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List of Acronyms

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| 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 |
| O&M | operation and maintenance |
| PILOT | payment in lieu of taxes |
| PIP Plan | Public Involvement Program Plan |
| POC | point of contact |
| Project | Sugar Maple 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 |
| 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

Sugar Maple Solar, LLC (Sugar Maple Solar or the Applicant), a subsidiary of Geronimo Energy, LLC, A National Grid Company (Geronimo), proposes the construction of an approximately 125-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility (Facility) called “Sugar Maple Solar” in the Town of Wilna, Jefferson County and the Town of Croghan, Lewis County, New York (Figure 1). Sugar Maple Solar submits this Public Involvement Program Plan (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.

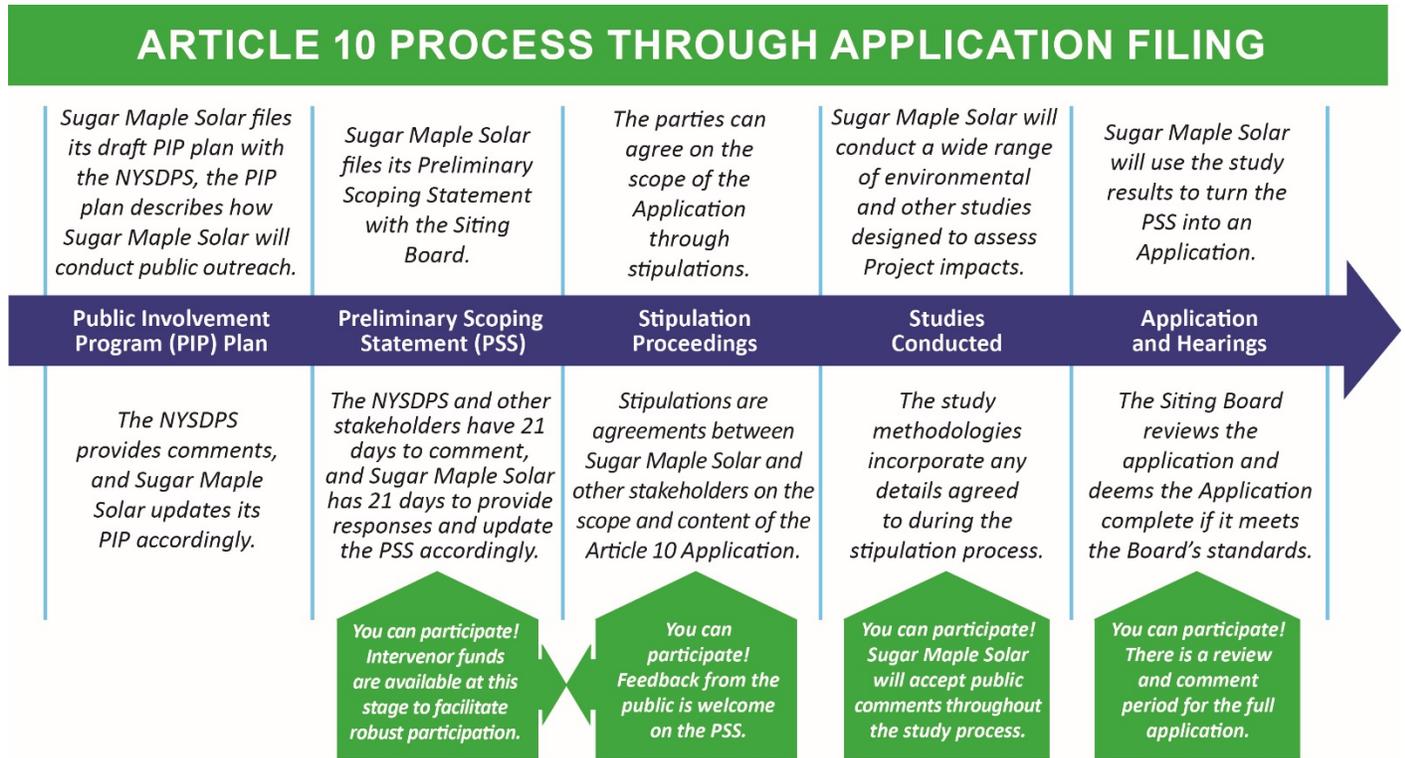
Article 10 of the PSL and its associated regulations govern the process for developers to apply for siting review by the Siting Board. The Article 10 process enables developers to permit a major electric generation facility in a single unified proceeding at the state level. Creation and submission of the PIP Plan is the first formal step toward Certification under Article 10, with submission required at least 150 days prior to Sugar Maple 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:

- consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders;
- pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity;
- 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;
- the establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public;
- notifications; and
- 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 Sugar Maple 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 Sugar Maple Solar’s outreach efforts described herein will inform Sugar Maple Solar’s PSS and Article 10 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.

