# Draft Public Involvement Program Plan for Rich Road Solar Energy Center

Town of Canton, St. Lawrence County, New York

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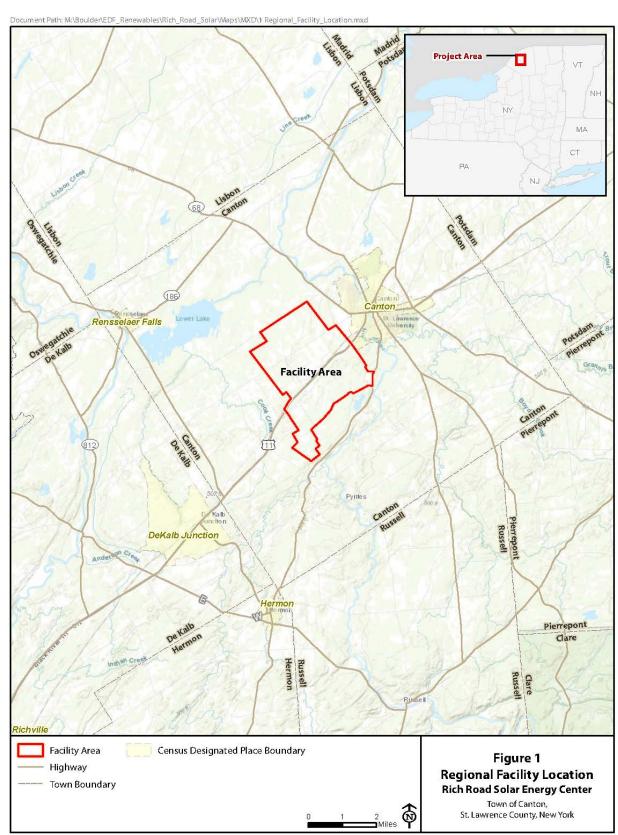
## **List of Acronyms and Commonly Used Terms**

Acronym/Abbreviation	Definition/Denotation
AC	alternating current
AGL	above ground level
Applicant	EDF Renewables Development, Inc.
Article 10 Service List	This list identifies those parties upon whom the Applicant is legally obligated to serve copies of certain official filings under 16 NYCRR 1000.5(c), 1000.6(a) and 1000.7, as well as NY PSL Section 164(2)
CES	Clean Energy Standard
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide
DC	direct current
DPS	New York State Department of Public Service
EDF Renewables	EDF Renewables Development, Inc.
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
Facility	Generating facility components associated with the Rich Road Solar Energy Center
Facility Area	For purposes of the PIP Plan, the area that may host generating facility components, interconnections, and related facilities
GIS	geographic information system
GW	gigawatt
kV	kilovolt
Master Stakeholder List	Formal list of Host and Adjacent Landowners (landowners within 500 feet of the proposed Facility Area), State and Federal Agencies, Local Agencies, Municipalities and School Districts in the Facility Area and Study Area, and Additional Stakeholders upon whom EDF Renewables is required to serve notices
McHenry Storage	McHenry Energy Storage Project
MW	megawatt
MWac	megawatt, alternating current



Acronym/Abbreviation	Definition/Denotation
MWh	megawatt-hour
Notification List	List of individuals who live or own property within 2,500 feet of the proposed Facility Area, or any person who voluntarily chooses to sign up to stay informed abut he Project, such as at a public event
NYCRR	New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations
NYISO	New York Independent System Operator
NYSDEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
O&M	operations and maintenance
OCC	Operations Control Center
PIP	Public Involvement Program
POI	Point of Interconnection for the Facility. This area is the project substation and point of interconnection switchyard.
Project	Rich Road Solar Energy Center
PSC	New York State Public Service Commission
PSS	Preliminary Scoping Statement
PV	photovoltaic
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
Siting Board	New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment
Stakeholders	Defined by 16 NYCRR 1000.2(an) as those persons who may be affected or concerned by any issues within the Siting Board's jurisdiction relating to the proposed major electric generating facility and any decision being made by it
Study Area	For the purpose of this PIP Plan, areas within a 2-mile radius of the Facility Area





Source: E&E 2019; ESRI 2017; NYS Office of Information Technology Services GIS Program Office (GPO) 2018.

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

EDF Renewables Development, Inc. (EDF Renewables or Applicant), a subsidiary of EDF Renewables, Inc., is proposing to construct a 240-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility, which may include approximately 20 MW (80 megawatt-hours [MWh]) of energy storage, referred to as the Rich Road Solar Energy Center (the Facility or Project), in the Town of Canton, St. Lawrence County, New York (see Figure 1).

As discussed below, EDF Renewables is a leading independent power producer and service provider with more than 16 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy projects developed across North America. EDF Renewables values meaningful relationships between business and society, which includes a shared goal of building a cleaner world for tomorrow. The purpose of this Public Involvement Program Plan (PIP Plan or the Plan) is to introduce the Project to the local community and other interested parties and to explain the public outreach and involvement efforts that EDF Renewables will pursue throughout the development of this Project.

Given its proposed capacity, the Facility is considered a "major electric generating facility" under Article 10 of the New York State Public Service Law. Generally, Article 10 provides for the siting review of all new major electric generating facilities in New York State with a nameplate generating capacity of 25 MW or more. This review is administered in New York State by the Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board) in a unified proceeding (an Article 10 Proceeding), instead of

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requiring a developer of such a facility to apply for numerous state and local permits. The PIP Plan is an important part of this process. The information that EDF Renewables receives through the early stages of its public outreach will assist in defining the scope of the studies that will ultimately form the basis of the Application to the Siting Board. Through this process, stakeholder concerns, interests, local knowledge, and recommendations will be considered, evaluated, and addressed by EDF Renewables and the Siting Board.

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The Article 10 Regulations include several rules and regulations that must be followed in developing a project such as the Rich Road Solar Energy Center. The Article 10 Regulations require that applicants proposing to submit an Application to construct a major electric generating facility under Article 10 initiate the regulatory review process by first filing a PIP Plan. The Article 10 Regulations state that the PIP Plan must be submitted to the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) for review at least 150 days prior to filing a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS).

This document describes the public outreach and involvement activities that will be conducted by EDF Renewables throughout the Article 10 certification process, and is intended to serve as the required PIP Plan. Through this PIP Plan, EDF Renewables (1) formally introduces the Project; (2) describes the Article 10 process to the local community, stakeholders, and other interested parties and shares information about available funding and tools to encourage stakeholder participation; and (3) outlines future public meetings and other outreach efforts through which Facility-related information will be shared and the public will have an opportunity to participate by asking questions and providing comments. The PIP Plan also provides important information about the kinds of notices community members can expect to

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receive throughout the Article 10 process, as well as resources for obtaining further information.

More specifically, as required by the Article 10 Regulations,<sup>3</sup> this PIP Plan includes the following components:

- 1. Consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders;
- 2. 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 intervenor funding for municipal and local parties;
- 4. The establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public and updates regarding the Facility and the Article 10 process;
- 5. Notifications to affected agencies and other stakeholders; and
- 6. Activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholders in the certification and compliance process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 16 NYCRR § 1000.4.



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Copies of Article 10 Regulations can be found at: http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/1392EC6DD904BBC285257F4E005BE810?OpenDocument.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 16 NYCRR § 1000.4.

## **Article 10 Process Timeline**

2019-2020 ------2021------2021------2022------2022------2023-202

Pre-Application Phase

Application Phase

Hearings & Decision Phase Compliance Filings & Construction

**Environmental Permitting Studies** 

Public Involvement Program initiating the Article 10 Process

Public Scoping Statement to be filed, which will describe the scope and methodology of studies to be included in the Article 10 application anticipated in 2020. Intervenor funding available to municipalities and local groups.

Stipulations: The applicant may commence consultations and seek agreement with any party as to the methodology or scope of any study or evaluation to be made in support of the application

Agency Review

After submittal of an article 10 application, the NYS Department of Public Service must make a completeness determination within 60 days. If deficiencies are identified, they will be addressed through an application supplement. Intervenor funding available to municipalities and local groups.

Parties submit information requests, identify issues, prepare testimony, and participate in hearings

Application deemed complete. The administrative law judge will set a date for a public statement hearing and a prehearing procedural conference

Parties may submit information requests to the applicant seeking additional information or clarification on specific topics. The parties must also prepare testimony and identify issues that they may with to litigate during hearings.

Decision- the Siting Board must make a decision on whether or not to issue the certificate within one year of the application having been deemed complete.

Project Construction commences following a favorable decision and subsequent compliance filings

A certificate issued by the siting board will include numerous conditions such as decommissioning, including compliance filings that must be prepared and submitted by the applicant prior to construction.

