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December 6, 2017

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess  
Secretary to the Siting Board  
NYS Public Service Commission  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223

**RE: Case 17-F-0182: Application of Mohawk Solar LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law for Construction of a Solar Electric Generating Facility in the Towns of Canajoharie and Minden, Montgomery County.**

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Mohawk Solar LLC ("Mohawk Solar"), a subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables LLC, is seeking authority from the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the "Siting Board") to construct a 90 megawatt ("MW") solar photovoltaic electric generating facility (the "Project") in the Towns of Canajoharie and Minden, located in Montgomery County, New York, pursuant to Article 10 of the New York State Public Service Law ("PSL").

Mohawk Solar filed its Preliminary Scoping Statement ("PSS") on October 18, 2017. Comments on the PSS were due November 8, 2017. Pursuant to Section 1000.5 of the Siting Board's rules (16 NYCRR § 1000.5), Mohawk Solar hereby timely files its response to comments received on the PSS.<sup>1</sup> This response is being served on the individuals listed in Section 1000.5 (c) of the Siting Board's rules in the same manner prescribed for service of the PSS (*see* Attachment 1 to Mohawk Solar's reply comments). In addition, Mohawk Solar is providing a copy of its reply comments by email to the active party list in the above-referenced proceeding.

In their comments on the PSS, Department of Public Service Staff ("Staff") requested that Mohawk Solar attach an updated copy of the Public Involvement Program ("PIP") meeting log to its reply comments. In satisfaction of that request, a copy of the updated PIP meeting log is attached as Attachment 2 to Mohawk Solar's reply comments. In addition, Staff requested that

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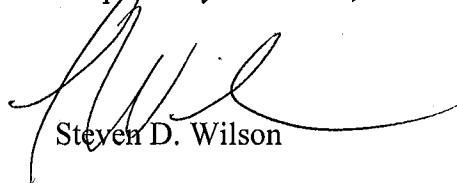
<sup>1</sup> On November 22, 2017, the Secretary granted a one week extension for Mohawk Solar to file responses to comments on the PSS.

Mohawk Solar provide a copy of the Towns of Canajoharie's and Minden's local laws. Given that the local laws total approximately 800 pages, Mohawk Solar respectfully requests that the Secretary waive any requirement for hard copy submissions and allow Mohawk Solar to provide the requested information to the parties listed in Attachment 1 on a compact disc. In furtherance of this request, a compact disc containing the local laws is being served on each party included in Attachment 1 in the same manner prescribed for service of the PSS. In addition, Mohawk Solar is providing a copy of the local laws by email to the active party list in the above-referenced proceeding.

Mohawk Solar looks forward to continuing to work with interested parties and stakeholders during the pre-application phase of this proceeding.

Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven D. Wilson

cc: Parties listed in Attachment 1 to Mohawk Solar's Reply Comments,  
Active Parties

# ATTACHMENT 1

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BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

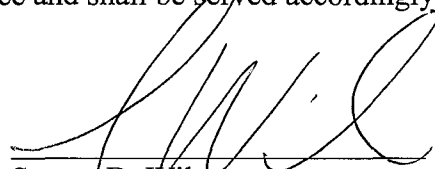
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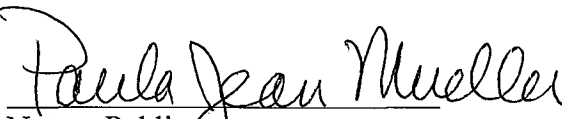
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

STATE OF NEW YORK    )  
  ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF ALBANY    )

Steven D. Wilson, a partner with Harris Beach PLLC, attorneys for Mohawk Solar LLC, being duly sworn, deposes and says that on December 6, 2017, he served a copy of Mohawk Solar LLC's responses to comments on its Preliminary Scoping Statement, filed in association with Mohawk Solar's proposed 90 megawatt (MW) Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility in the Towns of Canajoharie and Minden, Montgomery County, New York, by mailing a true hard copy, or copies, thereof via FedEx, upon the recipients identified in the attached list. Those persons included in the Party List have consented to Electronic Service and shall be served accordingly.