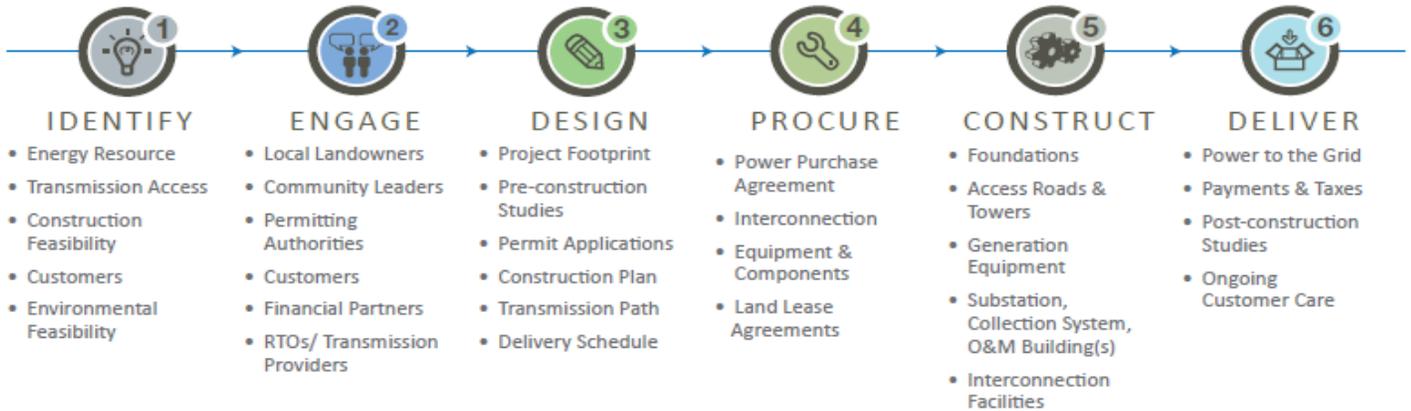


2.0 DESCRIPTION OF GERONIMO AND THE SUGAR MAPLE SOLAR FACILITY

2.1 Company Profile

Sugar Maple 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 Sugar Maple Solar Project (the Project) will have a nameplate capacity of approximately 125 MW, estimated to generate enough renewable green energy to power approximately 20,800 New York households¹. The Project's size, location, and interconnection make it an economical resource, allowing Sugar Maple 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 4,314 acres as shown on Figure 2. It is anticipated that the actual Project will require only approximately 1,500 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 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. Sugar Maple 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.

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

As stated above, the Project is located in the Towns of Wilna and Croghan in Jefferson and Lewis Counties. The Project is located in northern New York, approximately one mile directly east of the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage. The Project is located approximately 5.9 miles northwest of Geronimo's proposed New Bremen Solar facility (Case No.: 20-F-0051; shown on Figures 1 and 3). The New Bremen Solar Project's PIP Plan was submitted to the NYSDPS on February 3, 2020.

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. Sugar Maple Solar anticipates that it will contribute millions of dollars to the Towns, Counties and school district 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 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 may consist of tracking technology 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.

Sugar Maple Solar will interconnect to the power grid via a line tap to the existing Black River to Taylorville 115-kV and North Carthage to Taylorville 115-kV lines owned by National Grid (see

Figure 3). The Project applied for interconnection on December 5, 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. Sugar Maple 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). Sugar Maple 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, Sugar Maple Solar is number 953 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, respectively.

The Project Area consists of the locations being evaluated for placement of Project facilities (see Figure 2). The Project Area is described in Section 2.2 above and consists of approximately 4,300 acres; however, only a portion of this area will be required for development of the Project (approximately 1,500 acres). 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 land within the Project Area is relatively flat throughout and consists of mostly cultivated cropland, along with portions of successional shrubland, hedgerows, and forestland. The Project Area is zoned as "Agriculture & Rural Residence" in the Town of Wilna, while within the Town of Croghan, the parcels are identified on the Lewis County Geographic Information System (GIS) website as vacant agricultural lands and rural residences. Project parcels located in the Town of Croghan are within Lewis County Agricultural District 6.

With the exception of the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage, the area around the Project is primarily cultivated cropland interspersed with agricultural land for livestock, hay, and pasture, with some forest and woody wetlands to the north, south and west, while areas east of the Project are heavily forested. The Applicant identified the Project Area for potential development of a solar project due to access to transmission capacity, relatively few anticipated environmental impacts, open and available land, and willing participant landowners.

For the purposes of the PIP Plan, Sugar Maple 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 28,100 acres of land and is depicted on Figure 3. Similar to the Project Area itself, the surrounding area consists of relatively flat topography, and because of the Project's low-profile, visibility of the Project components will be largely limited in 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 Article 10 Application.

3.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

3.1 PIP Plan Goals

Sugar Maple 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 Plan process provides a platform of open dialog 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 Plan 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

Sugar Maple 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. Sugar Maple Solar will continue these activities throughout the Article 10. 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. A preliminary schedule is provided as Appendix D.

4.0 STAKEHOLDERS

4.1 Identification of Stakeholders

Sugar Maple 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. Sugar Maple Solar seeks to evaluate stakeholders that may be impacted by construction and operation of proposed Project. To ensure successful identification of relevant stakeholders for the PIP Plan, 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;
- 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.

Sugar Maple 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-specific toll-free phone number (see Section 5.4.1).

4.2 Host Communities

The host communities are defined as the municipalities within which the Project Area and the anticipated Project components are located. The Town Boards and Planning Boards representing the host communities, 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 Coordinators and Sheriffs 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 the Applicant's experience in developing utility projects in the State.

