary

The New Bremen Solar Project (the Project) will have a nameplate capacity of approximately 100 MW, estimated to generate enough renewable green energy to power approximately 16,500 New York households¹. The Project's size, location, and interconnection make it an economical resource, allowing New Bremen Solar to provide New York State with affordable renewable energy. Specifically, the Project would be compatible with New York State policies mandating the generation of electricity from renewable energy, including the 2015 New York State Energy Plan (SEP), the Clean Energy Standard (CES), and the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) of 2019, which proposes that 70 percent of the State's electricity will be generated by renewables by 2030 (superseding the 50 by 30 goal), and that energy production will be 100 percent renewable by 2040.

The Project will achieve maximum energy 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.

The Project Area currently consists of approximately 5,593 acres as shown on Figure 2. It is anticipated that the actual Project will require only approximately 1,100 acres of land for siting of Project components within the Project Area. Project components will be sited on leased, private land owned by a number of participating landowners. With extensive experience developing solar projects such as this one in agricultural areas and adjacent to communities, Geronimo carefully considers the size, location, and environmental impact of each project, as well as local politics, landscapes, and land uses.

Similar to other projects developed by Geronimo, the Applicant anticipates that the Project will

¹ Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) https://www.seia.org/initiatives/whats-megawatt

have minimal impact on its neighbors, nearby communities, and surrounding landscapes. The proposed Project will be relatively low in height, will not emit air or water pollution, will have no odors, and will produce minimal noise. New Bremen Solar will also use a variety of fencing, screening, setback, and landscaping strategies in an effort to preserve existing viewsheds and maintain the rural character of the surrounding area.

As stated above, the Project is located in the Town of New Bremen in Lewis County, which is located in northern New York, approximately 40 miles from the Canadian border. The Project Area is situated directly south of the Hamlet of Beaver Falls, approximately three miles northeast of the Village of Lowville, and two miles southeast of the Village of Castorland.

The Project will have significant positive impacts for the region, including economic benefits for the local communities, County, and State in the form of clean renewable energy generation and economic development through construction, operation, and maintenance jobs, expenditures for supplies and materials, lease payments to participating landowners, and tax payments to local communities. New Bremen Solar anticipates that it will contribute millions of dollars to the Town, County, and school districts in the form of a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement and/or host community agreement (HCA).

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. Through careful site selection and siting of project components, Geronimo's solar projects positively impact the environment in many ways 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 a financial security to ensure that the Applicant can cover the cost of removing the facility's infrastructure at the end of the Project's life. The Project can therefore be viewed as temporary in nature, and 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 PV panels installed on low-profile 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 alternating current, are spaced throughout the Project. The substation will take the power from the inverters and step it up to match the voltage of the electrical grid. A protective fence will surround the Project. Temporary laydown and staging areas will be used during construction to store and position vehicles and equipment.

New Bremen Solar will interconnect to the power grid via a line tap to National Grid's existing Bremen-Lowville 115-kV line (see Figure 3). The Project applied for interconnection on June 10, 2019 in accordance with the specifications laid out by Attachment X of the New York Independent System Operator's (NYISO) Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), which details the Standard Large Facility Interconnection Procedures (LFIP) for facilities 20 MW or larger in size. New Bremen Solar 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). New Bremen Solar anticipates that the SRIS will be completed on time for the Project to enter the NYISO Class Year study process in 2020. For reference, New Bremen Solar is number 880 in the NYISO interconnection queue.

2.3 Project Area and Study Area

Figures 1, 2, and 3 show the regional Project location, the Project Area, and the preliminary Study Area to be used for analysis in the Article 10 Application, respectively.

The Project Area consists of the locations being evaluated for placement of permanent Project facilities (see Figure 2). The Project Area is described in Section 2.2 above and consists of approximately 5,593 acres; however, only a portion of this area will be required for development of the Project. Additional land area beyond what is required for the Project is included in the Project Area in order to provide setbacks from neighboring land uses and to minimize or mitigate potential impacts to environmental resources. The Project Area consists of active agricultural land (mostly corn), along with smaller portions of successional old fields and northern hardwood forests, with an airport in the southern portion of the Project and a speedway (the Adirondack Speedway) in the central portion of the Project Area. The Town of New Bremen is not divided into zoning districts.

The area around the Project is primarily comprised of agricultural land, forests, wetlands, rivers, the Hamlet of Beaver Falls, and the Villages of Castorland and Croghan. The Applicant identified the Project Area for potential development of a solar project due to access to transmission capacity, relatively few anticipated environmental impacts, available land, and willing participant landowners.

For the purpose of the PIP Plan, New Bremen Solar has conservatively designated a two-mile radius around the Project Area boundary in all directions as the Study Area. The Study Area currently consists of approximately 30,773 acres of land, including the Towns of New Bremen, Croghan, Denmark, Lowville, and Watson, and is depicted in Figure 3. Similar to the Project Area itself, the area surrounding the Project Area consists of a combination of relatively flat topography and rolling hills to the east and west. Because of the Project's low profile, visibility of the Project components will be largely limited to the immediate vicinity of the Project and within the two-mile buffer. A more in-depth description of the Study Area will be included in the PSS and Application.

3.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

3.1 PIP Plan Goals

New Bremen Solar has developed this PIP Plan (Plan) in order to identify stakeholders including groups and individuals with a potential interest in the proposed Project. Consultation with stakeholders through the PIP process provides a platform of open dialogue to distribute general Project information, discuss potential avoidance and minimization measures, and solicit local input, such as the identification of potential impacts. This PIP Plan discusses public involvement activities that will be utilized to achieve these various PIP goals, including encouraging stakeholder engagement and providing awareness and understanding of the proposed Project and Article 10 process. Information gleaned from stakeholders through their participation in various public involvement activities will aid in the development of studies to be further discussed in the PSS and Article 10 Application.