  
Steven D. Wilson

Sworn to before me this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

  
Notary Public

**Paula Jean Mueller**  
**Notary Public, State of New York**  
**No. 01MU6332060**  
**Qualified in Greene County**  
**Commission Expires October 26, 2019**

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<p><b>NYS Department of Public Service</b> James Denn, Public Information Officer Empire State Plaza Agency Building 3 Albany, NY 12223</p>	<p>1 electronic copy</p>

# ATTACHMENT 2



## Public Involvement Program Plan Tracking Log as of December 5, 2017

Date	Location	Attendees	Purpose	Comments/Issues	Follow-Up	Affidavit of Mailing
8/30/2016	Town of Canajoharie - town office	Herbert Allen - Town Supervisor Bill Douglass - Planning Board Chair Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer Jason Heiser - landowner	Introduce Mohawk Solar project to Town officials		CES send project literature - example decommissioning plan - picture of other projects	
8/30/2016	Montgomery County - Fonda	Bill Roehr - Senior Planner Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer	Introduce Mohawk Solar project to Montgomery County Planning Dept.			
11/28/2016	NYS Ag & Markets - Albany	Richard Ball - Commissioner Matt Brower - Ag Resource Specialist Mike Latham - Director, Land & Water Resources Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer	Introduce Mohawk Solar project to Ag & Markets			
11/29/2016	NYS DPS	Jim Austin - DPS Andy Davis - DPS Tom Rienzo - DPS Brian Ossias - DPS Leka Gjonaj - DPS Erin Odell-Keller - DPS Jason Pause - DPS Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer Billy Flynn - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Steve Wilson - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Patrick Heaton - EDR Greg Liberman - EDR	Introduce Mohawk Solar project to DPS			
11/29/2016	NYSERDA	Doreen Harris - NYSERDA Director, LSR Maureen Leddy - NYSERDA Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Jay Carlis - CES Executive VP Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer	Discuss large scale renewables in NY state. Introduce Mohawk Solar project.			
11/30/2016	Town of Canajoharie - town office	Bill Douglass - Planning Board Chair Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer	Ryan stopped by office to say hello and discuss project			
12/19/2016	Town of Canajoharie - town office	Tom Tuffey - CES Principal	Tom attended Planning Board meeting regarding Town solar ordinance. Tom gave informal presentation to board about Community Energy and Mohawk Solar project.			
4/5/2017	Town of Canajoharie - town office	Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer Bill Douglass - Planning Board Chair	Update Town of Canajoharie on recent PIP filing, discussion of Article 10 process, project discussion	Provided copy of PIP as filed 3/31/17		
4/5/2017	Town of Minden - town office	Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer Cheryl Reese - Town Supervisor Jim Welch - Planning Board Chair Keith MacGregor - Planning Board Member	Update Town of Minden on recent PIP filing, discussion of Article 10 process, project discussion	Provided copy of PIP as filed 3/31/17	CES send Mohawk website link	
4/18/2017	NYS DEC	Bill Little - DEC Associate Counsel Chris Hogan - DEC Jon Binder - DEC Bill Flynn - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Gene Kelly - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer	Introduce Mohawk Solar project to DEC			