4.5 Federal Agencies

Agencies of the U.S. government were identified using the Applicant'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 Jefferson 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, water, sewer, 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 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, Sugar Maple Solar has included the Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield located on

the Fort Drum military base as a stakeholder and will consult with them 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 a solar array or substation and/or 500 feet of other Project components (e.g. collector lines, operations and maintenance [O&M] facility, etc.). 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 Article 10 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 Sugar Maple 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. Sugar Maple Solar also has broad additional outreach planned, such as mailings and in-person gatherings to facilitate the development of this list. Sugar Maple Solar will keep NYSDPS apprised of additional outreach by filing revised versions of Appendix C. Sugar Maple 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 or adjacent landowners are included in the stakeholder list as one group. Sugar Maple 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 available) (see Section 5.9). The Applicant will utilize affidavits of service and publication to identify and document that the necessary and appropriate mailings and notifications were utilized and will

file copies of the affidavits of service with the Secretary of the Commission that are required to be filed pursuant to the Article 10 regulations. 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 Article 10 Application. Besides the open house event notification, Sugar Maple 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.

Sugar Maple 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,” Sugar Maple Solar has begun initial outreach to identified interested parties and will continue to do so throughout the Article 10 process. Sugar Maple 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 (see the Stakeholder Consultation Goals and Schedule provided as Appendix B). The purpose of consultation is to provide information about the Project, Article 10, and unique aspects of the site and local communities; receive and discuss stakeholder interests and issues regarding the same; and schedule follow-up consultations if appropriate. Sugar Maple 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, Sugar Maple Solar plans to consult a broad number of stakeholders and interested parties regarding the Project. Specific goals and objectives for consultations with identified stakeholders are provided in Appendix B. Going forward, Sugar Maple Solar plans to utilize the following tools to engage identified parties, as applicable.

As an opportunity for education beyond the specifics of this Project, Sugar Maple 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, Sugar Maple 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.

Sugar Maple 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 and 16 NYCRR § 1000.5, which details the requirements for noticing the filing of the PSS, Sugar Maple Solar will publish all required notices including public meeting announcements in The Watertown Daily Times, NNY360 (an open-access online news source), the Thousand Island Sun, and the Jefferson Lewis Pennysaver (a free news and advertising flyer; 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 Sugar Maple Solar in accordance with 16 NYCRR §1000.5.

As noted in Section 4.15, Sugar Maple Solar intends to notify residents within the Study Area of the open house 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.

Sugar Maple Solar will publish a notice of the PSS and the Article 10 Application filings in the newspapers listed above no fewer than three days before filing. Additionally, Sugar Maple Solar will serve notification 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, Sugar Maple 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 Sugar Maple Solar will introduce Sugar Maple Solar representatives and inform attendees about the Project and the overall Article 10 review process. In addition, Sugar Maple 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 Meeting Log, 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 Article 10 Application Documents to Stakeholders

Stakeholders, as identified on the Master Stakeholder List (Appendix A), will be made aware via mail of PSS and Article 10 Application availability on the Project website, the NYSDPS website, and at various public document repositories. At this time, Sugar Maple 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

Sugar Maple Solar will offer to present at scheduled Town Board meetings of the Towns of Croghan and Wilna during the pre-Application phase. As part of the presentations, Sugar Maple Solar representatives will discuss the Project, the Article 10 process, and respond to questions and receive input from the Town Boards 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 (see Appendix C).

5.3.2 Open House

Sugar Maple 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. Sugar Maple Solar will provide notice

to NYSDPS Staff of the pending public open house via email. Public notices will be filed as described in Section 5.1.1. Sugar Maple 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 Sugar Maple Solar representatives. Sugar Maple 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
8400 Normandale Blvd, Suite 1200,
Bloomington, MN 55438
952-988-9000
sugarmaple@geronimoenergy.com

Sugar Maple Solar continues to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a Project office in the vicinity of the Project Area. Whether or not a local office is ultimately established, Sugar Maple Solar will continue to seek public involvement throughout the Article 10 process. It is Sugar Maple 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)

Sugar Maple 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. Sugar Maple Solar will endeavor to respond to questions within 2-5 business days.

- The toll-free phone number is: 1-877-618-7328
- The Project-specific email address is: www.geronimoenergy.com/sugar-maple

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 Sugar Maple 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 made available locally if the Applicant establishes a local office.

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

- How photovoltaic solar energy works;
- Overview of the proposed Sugar Maple 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 Sugar Maple 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 as they become available and will be made available locally if the Project establishes a local office.

5.6 Website

Sugar Maple 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, Sugar Maple Solar will update the website with maps, educational materials, Project milestones, etc. as soon as is 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: <http://www.geronimoenergy.com/sugar-maple>. The Applicant anticipates that the website will include the following, as each item is completed or becomes available:

- Project description;
- Project 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;
- Project layout figures and photo simulations/renderings;
- Project contact information, including email address and toll-free telephone number;
- Information regarding how to join the Stakeholder List;
- 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 Article 10 Application will be filed;
- Meeting Logs summarizing the Project's PIP Plan activities to date, including summaries of stakeholder interactions, comments, and questions.

As indicated above, the website will include Facility contact information (Project-specific email address and toll-free telephone number). The Applicant intends to respond directly to all substantive inquiries and comments submitted to the Project within 2-5 business days and will document all such correspondence throughout the Article 10 Application process. Email and postal addresses collected through the website will be added to the Master Stakeholder List.

5.7 Notifications

Sugar Maple 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 Applicant will use postal mail and/or email to ensure those stakeholders without an email address on file receive the notification. The open house will be advertised at least two weeks prior to the event.

Instructions on how stakeholders can contact Sugar Maple Solar throughout the Article 10 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.

Sugar Maple Solar will publish notices of public meetings, as well as the PSS and Article 10 Application filings 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 Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties. <https://121-wdweb.newscyclecloud.com/>
- NNY360 Powered by Watertown Daily Times and Northern New York Newspaper, a print and online subscription service serving Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis, and Oswego Counties. <https://www.nny360.com/>.
- Jefferson Lewis Pennysaver, a locally distributed free weekly classified paper serving Jefferson and Lewis Counties.