3.2 PIP Plan Schedule

New Bremen Solar has already begun initial outreach activities within the local communities to introduce the Project and provide updates and will continue conducting public involvement activities during the pre-application phase. New Bremen Solar will continue these activities throughout the Article 10 process. During and after construction of the Project, public involvement will continue pursuant to the dispute resolution plan. These specific activities are discussed below in Section 5.0. Additional outreach to host landowners and municipal officials will take place during decommissioning activities, which will be further discussed in the PSS.

4.0 STAKEHOLDERS

4.1 Identification of Stakeholders

New Bremen Solar is committed to identifying and involving all applicable stakeholders during development. Proper stakeholder identification helps ensure that the Project has community support and is integrated well into its host community. New Bremen Solar seeks to evaluate stakeholders that may be impacted by construction and operation of the proposed Project. To ensure successful identification of relevant stakeholders for the PIP, the Applicant has reviewed the following resources, including stakeholders below based on the definitions of "local party" (as defined in (16 NYCRR §1000.2[s]) and "affected agencies" (16 NYCRR §1000 et seq.) described in the Siting Board's rules:

- · Land use plans;
- County websites;
- Town websites;
- Tax records;
- Geographic Information System (GIS) resources; and
- Other independent research.

The Applicant has developed a list of potentially interested parties from these resources, comprising the categories identified and discussed in Sections 4.2 through 4.15 of this Plan.

New Bremen Solar plans to update the Master Stakeholder List (included as Appendix A to this document) as it identifies potentially interested parties. The Applicant will develop a mailing list based on the stakeholders listed below, addresses provided at public meetings, and those obtained from contacts generated through the Project website. The Applicant anticipates that the mailing list will be updated as necessary based on information received during PIP Plan activities, and these updates will be provided to NYSDPS along with the PIP Plan tracking submissions. Materials distributed for public outreach will include information detailing how individuals and groups can be added to the Master Stakeholder List. Individuals will have various opportunities to be added to the Master Stakeholder List, including mailing a letter to a Project representative through the Project website, requesting to be added to the Master Stakeholder List

at an open house event, via the Project-specific email address, or the Project's toll-free number (see Section 5.4.1.).

4.2 Host Community

The host community is defined as the municipality within which the Project Area and the anticipated Project components are located. The Town Board and Planning Board representing the host community, as applicable, are considered stakeholders and have been identified through publicly available information located on Town and County websites.

4.3 County Agencies

County agencies representing areas with the potential to be affected by the Project have been identified by review of the county websites and/or county GIS data and thereby identified as stakeholders. Additionally, emergency responders such as the County Emergency Services Coordinator and Sheriff have been identified as stakeholders and will be consulted throughout the Article 10 process where applicable.

4.4 State Agencies

State agencies specifically identified in 16 NYCRR § 1000.5 and 1000.6 have been listed as stakeholders. Additionally, departments of New York State governments were identified using Geronimo's experience in developing utility projects in the State.

4.5 Federal Agencies

Agencies of the U.S. government were identified using Geronimo's experience in developing projects in the United States, review of previous PIP plan submittals, and NYSDPS guidance.

4.6 Legislative Representatives

Offices of the New York State Legislature, the U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, and Lewis County Legislators representing the Project Area and Study Area were identified by review of publicly available information and have been added to the stakeholder list.

4.7 Highway Departments

County and town departments responsible for managing roads in the Study Area were identified by review of town and county boundary maps, and online research.

4.8 Schools

School districts serving municipalities identified as stakeholders within the Study Area and school districts adjacent to these districts were identified by review of county tax maps and desktop analysis of publicly available data.

4.9 Emergency Responders

Emergency responders including fire departments, emergency medical services, and police or sheriff departments serving parcels in the Study Area were identified by review of county tax maps and online research.

4.10 Adjacent Municipalities

Towns, villages, or other municipalities that are not host communities but are in the Study Area have been identified as stakeholders and added to the stakeholder list by review of municipal boundary maps and GIS mapping.

4.11 Utilities

Companies that own gas, electric, or communications infrastructure in the Project Area were identified through available local and state geographic information databases, online research, and previous PIP plan submittals. Utility companies will be contacted concerning the location of facilities, design, and safety standards for construction near existing infrastructure.

4.12 Public Interest Groups

Organizations that serve interests of the public including county and town historians, and

business, conservation, outdoor recreation, or environmental organizations have been identified as stakeholders. These groups have been identified through online research.

4.13 Airports and Heliports

The Article 10 regulations require an applicant to consult with airport or heliport operators if the Project triggers the requirement that a Notice of Proposed Construction be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). 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. Consequently, the filing of a notice with the FAA will not be required for the Project. However, New Bremen Solar has included the Duflo Airport as a stakeholder and will consult with airport administrators as part of the Article 10 process, as necessary.

4.14 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 located within 2,500 feet of the solar array, substation or within 500 feet of the Project components. As Project components are not yet sited within the Project Area, adjacent landowners will be defined as landowners who are 2,500 feet from the boundary of the anticipated Project Area. The Applicant anticipates that the development of a Project layout will be substantially complete and available for discussion prior to the submittal of the Application. As noted herein, public notices of events such as information sessions will be provided to a broader audience than adjacent landowners.