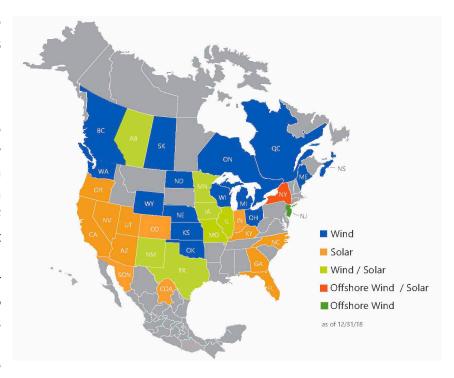
During construction, the applicant must implement an environmental compliance monitoring plan, including preparation of an environmental monitoring manual, contractor training, pre-construction walkovers to identify sensitive sites to avoid, and daily inspections during construction and restoration activities.



#### 2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

#### 2.1 Company Profile

With more than 30 years of renewable energy experience, EDF Renewables and its affiliates possess the technical expertise, financial resources, commitment to deliver this new, efficient solar facility in accordance with New York's Clean Standard. With U.S. headquarters in San Diego, California, and offices in more than 20 countries, Renewables, Inc., is a is a global market leader in green electricity production, as well as a leading independent power producer and service provider. With 16 GW of renewable energy projects developed, including more than 1,275 MW of commercial and utility-scale



solar installations operating or in construction in North America, EDF Renewables ranks among the most reputable full-service renewable energy companies in the United States. Throughout our significant experience, we have built long-standing relationships with key stakeholders, including utilities, corporate buyers, regulatory agencies, and the communities in which we operate, enabling us to expertly navigate the development process, ensuring successful completion and operation of our projects. Recent examples of grid-scale solar facilities being developed and/or managed by EDF Renewables include the following:

- 125 MW Bunker Solar Energy Center in Bellmont, New York;
- 119 MW Tracy Solar Energy Center in Orleans and Clayton, New York;
- 75 MW Moraine Solar Energy Center in Burns, Dansville, and Ossian, New York;
- 175 MW Morris Ridge Solar facility in Mount Morris, New York;
- 80 MW Copenhagen Wind farm in Denmark, New York;
- 119 MW Gutenburg Solar facility in North Carolina;
- 111 MW Pecan Solar facility in North Carolina; and
- 143 MW Catalina Solar facility in California.



The Catalina Solar project in Kern County, California, consists of more than 1,100,000 solar panels, generates enough electricity to meet the demand of 35,000 homes, and displaces approximately 250,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) annually. EDF Renewables, Inc., also develops community-scale solar projects for municipalities, schools, nonprofits, landowners, and other entities. With years of expertise developing projects across the world, EDF Renewables, Inc., believes in turning

EDF Renewables is committed to engaging the public and stakeholders throughout the Article 10 process.

renewable energy ideas and long-term relationships into ethical, high-value, sustainable businesses. Information, transparency, education, and listening are key to developing a project that is a net benefit to all.

EDF Renewables, Inc., built the 20 MW McHenry Energy Storage Project (McHenry Storage) in McHenry County, Illinois, in 2015. McHenry Storage is the first standalone energy storage project for EDF Renewables, Inc., in North America. Worldwide, EDF installed 800 MWh of batteries across a range of applications, from long-duration storage to frequency response.

With over 10 GW of wind and solar facilities under its responsibility, EDF Asset Management Group is the largest North American provider of third-party operations and maintenance (O&M) services. Providing a full range of services beginning prior to commissioning and going through to decommissioning, EDF Asset Management Group provides total project O&M services, including options such as balance-of-plant management, remote monitoring, and Original Equipment Manufacturer oversight, all performed by qualified and experienced EDF Asset Management Group technicians under stringent safety standards. EDF Asset Management Group provides critical 24/7/365 remote monitoring, diagnostics, and troubleshooting from its state-of-the-art

North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) compliant Operations Control Center (OCC) located in San Diego, California, increasing equipment availability, minimizing downtime, and reducing operational and maintenance costs. The OCC combines control center, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), and O&M auxiliary services into a technical services hub, with a "One Touch" integrated front-end monitoring system to improve response times and more effectively track key performance indicators. The OCC is equipped with scalable technical infrastructure with component redundancy capable of disaster recovery, risk mitigation, and compliance management. This enhances the ability to monitor and diagnose plant performance and to provide additional sophisticated O&M services to best serve the local communities.



EDF Asset Management Group's Operations Control Center (OCC) located in San Diego, California.

#### 2.2 Project Summary

The Rich Road Solar Energy Center is a proposed 240-megawatt alternating current (MWac) photovoltaic solar facility, which may include approximately 20 MW (80 MWh) of energy storage capacity, located in the Town of Canton, St Lawrence County, New York.

Figure 1 depicts the proposed Facility Area in relation to its regional context. The Project is consistent with the New York State Energy Plan and the Public Service Commission (PSC) proceeding implementing a Clean Energy Standard (CES), which encourage the development of clean energy and renewable resources as a tool in combating climate change, curbing harmful air pollution, and greening New York State's economy. The Facility will safely generate enough clean, renewable electricity to power more than 78,200 New York households. The Facility will also provide an economic stimulus to the area during construction by providing jobs and local contracts for goods and services. During operation, the Facility will offer long-term highly skilled operational positions and significant long-term economic benefits through lease revenue to local landowners and property tax revenue to the community.

#### 2.2.1 Project Siting

The primary factor directing the siting of a solar and storage facility is proximity to a transmission infrastructure with sufficient interconnection capacity. The Facility will interconnect to the New York power grid via a new Point of Interconnection (POI), located on the New York Power Authority's (NYPA) Moses to Adirondack transmission line, on site. NYPA is currently planning a rebuild and upgrade of the facility, known as the Moses-Adirondack Smart Path Reliability Project. The Rich Road Solar Energy Center will connect to the newly rebuilt line, once energized at 345kV. An interconnection application has been filed and accepted with New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), queue number Q#800. The POI will be a new substation and POI switchyard to be constructed within the Facility Area; the Project substation will be owned and operated by EDF Renewables, Inc., while the POI switchyard will be owned and operated by NYPA (see Figure 2). The selection of appropriate sites for a solar-powered electric generation facility is constrained by numerous other factors that are essential considerations for a project to operate in a technically and economically viable manner. These important factors include the availability of flat, open, and appropriately oriented land to site the panels, willing land lease participants, and preliminary environmental screenings that have not indicated any significant environmental or societal barriers.

The lands that are being evaluated for potential solar development are located entirely in the Town of Canton, St Lawrence County, New York, and are identified on Figures 1 and 2 as the Facility Area. Not all the land included in the Facility Area will be utilized by the Project. Rather, the Facility Area represents the broader area within which participating parcels will be developed



with solar facilities. This provides flexibility during the development phase to minimize and avoid impacts to wetlands, cultural resources, visual resources, wildlife habitat, and other sensitive resources. The Project will ultimately be sited on leased private land within the Facility Area, which consists primarily of cleared land.

#### 2.2.2 Project Description

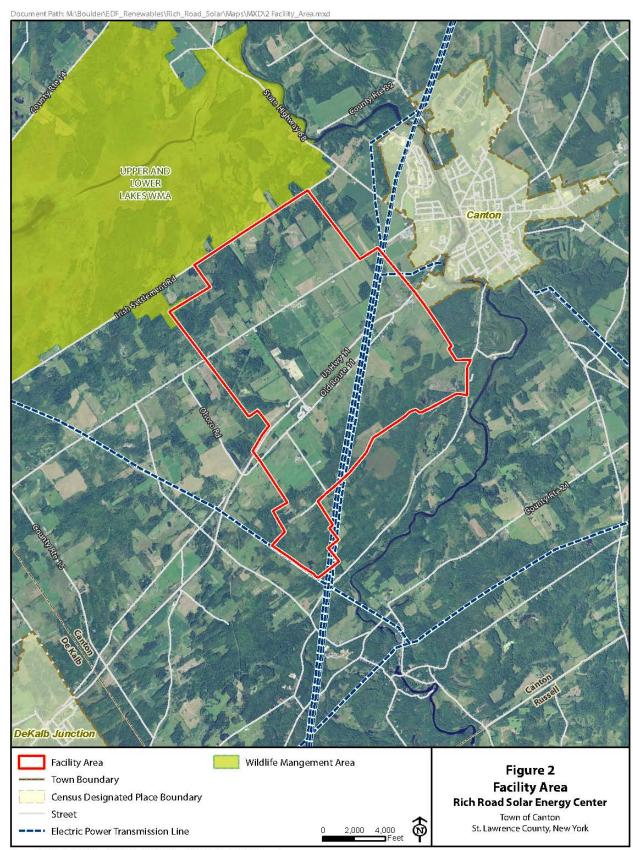
The Facility will use the same type of photovoltaic panels installed on over one million homes in the United States. Solar equipment is a proven safe technology in applications from fields to rooftops of homes and schools, and are supported, most commonly, on piles driven into the ground. **The Facility will consist of the following components:** 