Additionally, the stakeholder list will be notified via mail when the PSS and Article 10 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 Article 10 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 (see Section 5.3.2) and various forms of stakeholder outreach (see Section 5.1), 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 Article 10 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 Article 10 Application, and follow-up meetings or consultations were scheduled or undertaken, if necessary.

Stakeholder participation will be documented by Sugar Maple Solar through the following activity:

PIP Plan Meeting Log: 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 (see Appendix C). The PIP Plan Meeting Log will be filed with the Secretary to the Board and posted to the Project website on approximately a quarterly basis.

5.9 Document Repositories

While all information pertaining to the Project will be updated via the Project website as appropriate, Sugar Maple 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:

- Town of Croghan Town Office, 9882 State Route 126, Ste. A., Castorland, NY 13620
- Croghan Free Library, 9794 NY-812 #0008, Croghan, NY 13327
- Town of Wilna Town Hall, 414 State St., Carthage, NY 13619
- Carthage Free Library, 412 Budd St, Carthage, NY 13619

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(l)).

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), approximately 29% of the population in census block group 5 within the Town of Wilna are reported as low-income indicating the potential for an environmental justice area. This census block is located within the northern portion of the Project Area, extending west to the Village of Carthage (Figure 4). No other census blocks within the Project Study Area were identified as environmental justice areas. 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 Article 10 proceeding for the Project. As the Town of Wilna is a host community and already included in the Master Stakeholder List (see Appendix A), Sugar Maple Solar will continue to engage them as the Article 10 process proceeds.

7.0 LANGUAGE ACCESS

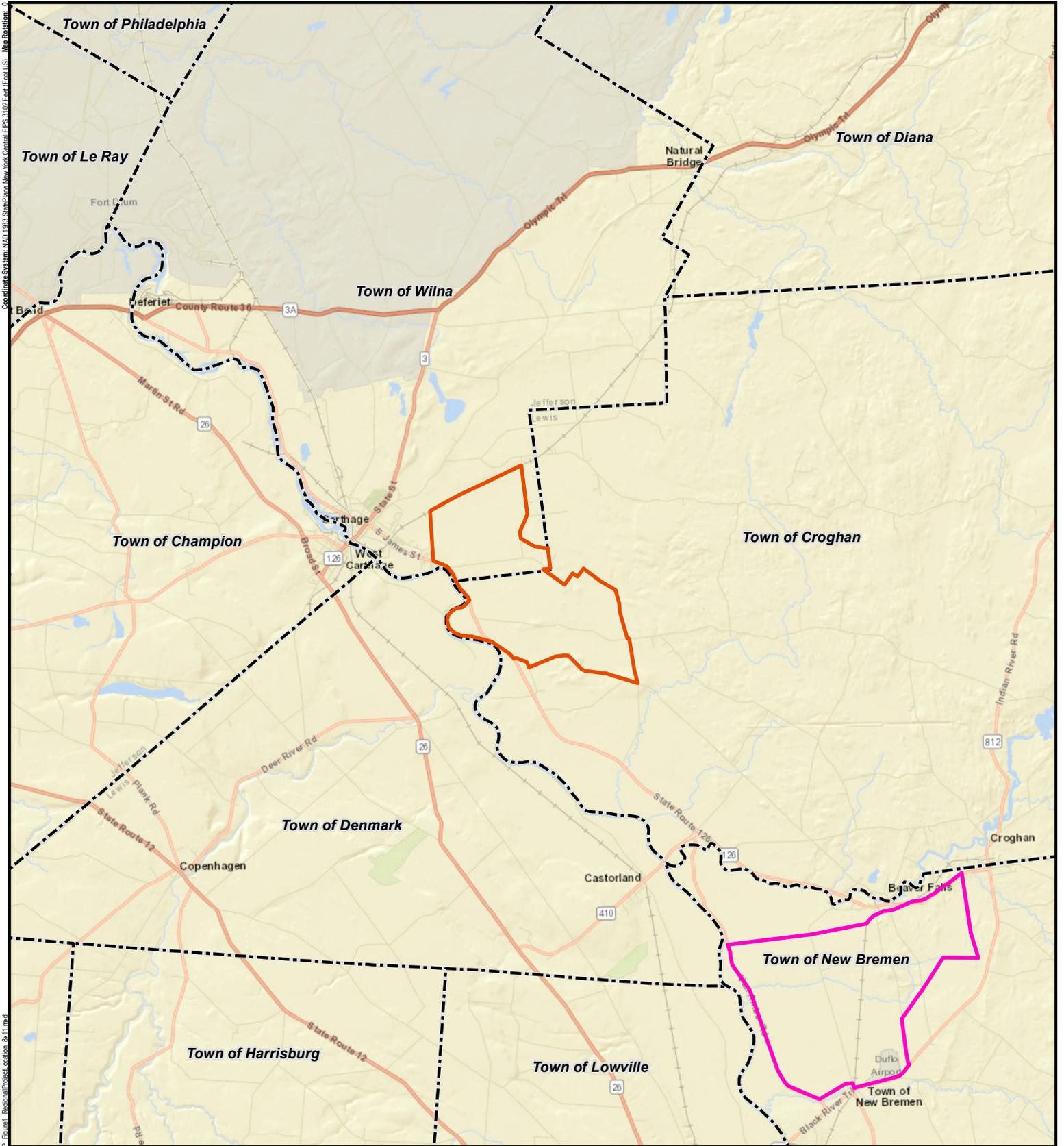
The Article 10 Regulations require an applicant to identify in its PIP Plan (1) any language other than English spoken according to United States Census data by 5,000 or more persons residing in any 5-digit zip code postal zone in which any portion of such zone is located within the Study Area for the 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 7,580 people within all of Jefferson County speak a language other than English at home. The Project Area falls within one zip code tabulation area serving five municipalities (Carthage, West Carthage, Great Bend, Herrings and Champion as shown in Table 1 below. No language other than English is spoken by more than 5,000 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 Code | Post Office | Total Population | Speak Only English | Percentage of Population that speaks only English | Most Prevalent Non- English Language Spoken | |
| | | | | | Language | Number |
| 13619 | Carthage | 9,896 | 9,477 | 96 | Spanish | 211 |