As the Project layout evolves, some stakeholders identified as adjacent landowners may be removed while others may be added in response to changes in land acquisition and facilities siting. Since New Bremen Solar plans to use stakeholder input to further refine the list of host and adjacent landowners, a list of these landowners is not included herein. However, for privacy purposes, the stakeholder list may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than landowner identification. New Bremen Solar also has broad additional outreach planned, such as mailings and in-person gatherings to facilitate the development of this list. New Bremen Solar will keep

NYSDPS apprised of additional outreach by filing revised versions of Appendix C. New Bremen Solar also plans to keep the Project website updated with Project development information as necessary throughout the Article 10 process.

4.15 Area Residents

Residents of the Study Area who are not participating landowners or adjacent owners are included in the stakeholder list as one group. New Bremen Solar plans to notify these residents of the Project individually by mailing an informational flyer announcing the open house and providing general Project information to all unique addresses in the tax assessment rolls for the Study Area and at the identified document repositories (to the extent the repositories have a sign board) (see Section 5.9). At the Project open house (discussed further in Section 5.3.2), attendees will be encouraged to join the stakeholder list if they wish to continue to receive notice of future Project milestones, such as availability of the PSS, public statement hearings, and filing of the Application. Besides the open house notifications, New Bremen Solar does not plan additional broad mailings to area residents that do not register as stakeholders. However, these residents can still learn more about the Project through public outreach activities, notices in area newspapers, and updates on the Project website.

New Bremen Solar will keep NYSDPS informed of additional stakeholders identified, if any, through filing revised versions of Appendix A and/or through the PSS and Article 10 Application.

5.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ELEMENTS

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

5.1 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, the Article 10 process, and unique aspects of the site and local community; receive and discuss stakeholder interests and issues regarding the same; and schedule follow-up consultations if appropriate. New Bremen 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 qualify for and obtain intervenor funding; and
- A request for input on the potential impacts and benefits of the Project.

As identified above, New Bremen Solar plans to consult a broad number of stakeholders and interested parties regarding the Project. Going forward, New Bremen Solar plans to utilize the following tools to engage identified parties, as applicable.

As an opportunity for education beyond the specifics of this Project, New Bremen Solar intends to provide information at public meetings and the Project open house (see Section 5.3.2.) so as to educate the public on renewable energy as a technology and New York's unique history of renewable energy policy and regulation. At said events, New Bremen 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. This will be discussed in further detail in the following sections.

New Bremen Solar plans to carefully track and document all above described activities and will file these logs as part of its revised Appendix C filings.

5.1.1 Stakeholder Notifications

The Siting Board's rules establish the notification requirements for serving documents. In accordance with 16 NYCRR § 1000.7, New Bremen Solar will publish all required notices in The Watertown Daily Times, the Jefferson County Pennysaver, and the Town of New Bremen's website (see Section 5.7). The notices will be placed in a prominent location in the newspaper rather than the "legal notice" section in order to ensure visibility by the largest number of stakeholders. Specific requirements for notifications regarding the PSS will be completed by Geronimo in accordance with 16 NYCRR §1000.5.

As noted in Section 4.15, New Bremen Solar intends to notify residents within the Study Area individually by mailing an informational flyer. The flyer will provide general Project information and announce the open house to all unique addresses in the tax assessment rolls for the Study Area. Additional information on this notification is provided in Section 5.7.

New Bremen Solar will publish a notice of the PSS and the Application filings in the newspapers listed above no fewer than three days before filing. Additionally, New Bremen Solar will serve notifications on each member of the State Legislature whose district lies within any portion of the proposed Project Area; provide written notice to those persons who have filed a statement with the Secretary within the past 12 months that wish to receive such notices; and provide mail notification to all parties on the Master Stakeholder List. Additionally, the Applicant will publish notices on the Project website.

The Applicant will publish any other required notices in the manner prescribed by the Presiding Examiner or under the procedures contained in Article 10.

5.1.2 Collection of Stakeholder Input

For stakeholder groups, New Bremen Solar will identify and contact the group's point of contact (POC) to introduce the Project and offer to meet with the stakeholder group or POC. At stakeholder meetings New Bremen Solar will introduce New Bremen Solar representatives and inform attendees about the Project and the overall Article 10 review process. In addition, New Bremen Solar will request feedback on issues that stakeholders want to have considered in the Project design or review. This feedback will be tracked in the PIP Plan Tracking Report, which is further discussed in sections below.

Individual stakeholders will be notified of several opportunities to learn about the Project and submit input, including on the Project website.

5.2 Distribution of PSS and Application Documents to Stakeholders

Stakeholders will be made aware via mail of PSS and Application availability on the Project website, the NYSDPS website, and at various public document repositories. At this time, New Bremen Solar does not intend to provide individual hard copies of these documents to stakeholders, except as required under 16 NYCRR § 1000.5 and 1000.6.

5.3 Pre-Application Activities to Encourage Stakeholders to Participate

5.3.1 Town Board Meetings

New Bremen Solar will offer to present at scheduled Town Board meetings of the Town of New Bremen during the pre-Application phase. As part of the presentation, New Bremen Solar representatives will discuss the Project, the Article 10 process, and respond to questions and receive input from the Town Board regarding the Project. The meetings described above as well as any future attendance at Town Board meetings will be documented in the PIP Plan Meeting Log.

5.3.2 Open House Events

New Bremen Solar will host one open house-style public meeting prior to the filing of the PSS. The Applicant will strive to hold the open house at a location that maximizes accessibility for the largest number of residents. Additionally, the Applicant will hold the open house after normal working hours to allow opportunities for broad attendance. New Bremen Solar will provide notice to NYSDPS Staff of the pending open house via email. New Bremen Solar's representatives will be present at the open house and will provide poster displays on the Project, solar energy, and the Article 10 review process, which will include information regarding intervenor funding availability and the application process. One-on-one and small group informational discussions may take place throughout the duration of the open house, providing opportunities for attendees to gain information on the Project, have their questions addressed, and provide input to New Bremen Solar representatives. New Bremen Solar representatives will emphasize the role of stakeholders and encourage interested area residents to join the stakeholder list as part of the open house.