- Arrays of PV solar panels producing direct current (DC) electricity, currently anticipated to be approximately 9 feet in height;
- Operations and maintenance building to provide work and storage space;
- Inverters and medium-voltage transformers placed throughout the Facility (internal to the panel arrays) to convert DC electricity to AC electricity and increase the electricity voltage from the solar panels to 34.5 kV;
- Energy storage enclosures, typically 40 feet long by 8 feet wide by 8 feet high
  containers that house the batteries co-located with the inverters within the
  Facility Area, if determined to be feasible; exact facility layout is still being
  determined;
- A medium-voltage electrical collection system that will aggregate the AC output from the inverters;
- Project substation and POI switchyard where the Facility's electrical output
  voltage will be increased from approximately 34.5 kV to the transmission line
  voltage of 345 kV via a step-up transformer. EDF Renewables will work with
  NYISO and NYPA to design an appropriate Facility substation that will connect
  the Facility to the existing power grid. The facility substation will be located on
  a parcel of land within the Facility Area intersected by the transmission line as
  indicated in Figure 2;
- Internal infrastructure, including access roads and fencing; and
- **Temporary laydown areas** for equipment staging during construction.





EDF Renewables developed, designed, and constructed this 2-MW solar project located in Rome, New York, for the Mohawk Valley Community College



Source: E&E 2019; ESRI 2017; HIFLD 2018; NAIP 2017; NYSDEC 2018; NYS Office of Information Technology Services GIS Program Office (GPO) 2018.

The Rich Road Solar Energy Center is expected to generate approximately enough electricity to meet the average annual consumption of for 78,200 New York households.

The Rich Road Solar Energy Center will have a nameplate generating capacity of about 240 MWac and may include approximately 20 MW (80 MWh) of energy storage. It is expected to generate approximately enough electricity to meet the average annual consumption of over 78,200 New York households through its nameplate generating capacity, based on average annual electric consumption of 6,719 kWh.

#### 2.2.3 Project Potential Impacts

The proposed Facility will have positive impacts on socioeconomics in the area through employment opportunities, specifically by generating temporary construction employment, a significant amount of which will likely be drawn from St. Lawrence County and the regional labor market. Local construction employment will primarily benefit those in the construction trades, including equipment operators, truck drivers, laborers, and electricians. The average crew size for construction employment is estimated to be around 200 workers. In addition, Facility operation will generate part-time employment and contracting service opportunities for electricians, operations managers, laborers, fencing contractors, and landscaping maintenance crews. An estimated two to three full-time job equivalents will be



EDF Renewables was pleased to once again work with the City of Rome, New York, to develop a 2-megawatt(AC) solar project.

generated from operation of the Facility, with additional occasional work for landscaping, periodic maintenance, and other incidental work. A payment in lieu of taxes and community benefit agreement will be proposed to provide annual revenues to the Town of Canton, St Lawrence County, and the Canton Central School District. Landowners hosting Facility infrastructure will also receive annual payments, and additional local revenues are possible through the purchase of construction materials, supplies, services, and goods throughout the life of the Facility.

Through very deliberate site selection, followed by careful planning and design, and by the benign nature of the technology, the Facility is expected to have minimal impacts on the surrounding community. Solar facilities are very quiet and produce no vibration. The PV solar panels proposed to be used for the Facility do not contain hazardous materials and have a low height profile. Setbacks, fencing, and landscape buffering allow solar projects to have minimal visual impact on the community and natural setting of the area.

Responsibly sited solar facilities can provide long-term preservation of agricultural land. The Facility is not a permanent structure and will be decommissioned at the end of its operational life, at which time the land can be returned to its former use. Solar projects generally have an operational life of up to 40 years. At the end of the Facility's operational life, the Project will be decommissioned. As required under Article 10, EDF Renewables will provide a decommissioning plan in its Application, as well as a proposed

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financial security mechanism to ensure adequate funding is available for decommissioning. In accordance with Article 10 Regulations,<sup>4</sup> the plan will ensure proper removal of the Facility and restoration of the land at the end of the Project's operational life. As will be discussed in the decommissioning plan, written notifications will be provided to the Towns and host and adjacent landowners at least 2 weeks prior to commencement of decommissioning and restoration activities.

#### 2.3 Study Area

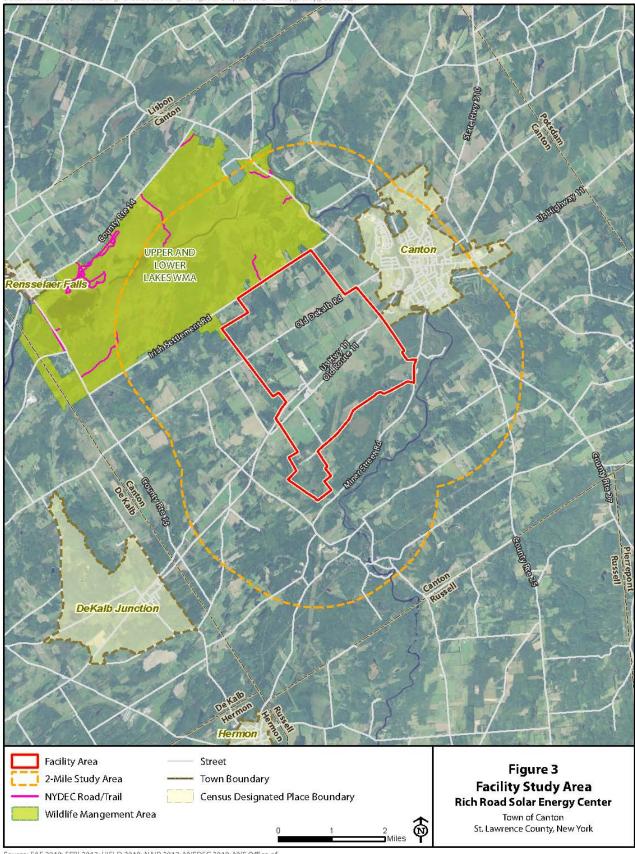
For the purposes of this PIP Plan, EDF Renewables proposes a 2-mile-radius Study Area from (and including) all Facility components. Figure 3 depicts the 2-mile-radius Study Area extending from the Facility Area reflecting potential interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other stakeholders. Municipalities within this Study Area include the Town of Canton and the Village of Canton in St Lawrence County. Unique resources within the Study Area include the Upper and Lower Lakes Wildlife Management Area and 61 properties and districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A more in-depth description of the Study Area will be included in the PSS and Application, and it should be noted that the extent of the Study Area may be expanded for certain studies (e.g., visual impact assessment). The definition of the Study Area in Article 10 Regulations also allows for the area to be configured to address specific features or resource areas. Study areas may vary in extent for identifying stakeholder interests and assessing Project impacts. Within the Article 10 Application, exhibits will be drafted to identify Project details and potential impacts. Each resource area analyzed may have a different study area based on the extent of those impacts. As an example, socioeconomics may be studied at the town or county level, whereas visual impacts would be identified based on the topography of the Facility Area and the surrounding areas. For the purposes of this PIP Plan, the Study Area has been defined conservatively based on a Facility Area that is anticipated to be larger than the ultimate footprint of the Facility in order to enhance stakeholder engagement. As the Article 10 process continues, specific Facility component locations will be identified and shared with the general public, stakeholders, and all affected agencies. It is presumed that any potential alternatives will be located within the communities identified herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 16 NYCRR § 1001.29 (Site Restoration and Decommissioning).



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Source: E&E 2019; ESRI 2017; HIFLD 2018; NAIP 2017; NYSDEC 2018; NYS Office of Information Technology Services GIS Program Office (GPO) 2018.



#### 3.0 IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

EDF Renewables maintains a development approach that places transparency, safety, accountability, and respect for local communities as its core values.