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

FIGURES



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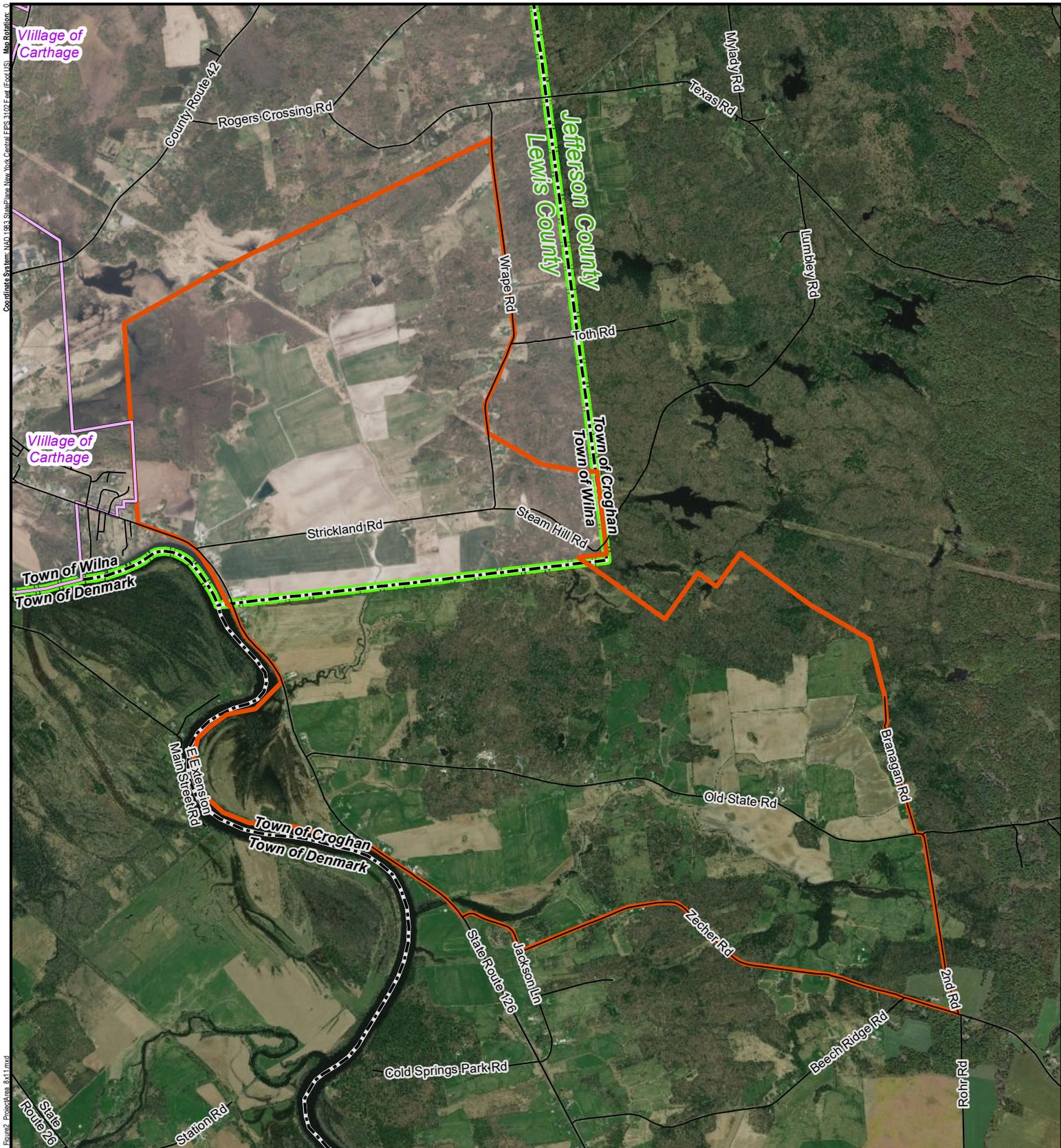
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- NEW BREMEN PROJECT AREA
- TOWN BOUNDARY

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1" = 12,000'

1. BASEMAP IMAGERY FROM ESRI
WORLD STREET MAP MAP SERVICE.

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| TITLE: REGIONAL PROJECT LOCATION | |
| DRAWN BY: D. BARLEY | PROJECT NO.: 373219 |
| CHECKED BY: H. EFFLER | FIGURE 1 |
| APPROVED BY: B. SCHWABENBAUER | |
| DATE: FEBRUARY 2020 | |
| | |
| 215 GREENFIELD PKWY, STE 102 LIVERPOOL, NY 13088 | |

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LEGEND

- PROJECT AREA
- VILLAGE BOUNDARY
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY

Note: No public lands, nor land without private agreement and approval will be used for this project.