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4/19/2017	NYSERDA	John Rhodes - NYSERDA President & CEO Doreen Harris - NYSERDA Director, LSR Peter Keane - NYSERDA Deputy General Counsel Bill Flynn - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Jay Carlis - CES Executive VP Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer	Introduce Mohawk Solar project to NYSERDA senior management			
5/3/2017	NYSERDA	David Sandbank - NYSERDA Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Bill Flynn - Harris Beach (CES Counsel)	Discuss Mohawk Solar project			
5/17/2017	Town of Canajoharie - town office	Pete Vroman - Town Supervisor Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer Joe Green - CES Project Developer	Discuss Mohawk Solar project with new Town Supervisor			
5/18/2017	Montgomery County	Matt Ossenfort- County Executive Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer Joe Green - CES Project Developer	Discuss Mohawk Solar project with County Executive			
5/23/2017	NYS DPS	Andy Davis - DPS Erin Odell-Keller - DPS Graham Jesmer - DPS Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Ryan Irwin - CES Project Developer Joe Green - CES Project Developer Bill Flynn - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Steve Wilson - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Greg Liberman - EDR	Discuss PIP submittal with DPS	Topics of discussion: - viewshed analysis - host & adjacent landowner notifications - local zoning - other general project discussion	Submit final PIP	
7/24/2017	Mailing	Residents in Facility and Study Areas	Notice of initial public meetings	See Attachment 1 for Notice, mailing list and certificate of service.		Filed in DMM on 8/23/2017 under "Public Outreach Log."
7/24/2017	Mailing	Stakeholders	Notice of initial public meetings	See Attachment 2 for notice, mailing list and certificate of service.		Filed in DMM on 8/23/2017 under "Public Outreach Log."
7/26/2017	Mailing	Residents in expanded Study Area due to increase in Facility Area	Notice of initial public meeting	See Attachment 3 for Notice, mailing list and certificate of service.		Filed in DMM on 8/23/2017 under "Public Outreach Log."
7/26/2017	Montgomery County – The Recorder		Newspaper Notice of initial public meetings	See Attachments 4 and 5 for Newspaper Notices and Affidavits of Publication.		Filed in DMM on 8/23/2017 under "Public Outreach Log."

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7/27/2017	Montgomery County	Eric Mead – County Dept. of Public Works David Soulia – County Dept. of Public Works Joe Green – CES Project Developer	Discuss road crossings/paralleling the County right-of-way with collector cables/communications cables			
7/27/2017	Montgomery County	Ken Rose – County IDA CEO Joe Green – CES Project Developer	PILOT negotiations			
7/27/2017	Town of Minden	Cheryl Reese – Town Supervisor Joe Green – CES Project Developer	General project updates			
7/27/2017	Town of Canajoharie	Pete Vroman – Town Supervisor Laurie Vroman – Town Clerk Joe Green – CES Project Developer	General project updates			
7/27/2017	Phone Call	Deeanna Bilden – resident of Village of Fort Plain	Left a voicemail seeking more information in response to the project mailer			
7/28/2017	Montgomery County – The Courier Standard Enterprise		Newspaper Notice of initial public meetings	See Attachments 4 and 5 for Newspaper Notices and Affidavits of Publication.		Filed in DMM on 8/23/2017 under "Public Outreach Log."
7/28/2017	Town of Minden	Jim Welch – Chair of Town Planning Commission Joe Green – CES Project Developer	Project updates and concerns and zoning ordinance			
7/28/2017	Phone Call	Deeanna Bilden – resident of Village of Fort Plain Joe Green – CES Project Developer	Discussed the project, permitting process, and opportunity for public input.	Ms. Bilden was interested in potentially connecting her existing solar panels to the project but is located too far away		
8/2/2017	Montgomery County	Staff and Board Members of County IDA Joe Green - CES Project Developer Tom Tuffey – CES Principal	Discuss project details and plan for submitting application to IDA for a PILOT			

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8/4/2017	Montgomery County	Pete Vroman – Town of Canajoharie Supervisor William Douglass – Chair, Canajoharie Planning Board Jim Welch – Chair, Minden Planning Board Gene Kelly – Harris Beach (CES Counsel)	Discuss project and initial public meetings			
8/7/2017	Phone Call	Tom Dolin – Dolin Fence Company Joe Green – CES Project Developer	Mr. Dolin called to inquire how to be a bidder for fencing contracts	Joe Green called Mr. Dolin and left a message requesting Mr. Dolin return the call.		
8/8/2017	NYS Ag & Markets - Albany	Matt Brower - Ag Resource Specialist Tara Wells – Counsel for Ag & Markets Joe Green - CES Project Developer Greg Liberman – EDR Steve Wilson - Harris Beach (CES Counsel)	Discuss project details			
8/9/2017	NYSHPO - Waterford	Kathy Howe - NYSHPO Linda Mackey - NYSHPO Beth Cumming - NYSHPO Nancy Herter - NYSHPO Weston Davey - NYSHPO Joe Green - CES Project Developer Gene Kelly - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Patrick Heaton - EDR	Discuss project details			
8/9/2017	Town of Canajoharie – Fire Hall	Residents Tom Tuffey - CES Principal Joe Green - CES Project Developer Gene Kelly - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Steve Wilson - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Bill Flynn – Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Patrick Heaton - EDR Benjamin Brazell - EDR	Provide project overview and obtain public input for PSS	- Summary of Article X process (See Attachment 6) and Guide to Intervenor Funding distributed at meeting.  - Approximately 38 people attended public meetings		
8/18/2017	Mailing	Interested Parties from initial public meetings	Provide details on next steps in process and where to obtain further information on the project	See Attachment 7.		Filed in DMM on 8/23/2017 under "Public Outreach Log."
8/21/2017	Town of Minden	Tom Tuffey – CES Principal Joe Green – CES Project Developer Kenneth Ayers – CES Counsel Jim Welch – Chair, Planning Board Barry Vickers – Town Code Enforcement Officer John Hearn – Member of Town Planning and Zoning Boards	Discuss local laws and ordinances		Attend planning commission meeting on 9/11/2017	
8/24/2017	Phone Call	Ruth Parkins – Public Affairs Manager, Iroquois Pipeline Operating Company Joe Green – CES Project Developer	Discuss project location in relation to Iroquois Pipeline		Contact Iroquois' right-of-way manager to further discuss project location details and engineering	