A fundamental first step in the community outreach process for the Project is identifying the stakeholders that may be affected by construction and operation of the proposed Facility. For nearly 30 years, EDF Renewables, Inc., has developed more than 16 GW of grid-scale power across North America, including a wide variety of solar, wind, and storage projects. EDF Renewables maintains a development approach that places transparency, safety, accountability, and respect for local communities as its core values. EDF Renewables will continue its historically successful efforts to engage interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other potential stakeholders by being transparent and providing timely information to consistently educate all stakeholders and by soliciting feedback. The process by which EDF Renewables identifies specific stakeholders for this Facility is informed by direct experience coupled with DPS guidance and prior submissions of other Article 10 PIP Plans. Stakeholder identification efforts for the Rich Road Solar Energy Center also included reviewing County geographic information system (GIS) records, tax records, personal visits, State agency guidance, prior PIP Plans, and Internet research, among other steps. EDF Renewables considered the following in compiling its list of affected agencies and other potential stakeholders:

- The anticipated locations of Facility components within the Facility Area;
- "Local Party," as defined in Article 10 Regulations (16 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations [NYCRR] §1000.2[s]);
- "Affected Agencies," as that term is used in Article 10 Regulations (16 NYCRR §1000 et seg.);
- Host municipalities, which, for the purposes of this PIP Plan, refers to those municipalities that are currently within the Facility Area and are anticipated to host Facility components (to be determined and further described in the PSS);
- Adjacent municipalities;
- Public interest groups; and
- State and federal elected officials representing the host municipalities and, if different, other municipalities within the Study Area.

"Local party" is defined as any person residing in a community who may be affected by the proposed major electric generating facility at the proposed location, or any alternative location identified, who is a party to the proceeding. For the purposes of this definition, the term residing includes individuals having a dwelling within a community who may be affected.



A Master Stakeholder List, which includes all currently known potentially interested stakeholders and parties, was developed based upon the combination of efforts described above (see Exhibit A). EDF Renewables anticipates that the Master Stakeholder List will be updated as necessary based on information and requests received from interested stakeholders during PIP Plan activities, and these updates will be provided to the DPS along with the PIP Plan tracking submissions. In addition, once the Facility Area is fully defined, the Master Stakeholder List will be updated to include host landowners who have a land agreement with EDF Renewables, as well as adjacent landowners as defined in Section 3.6 and landowners who would normally be notified of a local Town land use action.

Sections 3.1 through 3.8 identify stakeholders by category.



EDF Renewables developed and constructed this 2-MW solar project for the Town of Ontario in Wayne County, New York.

#### 3.1 Affected State and Federal Agencies

Empire State Development Corporation
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
New York Independent System Operator
New York Power Authority



NYS Attorney General

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Central Office

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 6

NYS Department of Health, Central Office

NYS Department of Health, Canton District

NYS Department of Public Service

NYS Department of State

NYS Department of Transportation, Central Office

NYS Department of Transportation, Region 7

NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

NYS Energy Research and Development Authority

NYS Governor's Office

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

State Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, 116<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

State Senator Patty Ritchie, 48th Senate District

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S. Federal Aviation Administration

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. House of Representatives, Elise Stefanik, 21st Congressional District

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer

U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand

#### 3.2 Local Agencies

St. Lawrence County Administrator's Office

St. Lawrence County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

St. Lawrence County Department of Highways

St. Lawrence County Department of Public Transportation

St. Lawrence County Emergency Services

St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council

St. Lawrence County Planning Office

St. Lawrence County Public Health Department

St. Lawrence County Real Property Department

St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District

Town of Canton Assessor

Town of Canton Code Enforcement

Town of Canton Community Economic Development

Town of Canton Fire Department

Town of Canton Highway Department



Town of Canton Historian
Town of Canton Town Board
Village of Canton Mayor's Office
Village of Canton Superintendent
Village of Canton Village Clerk
Village of Canton Historian
Village of Canton Board of Trustees

#### 3.3 Municipalities and School Districts in the Facility Area

St. Lawrence County
Town of Canton
Village of Canton
Canton Central School District

#### 3.4 Municipalities and School Districts in the Study Area

St. Lawrence County
Town of Canton
Village of Canton
Canton Central School District
Hermon-DeKalb School District

#### 3.5 Additional Stakeholders

Adirondack Mountain Club – Laurentian Chapter Alliance for Clean Energy New York Canton Chamber of Commerce Canton Free Library

Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County

Development Authority of the North Country

Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization

Indian Creek Nature Center

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 910

Morley Brach Library

New York Agricultural Land Trust

New York Farm Bureau, St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau

New York Forest Owners Association - Northern Adirondack Chapter

New York Public Interest Research Group

New York State Conservation Council

New Yorkers for Clean Power



Northern New York Agricultural Historical Society Northern New York Audubon Society

Save the River – Upper St. Lawrence River Keeper

St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce

St. Lawrence County Historical Society

St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management

St. Lawrence Land Trust

Thousand Islands Land Trust

#### 3.6 Host and Adjacent Landowners

Host landowners are landowners with whom EDF Renewables has entered or will enter into a lease or easement agreement.

Adjacent landowners are landowners with property within 500 feet of the Facility.

EDF Renewables has not determined when the final Facility layout will be completed. However, information obtained during the preapplication process will be used, as appropriate, to assist in developing the final layout for the Rich Road Solar Energy Project. In addition, the final layout will be determined by incorporating further input from stakeholders, as well as processing data from fieldwork (e.g., avoidance of impacts on wetlands identified during field delineation efforts). Therefore, specific host and adjacent landowner information is not included with this PIP Plan. Participating and adjacent landowners will be included in mailings, outreach activities, and notifications that are provided to the stakeholders identified in this PIP Plan throughout design and construction of the Facility. Additional outreach to host landowners and municipal officials will take place during decommissioning and site restoration activities at the end of the Facility's operational life. However, for privacy purposes, the Master Stakeholder List may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than names and personal contact information.

Information obtained during the pre-application process will be used, as appropriate, to assist in developing the final layout for the Rich Road Solar Energy Project. In addition, the final layout will be determined by incorporating further input from stakeholders, as well as processing data from fieldwork (e.g., avoidance of impacts on wetlands identified during field delineation efforts).

# 3.7 Environmental Justice Communities that may be Affected by the Proposal

Article 10 requires prospective applicants to identify whether environmental justice communities are located in close proximity to a proposed Facility. If there are such communities, Article 10 requires adherence to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)



rules for the analysis of environmental justice issues associated with projects subject to review and approval under Article 10 of the Public Service Law.<sup>5</sup>

Per NYSDEC Environmental Justice Policy CP-29, Potential Environmental Justice Areas include census block groups featuring populations that meet or exceed at least one of the following statistical thresholds:

- 1. At least 51.1% of the population in an urban area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
- 2. At least 33.8% of the population in a rural area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
- 3. At least 23.59% of the population in an urban or rural area had household incomes below the federal poverty level.

Based on data obtained from the *NYSDEC's Geospatial Information System (GIS) Tools for Environmental Justice* website (www.dec.ny.gov/public/911.html), there are no Potential Environmental Justice Areas in the Facility Area or Study Area. As shown on Figure 4, the closest Potential Environmental Justice Area is northeast of the Study Area in the Town of Potsdam.

Further discussion on Potential Environmental Justice Areas, including the cumulative impact of existing sources of air pollutants and the projected emission of air pollutants from the proposed Facility, will be included in the PSS and the Application (Exhibit 28) pursuant to Article 10 Regulations.

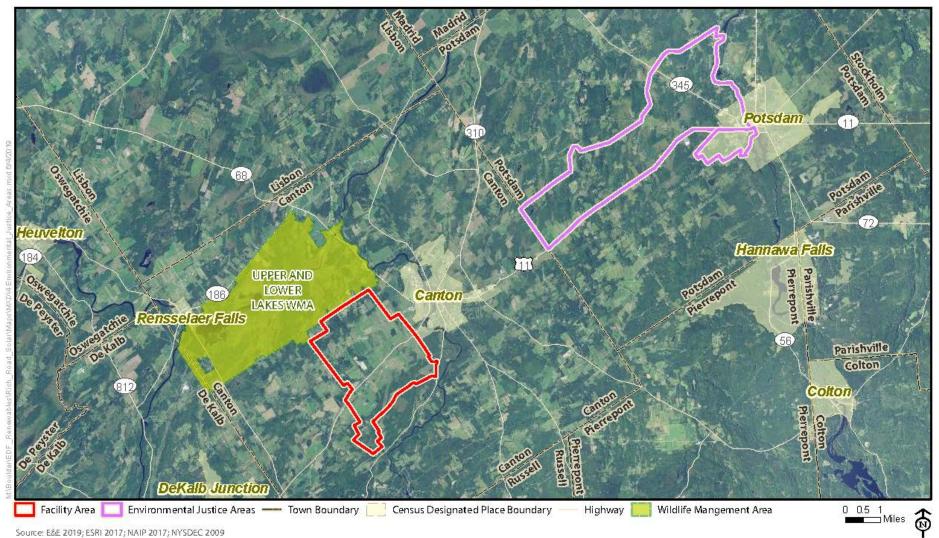
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See 6 NYCRR Part 487.