1:36,000
1" = 3,000'

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"WORLD IMAGERY" MAP SERVICE.

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TOWNS OF WILNA & CROGHAN
JEFFERSON & LEWIS COUNTIES, NY**

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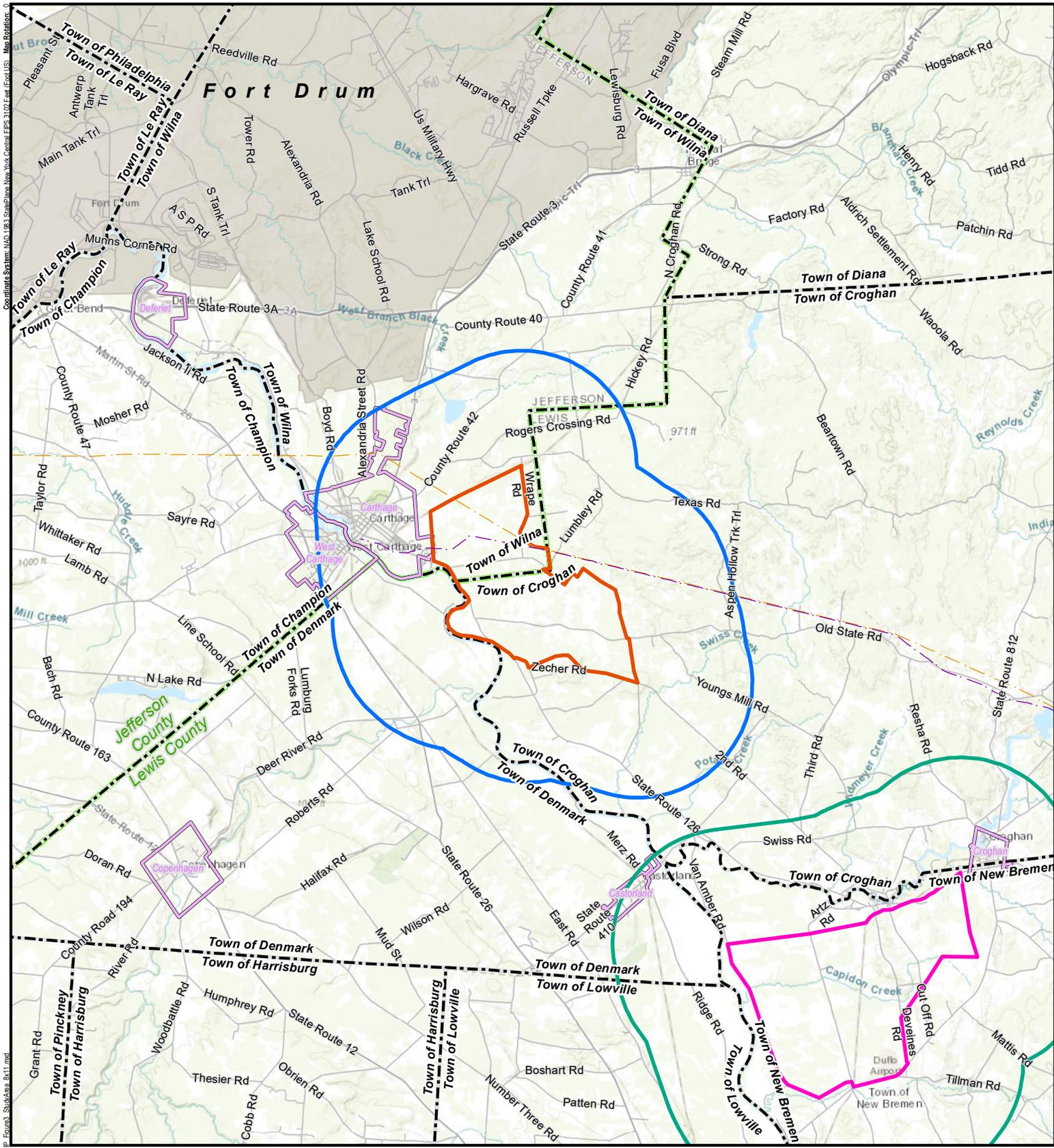
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| CHECKED BY: H. EFFLER | FIGURE 2 |
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| DATE: FEBRUARY 2020 | |



TRC
215 GREENFIELD PKWY, STE 102
LIVERPOOL, NY 13088



GERONIMO ENERGY
a nationalgrid company



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- NATIONAL GRID BLACK RIVER-TAYLORVILLE 1 & 2, 115KV LINE
- SUGAR MAPLE PROJECT AREA
- NEW BREMEN PROJECT AREA
- SUGAR MAPLE TWO MILE STUDY AREA
- NEW BREMEN TWO MILE STUDY AREA
- VILLAGE BOUNDARY
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY

Note: No public lands, nor land without private agreement and approval will be used for this project.