5.4 Project Contact Information

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

Brett Hastings 5600 West 84th St., Suite 1200 Bloomington, MN 55437 952-988-9000 bhastings@geronimoenergy.com

New Bremen Solar continues to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a Project office in the vicinity of the Facility Site. Whether or not a local office is ultimately established, New Bremen Solar will continue to seek public involvement throughout the Article 10 process. It is New Bremen Solar's intent to facilitate communication with interested or affected stakeholders, and to encourage engagement in the public process. Project materials and presentations will be posted on the Project website as they become available and will be available locally if the Project

establishes a local office.

5.4.1 Project Contact Information (Toll Free Telephone Number and Email Address)

New Bremen Solar will maintain a toll-free telephone number that includes a connection to an automated voicemail as well as a Project-specific email address. The phone number and email address will be advertised on the Project website and in outreach materials and will be monitored for questions on the Project. New Bremen Solar will endeavor to respond to questions within 2-5 business days.

The toll-free phone number is: (877) 618-5633.

The Project-specific email address is: newbremen@geronimoenergy.com.

5.5 Activities Designed to Educate the Public on the Proposal, the Article 10 Review Process, and Funding

Town Board meetings and the open house (as described above) provide multiple opportunities for New Bremen Solar to disseminate information to the public concerning Project specifics, the Article 10 process, and the availability of funding for municipal and local parties, as well as to receive information from the public. Educational materials will be available at all meetings, including handouts on Project specifics and the public's role in the Article 10 process, intervenor funding, Project contact information, an invitation to join the stakeholder list, and the location of document repositories. All public meetings and written educational materials will also encourage interested parties to visit the Project website (described below) for information and updates. As mentioned previously, Project materials and presentations will be posted on the Project website as they become available and will be available locally if the Project establishes a local office.

At the open house, New Bremen Solar plans to have poster-board displays covering topics such as:

- How photovoltaic solar energy works;
- Overview of the proposed New Bremen Solar Project;
- Typical construction process for a solar energy facility;
- Project schedule;
- Intervenor funding and Article 10 process (including Pre-Application stakeholder

involvement and scoping process);

- Frequently asked questions (FAQs);
- Information about Geronimo:
- Studies expected to be required for permitting of the Project;
- Viewsheds (to the extent available); and
- Economic benefits of the Project to the local economy.

The above subjects will be elaborated further in materials that New Bremen Solar will prepare to present and distribute using information from its knowledge of the Article 10 process, and industry sources such as New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) NY-Sun Program, the Alliance for Clean Energy New York, Inc. (ACENY), and the Department of Energy (DOE). Versions of these materials will also be made available on the Project website.

5.6 Website

New Bremen Solar is creating 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, New Bremen Solar will update the website with maps, educational materials, Project milestones, etc. as soon as reasonably practicable after the information is available to keep the public informed during the development process. The website will also provide further opportunities for submitting questions and concerns directly to the Applicant, the content of which will be documented by the Applicant.

The Project website URL is: www.geronimoenergy.com/newbremen. The Applicant anticipates that the website will include the following, as each item is completed or becomes available:

- 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 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;
- 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 Project's PIP activities to date, including summaries of stakeholder interactions, comments, and questions.

As indicated above, the website will include Project contact information (email address and toll-free telephone number). The Applicant intends to respond directly to all substantive inquiries and comments submitted to the Project contact and will document all such correspondence throughout the Application process. Email and postal addresses collected through the website will be added to the Master Stakeholder List.

5.7 Notifications

New Bremen Solar intends to mail informational flyers to individual residents to notify them of the proposed Project, providing general Project information and announcing the open house to all unique addresses in the tax assessment rolls for the Project Area. In addition to mailings, the open house will be advertised via emails to stakeholders identified in sections above, on the Project website, and in the newspapers listed below. The open house will be advertised at least two weeks prior to the event.

Instructions on how stakeholders can contact New Bremen Solar throughout the Application and construction process will be included with mailings announcing open house information. Procedures for submitting concerns, questions, and complaints will also be detailed in the Complaint Resolution Plan to be included in the Article 10 Application.

New Bremen Solar will publish notices of PSS and Application filing as required by the Article

10 regulations. This information will be published on the Project website and in the following news sources:

- The Watertown Daily Times, a paid-subscription daily newspaper for Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. The Watertown Daily Times is also available online at https://121-wdweb.newscyclecloud.com/
- The Jefferson County Pennysaver, a free community periodical published in Watertown NY.
- Town of New Bremen website, a free online resource where the town publishes public notices. http://townofnewbremen.weebly.com/

Additionally, the stakeholder list will be notified via mail when the PSS and Application filings will be available for review. The Applicant will include an updated stakeholder list with these filings, including individuals and parties identified through the Applicant's outreach efforts, as well as proof that a mailing has occurred. Copies of the PSS and Application will be distributed to the local repositories listed below in addition to being posted on the Project website.

5.8 Activities Designed to Encourage Stakeholder Participation

All of the activities described above, including the open house and various forms of stakeholder outreach, have been designed to provide opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the Article 10 certification and compliance process. Consultations will be considered successful if information about the Project and the Article 10 process (including PSS and Application submittal milestones and document availability) was provided to stakeholders in an appropriate and timely manner (as described above), any relevant information provided to the Applicant was utilized to help advance the PIP Plan process and the preparation, submittal, and review of the Application, and follow-up meetings or consultations were scheduled or undertaken, if necessary.