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Figure 4: Closest Potential Environmental Justice Areas to the Facility Area

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#### 4.0 LANGUAGE ACCESS

The Article 10 regulations require a PIP Plan to identify (1) any language other than English that is spoken (according to U.S. Census data) by 5,000 or more persons residing in any portion of a five-digit zip code postal zone located within the Study Area for the Facility; and (2) any language other than English spoken by a significant population of persons residing in proximity to the proposed facility, alternative locations, or interconnections.<sup>6</sup>

According to the U.S. Census Bureau data from the 2013-2017 American Community Survey five-year estimates, 7.9% of St Lawrence County residents age five or older speak a language other than English at home. With a 2017 population estimate of 104,871 persons, this means approximately 8,285 people in the county speak a language other than English at home. The Study Area contains portions of three zip codes in which languages other than English are spoken. However, in those three zip codes, fewer than 5,000 people speak a language other than English (see Table 1). Based on these findings, unless requested by a stakeholder group, EDF Renewables proposes to disseminate Project-related materials in only the English language.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> This number is 7.9% of the population of St. Lawrence County (104,871) and will not exactly match the number of foreign language speakers (8,261) from the census.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(d).

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

**Table 1: Most Prevalent Languages Spoken in Study Area Zip Codes** 

	lost Prevalent Languages Spoken in Study Area 2	Number of
Zip Code	Language	Speakers
	English	9,934
	Spanish or Spanish Creole	137
	French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	92
	German	65
	Italian	20
	French Creole	14
	Japanese	13
	Scandinavian languages	13
13617	Other Slavic languages	9
	Greek	8
	Hungarian	6
	Other Native North American languages	6
	Tagalog	6
	Other Indo-European languages	6
	Russian	6
	Hindi	5
	Total:	10,340
	English	1,270
	German	35
	Other West Germanic languages	20
12620	French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	10
13630	Italian	3
	Spanish or Spanish Creole	2
	Hungarian	1
	Total:	1,341
	English	1,851
	French (Including Patois, Cajun)	15
	Chinese	10
	German	5
	Spanish or Spanish Creole	4
13652	African languages	2
	Hebrew	2
	Hungarian	2
	Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	1
	Total:	1,892

Source: <a href="http://www.mla.org/map\_data">http://www.mla.org/map\_data</a> (American Fact Finder, 2000 Census Data)



#### 5.0 PROPOSED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

#### **5.1 Project Contact Information**

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#### Project Representative:

Jack Honor, Development Manager (518) 888-2589 (315) 523-7445 NewYork.Solar@edf-re.com

\*EDF Renewables will respond directly to acknowledge all inquiries and requests for information submitted to the Project Representative (by email, telephone or mail) within 48 hours of receiving the inquiry and/or comment. EDF Renewables' normal business hours are from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays and between Christmas and New Year's. Where it may take longer to respond to an inquiry, the initial response will indicate a timeframe anticipated for the full response. Correspondence will be documented in a database. In addition, where an inperson meeting is requested, efforts will be made to accommodate such meetings within 15 business days. Email inquiries will receive an automated response acknowledging receipt of an interested party's question or comment.

 Project Website: www.richroadsolar.com

- Local Document Repositories (see Figure 5):
  - Canton Town Hall
     60 Main Street
     Canton, NY 13617
     Phone: (315) 386-2871

Open: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday – Friday

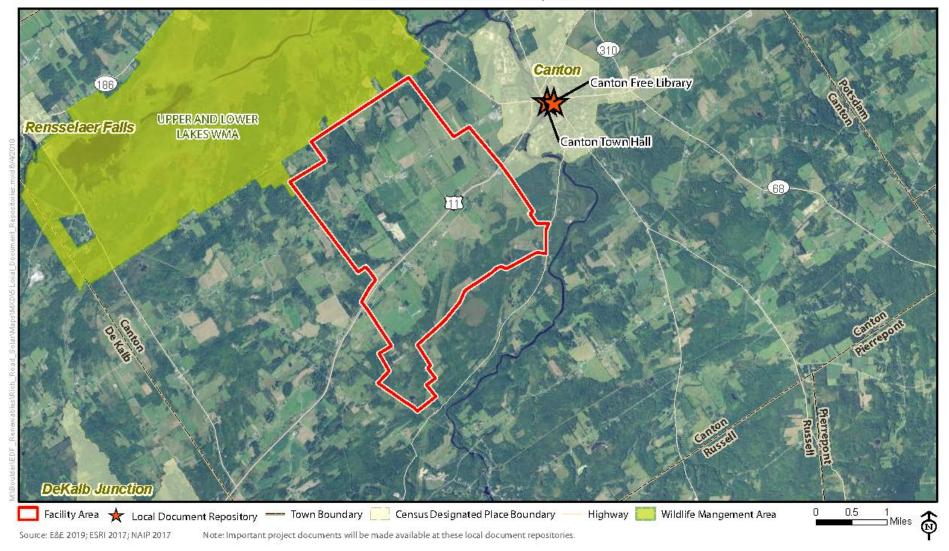
Canton Free Library
 8 Park Street
 Canton, NY 13617

Open: 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Saturday



#### **Figure 5: Local Document Repositories**

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#### 5.2 Proposed Public Involvement Program Plan

EDF Renewables' proposed PIP Plan focuses first and foremost on early and frequent communication with host communities, including the town of Canton and St. Lawrence County. EDF Renewables met with the Canton Town Board Solar Committee on April 24, 2019, to present the project, share the site map and project details, and discuss the Article 10 process. EDF Renewables will maintain such communication with the town, county, and interested stakeholders throughout the project. This PIP Plan will be made available at the document repositories listed in Section 5.1.

Aside from the towns and county, there are many important stakeholders to consider in developing a solar project of this scale. Article 10 Regulations require that a PIP Plan include: (1) consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders; (2) pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity; (3) activities designed to educate the public as to the specific proposal and the Article 10 review process, including the availability of funding for municipal and local parties; (4) the establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public; (5) notifications; and (6) activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholders in the certification and compliance process. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing, evolving process throughout all phases of the Article 10 review process (pre-application phase, application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-certification phase) and is intended to disseminate information regarding the Facility to stakeholders, solicit information from those stakeholders during public outreach events, and generally foster participation in the Article 10 review. Unless requested by a stakeholder group, EDF Renewables proposes to disseminate Project-related materials in only the English language.

EDF Renewables has established a user-friendly website in plain English that describes the Facility, describes the Article 10 process, and provides Facility updates throughout the development and construction phases of the Facility to keep the community informed of the Facility's status (see Section 5.6 for additional detail). EDF Renewables understands through outreach efforts that Amish communities are generally present in St. Lawrence County. As appropriate, EDF Renewables will work with this community to identify the preferred method of receiving project information and exchanging information with the project team/local agencies, to maximize participation to the extent possible. In addition, as requested, EDF Renewables will provide printed copies of the Project website and updates in order to ensure the Amish community's access to Project information and updates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(c).



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# 5.3 Consultation with the Affected Agencies, Municipalities, and Stakeholders

Article 10 Regulations require both general and specific consultations with affected agencies and municipalities. Affected agencies, listed in Sections 3.1 and 3.2, were identified through review of the Article 10 regulations in consultation with the Facility's permitting counsel and environmental consultant. Affected municipalities are identified in Sections 3.3 and 3.4.

EDF Renewables engaged the Canton Town Board Solar Committee on April 24, 2019, regarding the project site map, project details, and the Article 10 process, and will continue to keep the Town apprised of its development effort and progress. EDF Renewables will continue to communicate with the municipality and make an initial contact with each affected agency to make certain they are aware of the Facility, identify the agency's interests or concerns, and inform them of any progress on a regular basis.

Coordination with affected agencies and municipalities will include the following general steps:

- 1. EDF Renewables will contact each agency or municipality to inform them of the Facility and the Article 10 process, including the availability of intervenor funding for municipalities, and to provide information on whom to contact with any questions or comments about the Facility and/or about the Article 10 process;
- Subsequent interaction with each agency or municipality, as needed, to answer specific questions or interests about the Facility, and to identify the applicable studies and impact analyses to be performed and how they pertain to the Facility;
- 3. Regular coordination with appropriate agency staff during early development of the PSS and throughout the Article 10 process;
- 4. Regular consultation with DPS Staff at appropriate times during the outreach period, including during early development of the PSS; and
- 5. Other specific coordination as required by Article 10 Regulations, or as needed to inform the process.