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1" = 12,000'

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PROJECT: **SUGAR MAPLE SOLAR LLC
TOWNS OF WILNA & CROGHAN
JEFFERSON & LEWIS COUNTIES, NY**

TITLE: **STUDY AREA**

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CHECKED BY: H. EFFLER

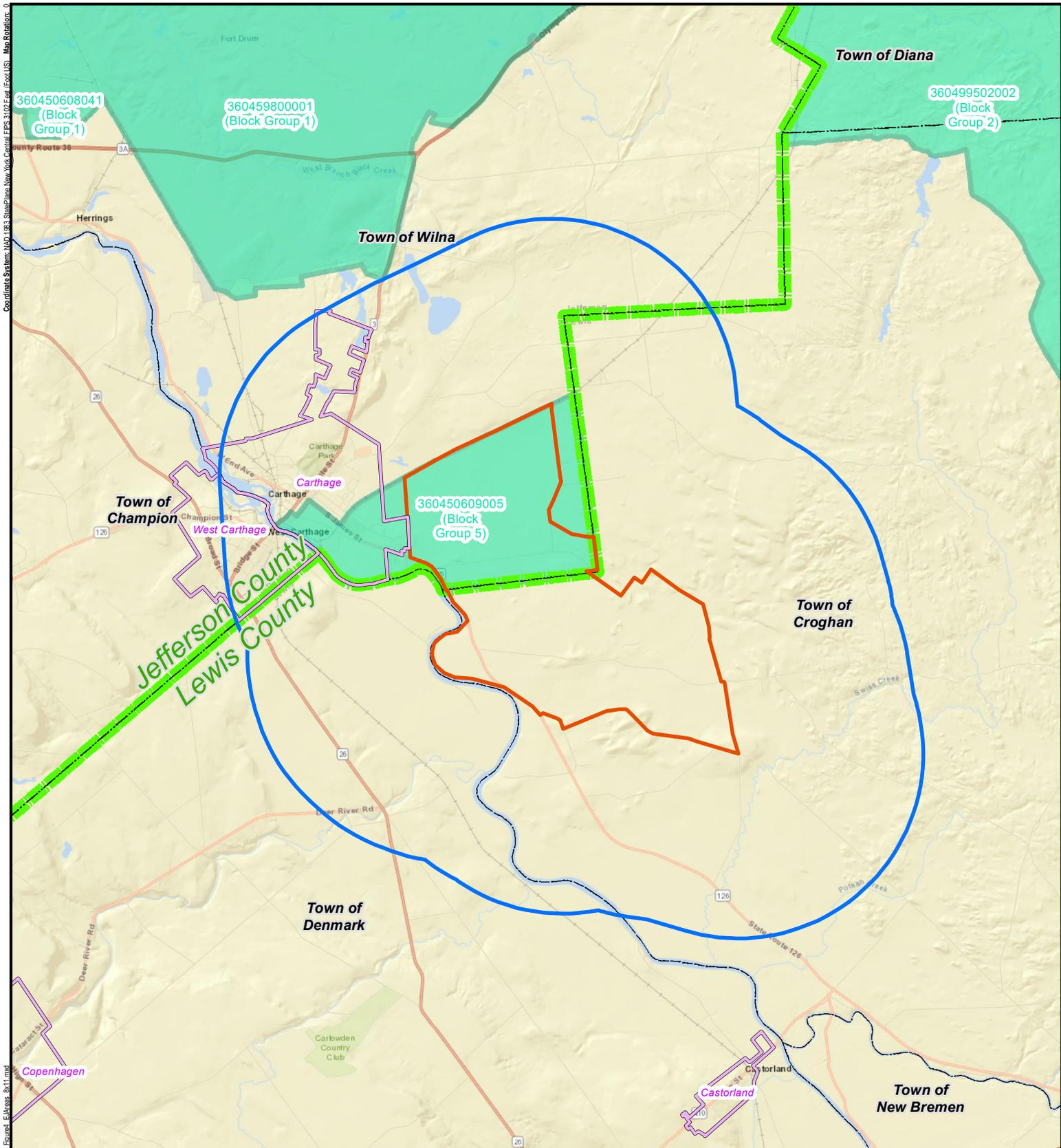
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DATE: FEBRUARY 2020

FIGURE 3

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215 GREENFIELD PKWY, STE 102
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GERONIMO ENERGY
a national grid company



LEGEND

- POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREA
- PROJECT AREA
- TWO-MILE STUDY AREA
- VILLAGE BOUNDARY
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- COUNTY BOUNDARY

1. BASEMAP IMAGERY FROM ESRI
 2. WORLD STREET MAP MAP SERVICE
 3. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS ARE SHOWN AS IDENTIFIED ON THE USEPA EJSCREEN WEBSITE.

1:90,000
 1" = 7,500'

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PROJECT: SUGAR MAPLE SOLAR LLC
 TOWNS OF WILNA & CROGHAN
 JEFFERSON & LEWIS COUNTIES, NY

TITLE: **POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS**

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FIGURE 4

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APPENDICES

Appendix A. Master Stakeholders/Notification List

Exhibit A. Master Stakeholders/Notification List

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SUGAR MAPLE SOLAR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN

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Newark, NJ 07101

New York Power Authority (NYPA)
Corporate Communications
123 Mail Street
Mail Stop 10 B
White Plains, NY 10601

New York State Independent System
Operator
10 Krey Boulevard
Rensselaer, NY 12144

PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS

Adirondack North Country Association
James L. Sonneborn, President
67 Main St #201
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

Lewis County Historical Society
Jonathon Miller, President
7552 S. State Street
Lowville, NY 13367

Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce
Erin Boshart, President
120 South Mechanic Street
Carthage, NY 13619

Missing Link Snowmobile Club
Andrew Gamble, President
P.O. Box 844
Carthage, NY 13619

Development Authority of the North Country
James W. Wright, Executive Director
317 Washington Street, #414
Watertown, NY 13601