5.9 Document Repositories

While all information pertaining to the Project will be updated via the Project website as appropriate, New Bremen Solar proposes to maintain hard copies of the PIP Plan, the PSS, and the Article 10 Application (and any updated subsequent versions of these documents), subject to host ability or capacity, at the following locations for those stakeholders who may not have access to the website, or prefer to review hard copies:

- New Bremen Town Hall, 8420 State Route 812, Lowville, NY 13367
- Beaver Falls Library, 9607 Lewis Street, Beaver Falls, NY 13305
- Croghan Free Library, 9794 State Route 812, Croghan, NY 13327

Stakeholder participation will be documented by New Bremen Solar through the following activity:

 <u>PIP Plan Meeting Log</u>: The log will document the event date, location, attendees (or category thereof), summary of topics discussed, and any follow-up steps to be taken following the event. The PIP Plan tracking report will be filed with the Secretary to the Board and posted to the Project website on approximately a quarterly basis.

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) 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" (6 NYCRR § 487.3(I).).

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

- At least 51.1% of the population in an urban area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
- At least 33.8% of the population in a rural area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
- 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 EPA's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (EJSCREEN), only a small portion of Census Block Group 5, located 2.4 miles south of the Project, overlaps the two-mile Study Area surrounding the Project. Approximately 37% of the population in census block group 5 within the Towns of Lowville and Martinsburg is considered to be low-income, indicating the potential for an environmental justice area (Figure 4). While the Applicant does not expect that the Project will have impacts on any environmental justice areas, the Applicant will voluntarily provide additional information about potential impacts to environmental justice areas in the PSS for the Project, and to comply with the Siting Board's environmental justice regulations throughout the entire Article 10 proceeding for the Project.

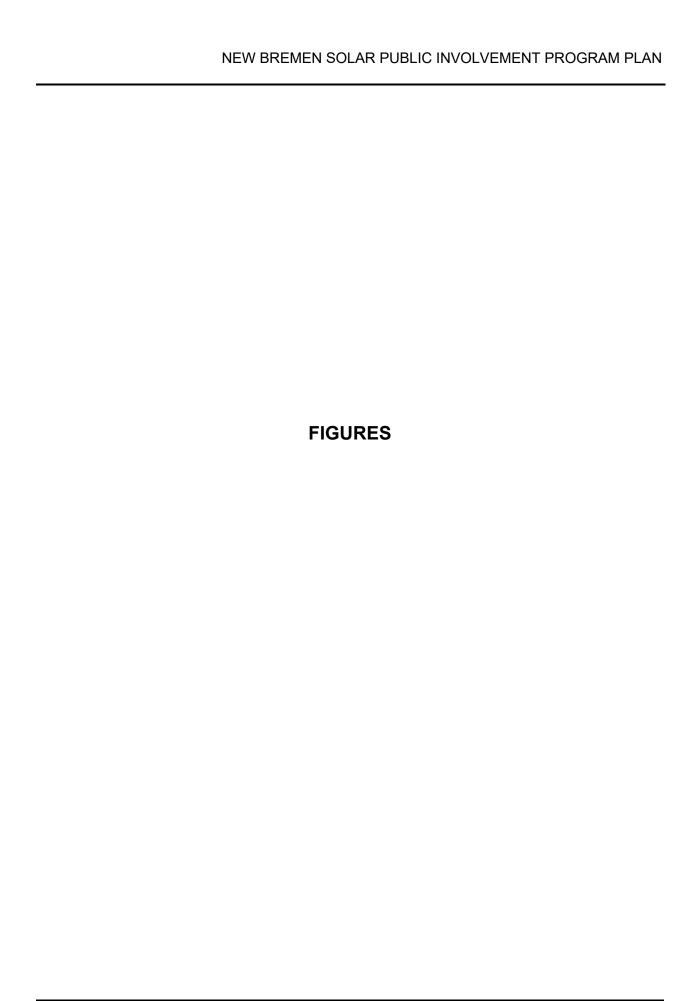
7.0 LANGUAGE ACCESS

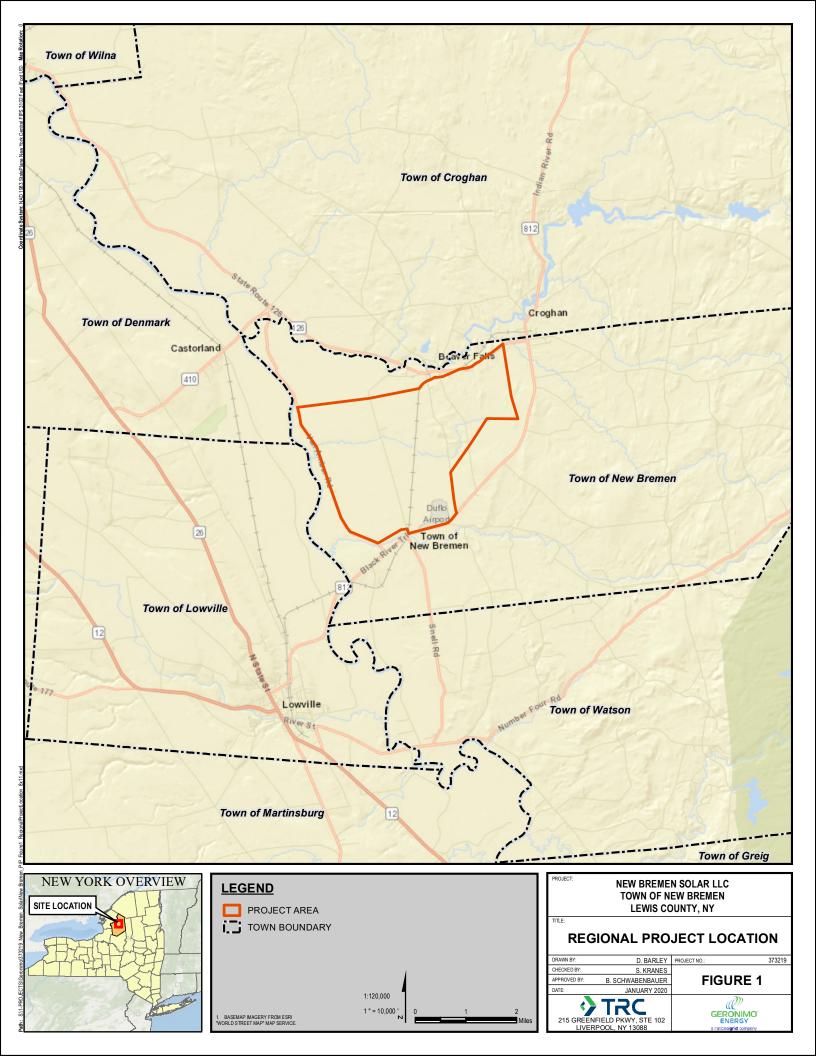
The Article 10 regulations require an applicant to identify in its PIP (1) any language other than English spoken according to United States Census data by 5,000 or more persons residing in any 5-digit zip code postal zone in which any portion of such zone is located within the Study Area for the facility; 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.