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8/28/2017	Albany	Joe Green - CES Project Developer Gene Kelly - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Steve Wilson - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Pat Heaton – EDR David Hessler – CES Noise Consultant Jim Austin - DPS Graham Jesmer – DPS Miguel Moreno-Caballero – DPS	Discuss potential noise and visual issues with project			
8/29/2017	Albany	Tom Tuffey – CES Principal Joe Green - CES Project Developer Gene Kelly - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) Steve Wilson - Harris Beach (CES Counsel) John Wojcikiewicz – EDR John Hecklau – EDR Michael Clark – DEC Jenny Murtaugh – DEC Jeremy Rosenthal – DPS Brianna Denoncour – DEC Paul Novak – DEC Peter Innes – DEC Graham Jesmer – DPS Georgette Walters – DEC Chris Hogan – DEC Jen Binder – DEC Kristen Cady-Poulin – DEC	Discuss potential environmental issues/studies			
9/8/2017	Montgomery County – The Courier Standard Enterprise and Amsterdam Recorder		Newspaper Notice of upcoming filing of PSS			
9/11/2017	Town of Minden	Joe Green – CES Project Developer Town of Minden Planning Commission members	Present an overview of the project			
9/11/2017	Montgomery County	Matt Ossenfort – County Executive Joe Green – CES Project Developer	Discuss project status and PILOT			
9/12/2017	Mailing	Stakeholders, Interested Parties from initial public meetings, and Parties from PSC proceeding	Provide notice of upcoming filing of PSS			

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10/6/2017	Montgomery County – The Courier Standard Enterprise and Amsterdam Recorder		Newspaper Notice of upcoming filing of PSS	See Attachment 2.		Filed in DMM on 10/18/2017 under "Filing Letter to Preliminary Scoping Statement."
10/6/2017	Mailing	Stakeholders, Interested Parties from initial public meetings, and Parties from PSC proceeding	Provide notice of upcoming filing of PSS			Filed in DMM on 10/18/2017 under "Appendix A – PSS 3 day stakeholder letter."
10/12/2017	Town of Canajoharie	Town Board Meeting Joe Green – CES Project Developer	Provide update on project.			
11/06/2017	Town of Minden	Cheryl Reese – Minden Town Supervisor Jim Welch – Minden Planning Board Chair Pete Vroman – Canajoharie Town Supervisor Raymond Kiefl – Canajoharie Planning Board Member Eric Thumma – Avangrid Walter Meisner - Avangrid Joe Green – CES Project Developer	Discuss local solar ordinances in connection with Article 10 process.			
11/21/2017	Call	Brett Warner – Dominion Joe Green – CES Project Developer	Discuss potential issues with project crossing Dominion pipeline.			
12/2/2017	Call	Cheryl Reese – Minden Town Supervisor Joe Green – CES Project Developer	Landowner Inquiry regarding placement of ground targets.	Followed-up with landowner and inquiry answered.		