With respect to intervenor funding, EDF Renewables is required to deposit funds for intervenor participation. Funds are deposited with the DPS at the time the PSS is filed, in an amount equal to \$350 for each 1,000 kilowatts (i.e., 1 MW) of generating capacity of the Facility. Pre-application funds are disbursed to qualifying parties to aid in their participation in the scoping phase of the proceeding. Each request for pre-application funds is submitted to the presiding examiner



assigned to the proceeding before the Siting Board, and at least 50% of the pre-application intervenor funds shall be reserved for potential awards to municipalities.

Additional funds for intervenor participation will be deposited with the DPS at the time the Project's Application is filed in an amount equal to \$1,000 for each 1,000 kilowatts of capacity. Funds deposited with the Application may be used by parties for qualifying consultants and activities in the post-Application phase of the proceeding, such as hearings, adjudication, and discovery.<sup>10</sup>

The goals of the initial consultation with each municipality or agency will be to establish contact with representatives, disseminate information, request information, and schedule follow-up meetings and/or consultations, as appropriate. Specific information provided to the affected agencies and municipalities will include a description of the Facility and location; explanation of the phases of the Article 10 process and how the agency or municipality can participate in each step; description of the available intervenor funding and the process for obtaining funding; description of the ad hoc committee process and local municipal responsibility; information about other planned coordination and studies to be performed in connection with the Facility; and sources of additional information about the Facility and Article 10 (e.g., the Facility and Siting Board websites). Information to be requested from affected municipalities and agencies will vary by the involvement of each, but may include topics such as local laws, emergency response procedures, environmental impact review, and determination of news sources to be used for official notices. Stakeholder consultation meetings will be documented and summarized in the Record of Activity (Exhibit C).

Goals of coordination with various utilities within the Study Area include avoiding impacts on utility infrastructure and minimizing any potential impacts on local service providers and utility customers during Facility construction and operation.

Further information on obtaining funding for participation in this proceeding can be found at: https://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/96f0fec0b45a3c6485257688006a701a/6fd11ce8db088a2785257e200054a99b/\$FILE/Guide%20to%20Intervenor%20Funding%201-30-18.pdf



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EDF Renewables recognizes that public and stakeholder participation in the Article 10 process may be new to many, and that timeframes provided for certain milestone steps can be short. For example, under Article 10 Regulations, 11 stakeholders and members of the public are given 21 days to comment on the Preliminary Scoping Statement filed with the Secretary to the Siting Board. To ensure stakeholders are aware of important deadlines and opportunities for participation, EDF Renewables intends to engage municipalities, agencies, and stakeholders throughout the PIP Plan implementation process to explain upcoming milestones; identify stakeholders' respective interests; and obtain information regarding particular resources, locations, concerns, and recommendations of the affected communities, agencies, and interest groups. Prior to filing the PSS, this will be accomplished through a variety of methods, including open house meetings, direct correspondence,

EDF Renewables intends to engage municipalities, agencies, and stakeholders throughout the PIP Plan implementation process to identify their respective interests, and obtain information regarding particular resources, locations, concerns, and recommendations of the affected communities, agencies, and interest groups.

review of comments submitted through the Project and DPS websites, and targeted meetings with some of the individual stakeholders identified herein. Stakeholder coordination meetings will be documented and summarized in the PIP Plan Record of Activity (Exhibit C) and discussed in both the PSS and the Application.

The table provided in Exhibit B lists the affected agencies and municipalities identified at the time this PIP Plan was prepared, along with the goals and objectives for each consultation and the plan for achieving these goals.

#### 5.4 Pre-Application Activities to Encourage Stakeholder Participation

EDF Renewables has engaged involved and interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other potential stakeholders on many solar and wind projects throughout North America. EDF Renewables intends on using this prior experience to facilitate meaningful stakeholder interaction through the Article 10 review process for the Rich Road Solar Energy Center.

In addition to the engagement activities that have already taken place, EDF Renewables will continue pre-application activities to encourage stakeholder participation as set forth in the Agency/Municipality Consultations and Stakeholder Participation table included in Exhibit B of this PIP Plan. A project website and local document repositories will ensure information is available to stakeholders, and notifications will ensure deadlines and updates are disseminated when needed. The Record of Activity (Exhibit C) will be regularly updated, as necessary, as consultations and stakeholder participation activities take place and additional means of engagement are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 16 NYCRR § 1000.5(g).



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identified. In addition, concerns and questions raised by the public, and EDF Renewables' response to these issues, will be documented in Exhibit C, as well as in the PSS and the Article 10 Application. Exhibit D provides general guidance for public participation in the Article 10 process.

# 5.5 Activities to Educate the Public on the Proposal, Process, and Funding

EDF Renewables plans to attend Town Board meetings and present Applicant-sponsored public information sessions. EDF Renewables will distribute educational materials and provide a Facility website, which will offer information on the proposed Facility, as well as provide links to information on the Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and other important stakeholder issues. These efforts will allow EDF Renewables to engage with stakeholders regarding the proposed Facility and will offer multiple avenues of information distribution so that stakeholders and the public have multiple, varied opportunities to obtain information on the Facility and participate in the proceedings. A preliminary Project schedule has been included in this PIP Plan as Exhibit E.

#### **5.5.1 Public Meetings**

EDF Renewables intends to hold a minimum of two open-house style public meetings prior to submittal of the PSS, as well as two meetings following PSS submittal. Representatives for EDF Renewables will be present to provide Facility information and answer questions. EDF Renewables will work with the local community to identify a central and accessible location to hold these meetings, but it is anticipated that these meetings will be held at a public meeting space in reasonable proximity to the Facility Area.

EDF Renewables will properly notice these meetings in local newspapers, including the Watertown Daily Times, North Country Now, and the Ogdensburg Journal, at least 14 days prior to the scheduled event. In addition, information on the meetings will be posted on the Facility website at <a href="https://www.richroadsolar.com">www.richroadsolar.com</a>, and will be mailed to the Master stakeholder list (see Section 5.5.2 below).

EDF Renewables will provide DPS Staff with informal notice of scheduled public meetings and will submit a notice to the Siting Board docket in this proceeding to ensure that those who have filed a request with the Siting Board Secretary to receive notices are kept informed.



#### 5.5.2 Mailings

EDF Renewables will maintain three lists of stakeholders to whom they will send mailings and other notifications:

**Article 10 Service List:** This list identifies those parties upon whom EDF Renewables is legally obligated to serve copies of certain official filings under 16 NYCRR 1000.5(c), 1000.6(a) and 1000.7, as well as NY PSL Section 164(2).

Master Stakeholder List: This is the formal list of Host and Adjacent Landowners (landowners within 500 feet of the proposed Facility Area), State and Federal Agencies, Local Agencies, Municipalities and School Districts in the Facility Area, Municipalities and School Districts in the Study Area, and Additional Stakeholders (listed in Section 3) upon whom EDF Renewables is required to serve notices of the PSS, Stipulations, and similar events. Affidavits of Service will be needed for notices. To provide early outreach to these Stakeholders, EDF Renewables will send Project and Facility information via first class mail to the Master Stakeholder List to make sure they are aware of the project. Notification of all public meetings held by EDF Renewables will also be mailed to the Master Stakeholder List. EDF Renewables will indicate in the PIP Record of Activity (Exhibit C) whether a mailing was sent. In addition, EDF Renewables anticipates maintaining the mailings and the affidavits of mailing for inclusion in Exhibit 2 of the Application.

**Notification List:** A Notification List, separate from the Master Stakeholder List, will be developed and regularly updated to provide email and mailing updates to individuals who live or own property within 2,500 feet of the proposed Facility Area, or any individual who signs up for notifications via the public website, or who attends an open house(s). This Notification List will be updated throughout the Project as individuals are identified through public meetings and the Facility website. The updated list will then be used for future mail and email notifications, and the list will be further updated based on additional requests. EDF Renewables will conduct a mailing to all physical mailing addresses and property owners within 2,500 feet of the proposed Facility Area to announce the initial set of public meetings.

The identities of property owners will be determined from county GIS records, tax records, and personal visits by representatives of EDF Renewables. EDF Renewables will endeavor to account for any seasonal or second-home residency during implementation of this PIP Plan, for example, by encouraging all residents to sign up for email notifications or updates, which can be transmitted to them locally or remotely depending on the season. Use of newspapers, websites, and/or mailings to the addresses provided to local municipalities for tax billing purposes will assist in those efforts as well.



#### 5.5.3 Educational Materials

EDF Renewables will develop educational materials to inform the public about solar energy, the proposed Facility, the Article 10 process, and intervenor funding. These materials will include poster-sized maps and graphics to be displayed at public meetings, as well as factsheets and brochures that will be made available at public meetings, local repositories, and/or through mailings to stakeholders. Written materials, including the mass mailing to announce the initial set of public meetings, will include Project contact information, the Project website address, an invitation to join the stakeholder list, and the location of the document repositories. Materials will also be available on the Facility website.