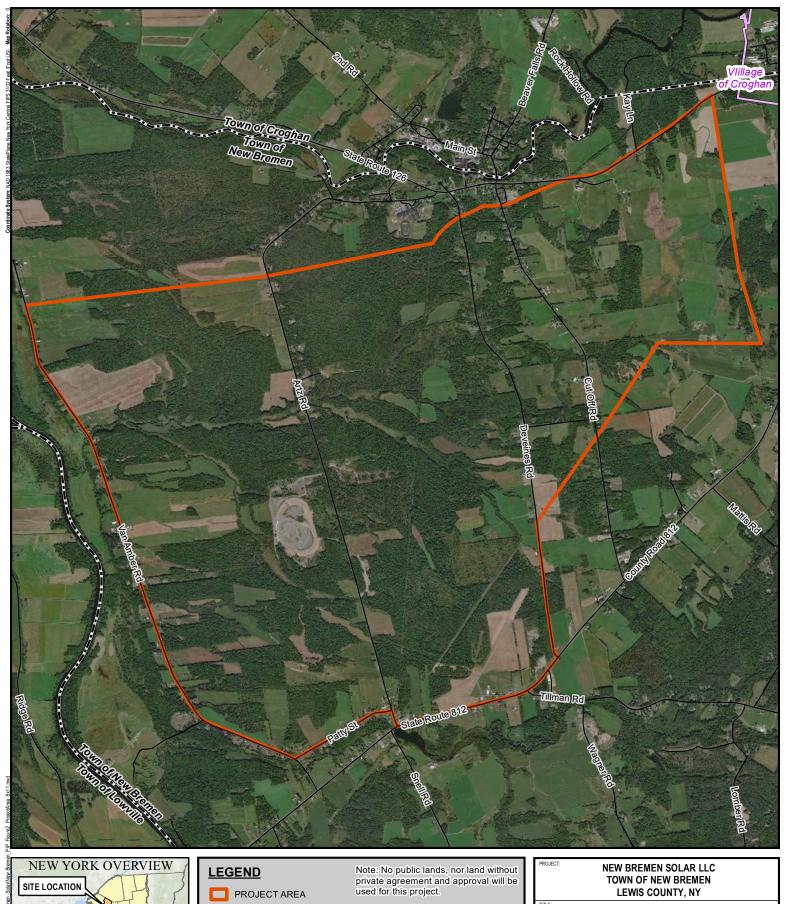
According to U.S. Census Bureau data, a total of 609 people within all of Lewis County speak a language other than English at home. The Study Area falls within the three different zip code tabulation areas within the Towns of New Bremen, Croghan, Denmark, Lowville, and Watson as shown in Table 1 below. No language other than English is spoken by more than 11,000 people residing in any zip code within the Study Area (again, see Table 1 below). 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. To the extent that there are Amish families within the Study Area, they will receive notifications via postal mail as previously identified in the PIP Plan (see Section 5.1.1.).

Table 1. Number of Residents of Study Area Zip Codes who speak a Language Other than English						
Zip		Total Population	Speak Only	Percentage of Population that	Most Prevalent No Language Տր	
Code	Post Office	(5 years and older)	English	speaks only English	Language	Number of People
13620	Castorland	1,962	1,909	97.3	Spanish	32
13367	Lowville	7,913	7,587	95.9	Spanish	161
13327	Croghan	1,840	1,816	98.7	Indo-European	12

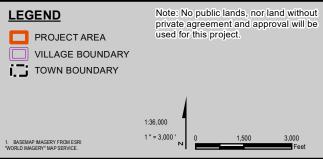
Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimate, Table ID S1601: Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over