The Nature Conservancy
David Klein, Senior Field Representative
4245 North Fairfax Drive
Suite 100
Arlington, VA 22203

Fort Drum Garrison
Director of Public Works
10000 10th Mountain Division Drive
Fort Drum, NY 13602

The New York Audubon Society
Jillian Liner, President
2 Third Street
Suite 480
Troy, NY 12180

Jefferson County Historical Society
Jordan Walker-Rodriguez, Executive
Director
228 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Tug Hill Commission
317 Washington Street
Dulles State Office Building
Watertown, NY 13601

AIRPORTS

Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield
Division Chief
Building 2065
FOB Shank Road
Fort Drum, NY 13602
Arlington, VA 22203

PARTICIPATING LANDOWNERS

To be identified at a later date

ADJACENT LANDOWNERS

To be identified at a later date

LOCAL DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

Carthage Free Library
412 Budd Street
Carthage, NY 13619

Croghan Town Hall
9882 State Route 126
Suite A
Castorland, NY 13620

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Wilna Town Hall
414 State Street
Carthage, NY 13619

Croghan Free Library
9794 NY-812 #0008
Croghan, NY 13327

Appendix B. Stakeholder Consultation Goals and Schedule

| Name | Goals of Consultation | Schedule |
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| 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) |
| 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) |

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| New York State Agencies / Representatives | | |
| Members of NYS Assembly (Ken Blankenbush – 117 th District) and NYS Senate (Joseph Griffo – 47 th District and Patricia Ritchie – 48 th District) | Introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information | Introductory letter to be sent prior to PSS |
| | Notification as required by Article 10 | Prior to submittal of the PSS |
| | 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 |
| NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Main Headquarter and Region 6 Staffs. | Introduce Project and provide contact information; identify agency concerns related to RTE species, wetlands, and streams | Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS, to be followed by others as needed. Correspondence anticipated to occur throughout Article 10 process |
| | Additional input of survey plans; feedback on study results | |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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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 Ag & 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) |
| NYS Attorney General | Notification as required by Article 10 | Prior to submittal of the Article 10 Application |
| New York Independent System Operator | 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 |

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| Host County | | |
| Jefferson County Administrator (Robert F. Hagemann II) & Lewis County Clerk (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 | Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary) |
| Jefferson County Legislature (Chairman Scott A. Gray) & Lewis County Legislature (County Manager 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 | Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary) |
| Jefferson County Legislators (Daniel R. McBride – District 6 and John D. Peck – District 7) & Lewis County Legislators (Philip Hathwat – District 1, Randy Lachausse – District 2, and Ron Burns – District 3) | 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) |
| Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District (Executive Director Christine Watkins) & Lewis County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (District Manager Nichelle Swisher) | 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) |
| Jefferson County Dept. of Planning (Michael J. Bourcy, Director) & Lewis Count 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 | Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary) |

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| Jefferson County Highway Department (James Lawrence Jr., Superintendent) & Lewis County Highway Department (Warren Shaw, 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 | Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary) |
| Lewis County Economic Development (Brittany Davis, Interim 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 | Notification prior to submittal of the PSS; additional consultation anticipated to occur throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary) |
| Host Municipalities | | |
| Town of Croghan | | |
| Town Mayor (Mike Monnat) | Introduce Sugar Maple 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 Board | Introduce Sugar Maple 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 Supervisor (Roger Burris) | Introduce Sugar Maple 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) |

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| Town Clerk (Megan E. Simpson) | 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 Highway Department Superintendent (Allan C. Shaw) | 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 Wilna | | |
| Town Planning Board (Chairman Jon Storms) | Introduce Sugar Maple 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 Supervisor (Paul Smith) | Introduce Sugar Maple 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 (Lori Borland) | 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) |

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| Town Codes Officer (Terry McKeever) | 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 (Michael O'Shaughnessy) | 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) |
| Airports | | |
| Watertown International Airport Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield | 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) |
| School Districts | | |
| Carthage Central School District Jennifer L. Premo, Interim 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 | Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary) |

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| Chambers of Commerce | | |
| Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce (Erin Boshart, 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 | | |
| Carthage-Wilna Fire District & Wilna 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 | Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary) |
| Jefferson County Sherriff's Office & Lewis County Sherriff'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) |
| Jefferson County Office of Fire & 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) |
| Lewis County Office of Fire & 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, if requested | Notification prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing throughout Article 10 process (as necessary) |

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| 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) |
| Adjacent Municipalities | | |
| Town of Champion | 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 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) |
| Village of Carthage | 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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| Village of West Carthage | 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) |
| Additional Stakeholders and Public Interest Groups | | |
| 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) |
| 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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| 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) |
| Jefferson and Lewis County USDA Farm Service Agencies | 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, Jefferson and Lewis Counties | 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) |
| Fort Drum Garrison | 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) |
| Jefferson County Historical Society 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) |

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| 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) |
| 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 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) |
| Development Authority of the North Country | 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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| Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) | 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) |
| Missing Link Snowmobile 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) |
| 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) |

Appendix C
Sugar Maple 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 |
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Appendix D

Sugar Maple Solar Project 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.*

March 2020 – File Preliminary Public Involvement Program Plan with NYSDPS

May 2020 – File Final Public Involvement Program Plan with NYSDPS

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

Summer 2020 – File Preliminary Scoping Statement

Winter 2020 – File Article 10 Application

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

Fall 2023 – Commercial Operation Date



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