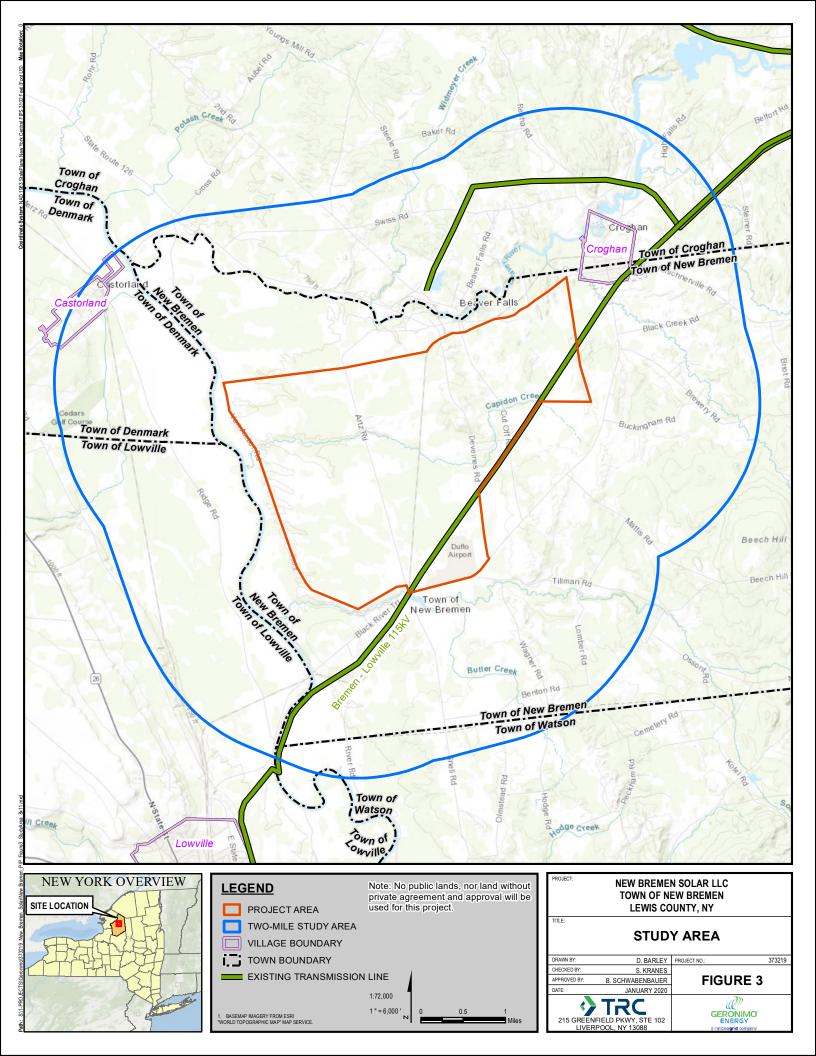


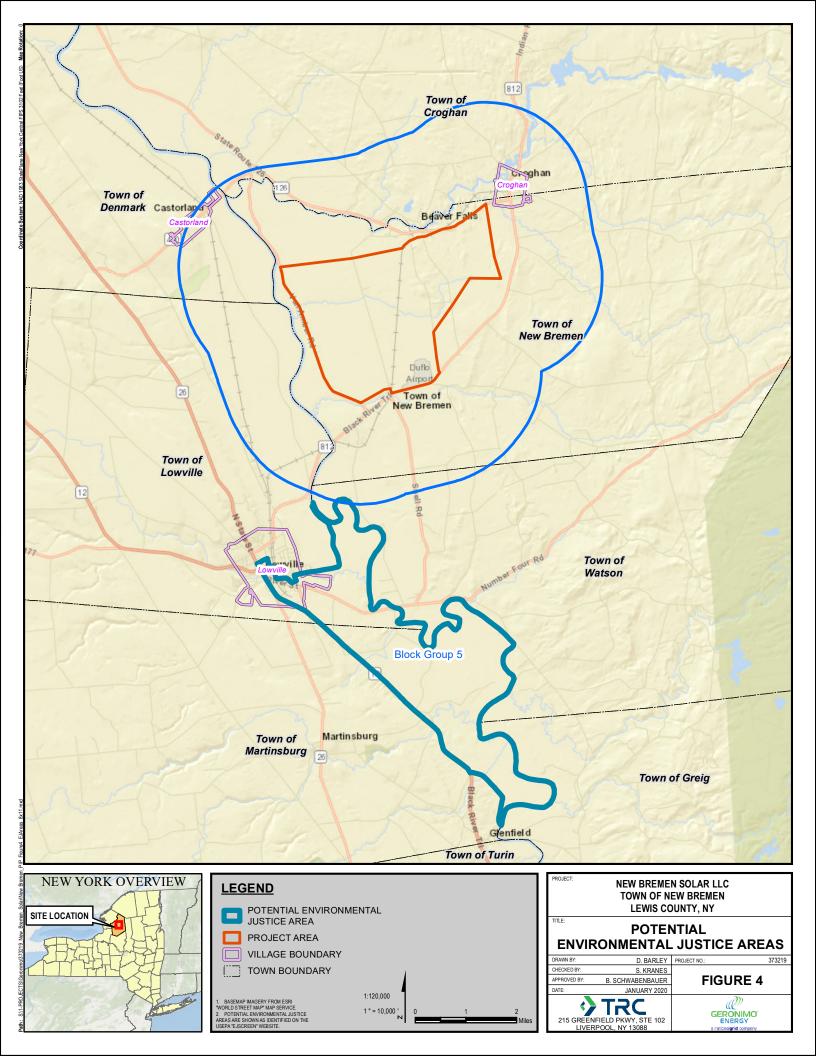


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APPENDICES

Exhibit A Stakeholders/Notification List

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ADJACENT LANDOWNERS

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Appendix B. Stakeholder Consultation Goals and Schedule

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule	
	Federal Agencies / Representatives		
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Identify any concerns related to Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act	Consultation letter prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process	
US Army Corps of Engineers	Clarify jurisdiction and requirements under Section 404 and Clean Water Act	Initiate prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process	
US Department of Defense	Discuss any navigational issues of concern to military aircraft	Consultation letter prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Federal Aviation Administration	Discuss any navigational issues of concern to glint/glare	Consultation letter prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
US Senator Charles E. Schumer	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
US Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (District 21)	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
National Telecommunications and Information Administration	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
	New York State Agencies / Representati	ives
Members of NYS Assembly	Introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information	Introductory letter to be sent prior to PSS
(Ken Blankenbush – 117 th District) and	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the PSS
NYS Senate (Joseph Griffo – 47 th District)	Respond to specific inquiries or comments	As requested by the Stakeholder
NYS Department of Public Service	Introduce the Project and coordinate Article 10 process	Introductory meeting to be held prior to submittal of PSS, to be followed by others as needed. Correspondence anticipated to occur throughout Article 10 process
NYSDEC, Main Headquarters and Region 6 Staff	Introduce Project and provide contact information; identify agency concerns related to rare, threatened, or endangered (RTE) species, wetlands, and streams	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS, to be followed by others as
	Additional input of survey plans; feedback on study results	needed. Correspondence anticipated to occur throughout Article 10 process

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation	Coordinate consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Historic Preservation Law, and/or Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, as required	Correspondence and meetings to be requested prior to the Article 10 Application submittal to inform of work plans and contents of cultural studies; ongoing interaction to review findings as necessary throughout Article 10 process
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), Thousand Islands Regional Commission	Coordinate consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Historic Preservation Law, and/or Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, as required	Correspondence and meetings to be requested prior to the submittal of the Article 10 Application to inform work plans and contents of cultural studies; ongoing interaction to review findings as necessary throughout Article 10 process
Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA)	Coordination consultation regarding scenic byways, as required	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Development Authority of the North Country (DANC)	Coordination consultation regarding the Project	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

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NYS Department of Health	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Department of Transportation	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Energy Research and Development Authority	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Department of State	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets	Notification as required by Article 10; Introduce Project including contact information; discuss areas of interest and identify agency concerns	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS; consultation anticipated to occur throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
NYS Attorney General	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application
New York Independent System Operator (NYISO)	Participation in interconnection process	Interconnection filings to be submitted prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application.
New York State Thruway Authority	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the Article 10 application
Empire State Development Corporation	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
	Host County	
(Ryan Piche)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Article 10 process (as necessary)
(Jake Moser)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Consultation anticipated to occur throughout the
(Teresa Clark)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Article 10 process (as necessary)
Lewis County Soil & Water	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Article 10 process (as necessary)
Lewis County Economic Development	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Consultation anticipated to occur throughout the

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Lewis County Dept. of Planning (Frank Pace, Director)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Consultation anticipated to occur throughout the
Lewis County Highway Department (David Becker, Superintendent)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Consultation anticipated to occur throughout the
Lewis County Real Property	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Article 10 process (as necessary)
Lewis County Recreation Forestry and Parks	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Consultation anticipated to occur throughout the
Lewis County Farm Bureau	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Article 10 process (as necessary)

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
	Host Municipality	
	Town of New Bremen	
Town Supervisor (Peter J. Keys)	Introduce New Bremen Solar and the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information; Discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS and throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town Clerk (Elizabeth B. Jones)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town Zoning Officer (Ward Dailey)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town Highway Department Superintendent (Douglas E. Herzig II)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

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	Airports/Railroads	
Duflo Airport	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Countryman's Landing Strip	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Genesee Valley Transportation	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

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	School Districts		
Beaver River Central School	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Lowville Academy and Central School	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
	Chamber of Commerce		
Lewis County Chamber of Commerce (Kristen Aucter, CEO and President)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Emergency Responders			
Lewis County Sheriff's Office	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	

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New Bremen Fire Department	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern	ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as
Lowville Fire Department	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as
Beaver Falls Fire District	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Ondoing infolianout Afficie 10 process (as
Croghan Volunteer Fire Department	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Ondoind throughout Article 10 process (as
Castorland Fire Company	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	ANACINA INFOLIANCI II AFFICIA 111 NFOCACE 12C

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Lewis County Emergency Management	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
New York State Police, Troop D	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Lewis County Search and Rescue, Inc	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
	Adjacent Municipalities	
Town of Croghan	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)

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Town of Denmark	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Town of Lowville	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Town of Watson	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Village of Castorland	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Village of Croghan	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	

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Additional Stakeholders			
Participating Landowners	Landowner agreements	Correspondence by phone, mail or in-person meeting per Article 10 regulations and as needed	
Adjacent Landowners	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Area Residents	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to PSS submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Lewis County Historical Society	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	

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Lewis County USDA Farm Service Agency	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Cornell Cooperative Extension, Lewis County	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
National Grid	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Number Three Wind Farm	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	

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New York Power Authority	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout NYISO interconnection process.	
New York State Independent System Operator	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Iroquois Gas Transmission System	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Onondaga Audubon Society	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
The Nature Conservancy	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	

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New Bremen Fish and Game Club	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
New York Audubon Society	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Tug Hill Commission	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Croghan Free Library	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Beaver Falls Library	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if requested	Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	

Appendix C. New Bremen Solar Project PIP Plan Meeting Log

Date	Location of Meeting/Method of Communication	Meeting Attendees/Communication Participants	Purpose of Meeting/Communication and Comments	Follow Up Action Items

Appendix D New Bremen Solar Preliminary Project Schedule

*Please note – all dates are estimated and subject to change; notification of major Project milestones and public participation opportunities will be provided as information is available

February 2020 - File Preliminary Public Involvement Program Plan with NYSDPS

April 2020 - File Final Public Involvement Program Plan with NYSDPS

Spring 2020 – Public Open House Informational Meeting; Public to be notified of specific date/location prior to meeting

Summer 2020 – File Preliminary Scoping Statement

Fall 2020 – File Article 10 Application

Winter 2021 – Siting Board Decision on Issuance of Article 10 Certificate

Fall 2023 – Commercial Operation Date