# 5.6 Project Website

Concurrent with the filing of the Final PIP Plan, EDF Renewables will establish a live, user-friendly website, with all information up to date in plain English, that describes the Facility: <a href="https://www.richroadsolar.com">www.richroadsolar.com</a>. This website will provide information regarding the Article 10 process and will provide Facility updates throughout the development and construction phases of the Facility to keep the

EDF Renewables will provide updates throughout the development and construction of the Rich Road Solar Energy Center through the project website: www.richroadsolar.com.

community informed of the Facility's status. For example, maps will be added to the website as the Facility layout evolves, and notices will be posted to the website prior to various milestones and public meetings/outreach events. Project updates will also be provided to the local repositories, as necessary.

EDF Renewables anticipates that the website will include:

- Facility description;
- Facility benefits and need;
- Summary of permitting requirements;
- Links to the Siting Board Article 10 Public Information Coordinator, the Siting Board home page, and case-specific documents;
- Information on the Article 10 process;
- Summary of the Intervenor Funding process and how to apply;
- Facility contact information, including email address, local telephone number, and the Siting Board's assigned case number;
- Copies of Article 10 and related licensing documents;
- Addresses of local document repositories;



- A link to request stakeholder status;
- A schedule that lists dates/times/locations for outreach events and key milestone dates, such as when the Application is expected to be filed;
- Tracking reports summarizing the Facility's PIP Plan activities to date;
- Information on EDF Renewables;
- News and announcements: and
- Frequently asked questions about the Project and solar energy.

As indicated above, the website will include the Facility contact information (email address and local telephone number). Interested parties may request stakeholder status through the website. EDF Renewables will respond directly to all inquiries and requests for information submitted to the Facility contact (by email, telephone, or mail) within 48 hours of receiving the inquiry and/or comment. EDF Renewables' normal business hours are from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays and between

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Christmas and New Year's. Where it may take longer to respond to an inquiry, the initial response will indicate a timeframe anticipated for the full response. Correspondence will be documented in a database. In addition, where an in-person meeting is requested, efforts will be made to accommodate such meetings within 15 business days. Email inquiries will receive an automated response acknowledging receipt of an interested party's question or comment.

### 5.7 Notifications

Article 10 Regulations establish the notification requirements for serving documents. Pursuant to the rules, EDF Renewables shall publish all required notices in the official newspaper of record for the Town of Canton (identified as the Watertown Daily Times and Ogdensburg Journal), as well as in the newspaper of largest circulation in St. Lawrence County, as required by the regulations, <sup>12</sup> and also the North Country Now. The Applicant will also provide notice to those persons entitled to receive notice of actions in the Town of Canton.

No less than three days before filing of the PSS and the Application, EDF Renewables will publish a notice of the PSS and the Application in the newspapers listed above; serve each member of the State Legislature in whose district any portion of the proposed Facility is to be located; provide written notice to those persons who have filed a statement with the Secretary that wish to receive such notices; and provide mail and email (if available) notification to all parties on the Master Stakeholder List. In addition, notifications will be posted on the Facility website.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See 16 NYCRR § 1000.7(a).



EDF Renewables will publish any other notices required by the Presiding Examiner or other section of Article 10 in the manner prescribed by the Presiding Examiner or under the Article 10 regulations.

EDF Renewables will mail a copy of the notice announcing the PSS and Application filing to those on the updated Master Stakeholder List, which includes host and adjacent landowners. This Master Stakeholder List will be included in the Application. Copies of the PSS and Application filings will be provided to the Article 10 service list as required by the regulations.

## **Activities to Encourage Stakeholder Participation**

Beyond the activities described in Sections 5.1 through 5.6, EDF Renewables will seek to identify additional, practical measures to encourage stakeholder participation during the certification process. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing, evolving process throughout all phases of the Article 10 review process (pre-application phase, application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-certification phase) and will take into account feedback from the community and stakeholders during the pre-application outreach process and PIP Plan implementation.

EDF Renewables will track its PIP Plan and provide regular updates to DPS Staff and the Secretary. Specifically, EDF Renewables will maintain a Record of Activity (see Exhibit C) that will provide specifics on all meetings, including dates, locations, attendees, purpose, and discussion topics.

As previously stated, EDF Renewables intends to hold at least two open-house style public meetings prior to submittal of the PSS, and two additional meetings following submittal of the PSS. In addition, the Facility website will be updated continuously with Facility developments, meetings, and announcements to keep stakeholders and the public informed.

Following project certification, EDF Renewables will conduct additional public outreach and notifications as the project enters the construction phase. These efforts will include notification to various parties regarding the start of construction and implementation of a Complaint Resolution Plan, which will be submitted with the Article 10 Application. These measures will be described further in Exhibit 2 of the Application.



# 6.0 REQUIRED AIRPORT/HELIPORT PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

Evaluation of potential Project impacts on aviation is governed by the rules of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). It is not anticipated the proposed Facility will meet any of the requirements set forth in the FAA's regulations for construction or alteration activities requiring notice to the FAA. The proposed Facility will not involve the construction of any structure that exceeds 200 feet above ground level (AGL), or construction of a structure on airport property or within an airport approach. Consequently, the filing of a notice with the FAA will not be required for the Facility. There are no aviation stakeholders within 12 miles of the proposed Facility. The closest airport to the Facility Area is Moores Airport, 12.2 miles away in Degrasse, New York.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See 14 CFR §77.9(a-e) (Construction or alternation requiring notice).



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# **Exhibit A Master Stakeholder List**



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# **Exhibit B Goals and Objectives for Stakeholder Involvement**



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 $c. \ \ Maintain \ appropriate \ communications \ and \ outreach \ efforts \ with \ these \ key \ stakeholders.$ 



 $<sup>^{14}</sup>$  EDF Renewables will consider the following general outreach goals and objectives for each agency/municipality:

a. Identify appropriate points of contact and methods of communication early in the outreach period.

b. Identify interests and concerns of affected municipalities before developing the PSS. In developing the PSS, incorporate these findings to address identified interests and concerns in the early planning stages.

Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Obtain all relevant local laws, comprehensive plans, building codes, zoning maps, etc.  Determine whether all local laws potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
	Discuss transportation routes, use of right-of-way, and other issues of local concern with Town Highway Departments.	Meeting with Town Highway Departments before submittal of PSS to discuss capital improvement projects and future plans, during Article 10 process as needed, and prior to mobilization to site for construction.
	Inform local emergency responders of contingency plans in the event of an emergency during construction or operational phases of the Project.	Meeting or telephone conference during Article 10 process and at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction.
Town of Canton Historian	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Schools in Facility Area	
	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10	Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/information sessions, and opportunities for participation.
	process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (no less than three days prior to filing), etc.
Contain Control Salo ad District		Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
Canton Central School District (host school district)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
		By phone, mail, or in person as requested.
	Solicitation of local feedback.  Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	Public Information Open House Sessions and attendance at local meetings. At least two public sessions currently planned, one prior to and one following submittal of the PSS.
		Establish a contact phone number and dedicated project email address to respond to inquiries and accept public comment.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Explain and discuss delivery methods of project components and transportation routes and timing; discuss and address any school district concerns regarding transportation and project impacts pre- and post-construction.	Meeting or telephone conference at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction.
	Municipalities in Study Area	
	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/information sessions, and opportunities for participation.
		Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
St. Lawrence County, Town of	Provide notice no less than three days prior to submittal of PSS.	Mail notice.
Canton	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Solicit feedback  Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested.
	Inform local emergency responders of contingency plans in the event of an emergency during construction or operational phases of the Project.	Meeting or telephone conference during Article 10 process and at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	<b>Schools in Study Area</b>	
	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/information sessions, and opportunities for participation.
		Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
		By phone, mail, or in person, as requested.
		Public Information Open House Sessions and attendance at local meetings.
Hermon-DeKalb Central School District	Solicitation of local feedback.	At least two public sessions currently planned, one prior
	Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	to and one following submittal of the PSS.
		Establish a contact phone number and dedicated project email address to respond to inquiries and accept public comment.
	Explain and discuss delivery methods of project components and transportation routes and timing; discuss and address any school district concerns regarding transportation and project impacts pre- and post-construction.	Meeting or telephone conference at least two months prior to mobilization to site for construction.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	County	
	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	Letter to be sent before submittal of the PSS.
	Provide notice to County no less than three days prior to submittal of the PSS.	Mail notice.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Solicit local feedback.	By phone, mail, or in person, as requested by County.
	Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	
St. Lawrence County (host municipality)	Obtain all relevant local laws, comprehensive plans, building codes, zoning maps, etc.  Determine whether all local	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
	laws potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	P35.
	Review County Department of Transportation requirements, transportation routes, and use of rights-of-way.	Meeting with Department of Transportation before submittal of PSS to discuss capital improvement projects and future plans, during Article 10 process as needed, and prior to mobilization to site for construction.
	Work with County Emergency Management Office to develop appropriate emergency response plans for construction and operational phases of the Project.	Initial consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
St. Lawrence County Administrator's Office	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
St. Lawrence County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
St. Lawrence County Department of Public Transportation	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
St. Lawrence County Public Health Department	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by the Project.	Initial consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.
St. Lawrence County Planning Office	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss facilities that may be affected by the Project.	Initial consultation(s) during development of the PSS, with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Provide information on the	Initial consultation(s) during
	Project and Article 10 process,	development of the PSS, with
St. Lawrence County	intervenor funding, and	subsequent meeting(s) during
Department of Highways	contact information, and	development of the
	discuss facilities that may be	Application and as needed
	affected by the Project.	throughout Article 10 process.
	Provide information on the	Initial consultation(s) during
St. Lawrence County	Project and Article 10 process,	development of the PSS, with
St. Lawrence County Environmental Management	intervenor funding, and	subsequent meeting(s) during
Council	contact information, and	development of the
Council	discuss facilities that may be	Application and as needed
	affected by the Project.	throughout Article 10 process.
	Provide information on the	Initial consultation(s) during
	Project and Article 10 process,	development of the PSS, with
St. Lawrence County	intervenor funding, and	subsequent meeting(s) during
Emergency Services	contact information, and	development of the
	discuss facilities that may be	Application and as needed
	affected by the Project.	throughout Article 10 process.
	Provide information on the	Initial consultation(s) during
	Project and Article 10 process,	development of the PSS, with
St. Lawrence County Real	intervenor funding, and	subsequent meeting(s) during
Property Department	contact information, and	development of the
	discuss facilities that may be	Application and as needed
	affected by the Project.	throughout Article 10 process.
	Provide information on the	
	Project and Article 10 process,	
	intervenor funding, and	Initial consultation(s) during
	contact information, and	development of the PSS, with
St. Lawrence County Soil and	discuss existing and future	subsequent meeting(s) during
Water Conservation District	planning documents,	development of the
	associated objectives, and	Application and as needed
	how such objectives may be affected or promoted by the Project.	throughout Article 10 process.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
State Agencies/Representatives		
Empire State Development Corporation	Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings.	As per schedule in regulations.
National Telecommunications and Information Administration	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
New York Independent System Operator	Generator interconnection studies and timing.	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application and throughout Article 10 process.
New York Power Authority	Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings.	As per schedule in regulations.
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings.	As per schedule in regulations.
NYS Attorney General	Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings.	As per schedule in regulations.
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets	Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings.	As per schedule in regulations.
(NYSA&M)	Determine whether all NYSA&M regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Central Office	Identify agency concerns to incorporate feedback into environmental study design.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS. Obtain agency comment/approval.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Notifications, as required by	
	Article 10. To be served	As per schedule in
	copies of the PSS and	regulations.
	Application filings.	
	Determine whether all	Initial meeting or telephone
	NYSDEC regulations	conference no later than one
	potentially applicable to the	month prior to submittal of
	Project have been identified.	PSS.
	Notifications, as required by	
NYSDEC Region 6	Article 10. To be served	As per schedule in
NY3DEC REGION 6	copies of the PSS and	regulations.
	Application filings.	
	Notifications, as required by	
	Article 10. To be served	As per schedule in
	copies of the PSS and	regulations.
New York State Department	Application filings.	
of Health (NYSDOH)	Determine whether all	Initial meeting or telephone
	NYSDOH regulations	conference no later than one
	potentially applicable to the	month prior to submittal of
	Project have been identified.	PSS.
	Facilitate Article 10 review	
NYS Department of Public	process. To be served copies	Meetings throughout process.
Service	of the PSS and Application	Meetings tilloughout process.
	filings.	
	Notifications, as required by	
	Article 10. To be served	As per schedule in
	copies of the PSS and	regulations.
NYS Department of State	Application filings.	
(NYSDOS)	Determine whether all	Initial meeting or telephone
	NYSDOS regulations	conference no later than one
	potentially applicable to the	month prior to submittal of
	Project have been identified.	PSS.
NYS Department of	Identify constraints associated	Prior to submittal of Article 10
Transportation (NYSDOT),	with roads used for	Application.
Central Office	component transport.	



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
	Notifications, as required by Article 10. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings.	As per schedule in regulations.
NYSDOT Region 7	Identify constraints associated with roads used for component transport.	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
NYS Governor's Office	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation	Consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law and/or Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, as required. To be served copies of the PSS and Application filings.	Meetings to develop work plans and content of cultural resources studies prior to submittal of PSS, ongoing review of studies, and mitigation recommendations.
Members of NYS Assembly for District 116 (currently Mark	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information.	Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
Walczyk) and members of NYS Senate for District 48	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
(currently Patty Ritchie)	Solicit feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested.
Federal Agencies/Representatives		
US Army Corps of Engineers	Determine jurisdiction and permits necessary under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.	Coordination as necessary under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
US Federal Aviation Administration	No Hazard Determination.	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Determine potential concerns regarding compliance with applicable federal laws and regulations.	Prior to submittal of the PSS.
US House of Representatives, Elise Stefanik, 21 <sup>st</sup> Congressional District	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
US Senator Charles E. Schumer	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Other Stakeholders	
Adirondack Mountain Club, Laurentian Chapter	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Alliance for Clean Energy New York	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Canton Chamber of Commerce	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation 14	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
Canton Free Library	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Development Authority of the North Country	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Indian Creek Nature Center	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation 14	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 910	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Morley Brach Library	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
New York Agricultural Land Trust	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
New York Farm Bureau, St. Lawrence County Farm Bureau	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
New Yorkers for Clean Power	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation 14	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
New York State Conservation Council	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
New York Forest Owners Association	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
New York Public Interest Research Group	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Northern New York Agricultural Historical Society	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Northern New York Audubon Society	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.



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Save the River – Upper St. Lawrence River Keeper	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
St. Lawrence County Historical Society	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
St. Lawrence Land Trust	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.



Agency/Municipality	Goals of Consultation <sup>14</sup>	Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation
Thousand Islands Land Trust	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Telecommunications Providers with equipment, easements, or rights-of- way within Facility Area	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information, and discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.



# **Exhibit C Example Record of Activity**



## **Rich Road Solar Energy Center Record of Activity**

Date of Activity	Locations of Activity	Activity Attendees	Purpose of Activity	Follow-up Action Items	Comments	Future Outreach
April 24 2019	Canton	Jack Honor (EDFR), Canton Town Board Solar	Share site map and project information, location, Article	Requested meeting within next few months		Maintain regular communication with Town
		Committee	10 process, etc.			officials



## **Exhibit D General Guidance for Public Participation in the Article 10 Process**



#### **How Can I Participate in the Article 10 Process?**

Under Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law (Article 10), all major electric generating facilities of 25 megawatts in capacity or more (Facility) must be reviewed and approved by a multi-agency State body called the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board). The Article 10 process is broken into several phases, and each phase has multiple opportunities for stakeholder and public involvement.

Throughout the process, you can participate by:

- Joining the Party or Service List on the Siting Board's project docket website, and/or monitoring the filings and announcements posted to that website. You will need the project case number [19-F-XXXX] to access these materials.
- Contacting EDF Renewables to request additional information, or to receive notices.
- Filing comments on the "Public Comments" tab on the project docket website.
- Visiting the Project Website
- Attending local open house events, conferences, public statement hearings, or municipal meetings where Project representatives provide additional information.

#### **Pre-Application Phase**

Early in project development, a prospective Article 10 Applicant must identify and engage with stakeholders with potential interests in the proposed Facility, as well as propose environmental and community studies that will look at the potential impacts of construction and operation of the Facility. This process begins with the Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan and ends when an Article 10 Application is filed.

#### 1. Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan Stage

In the PIP Plan, an Applicant will identify stakeholders and outline its proposed strategies for stakeholder involvement. You can find additional information on EDF Renewables' outreach plans in the PIP, such as the "local document repositories" where important project documents will be made available, the online resources where project details will be provided, the newspapers where EDF Renewables will publish notices, and the kinds of outreach you can expect to see in your community.



#### 2. Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) Stage

At least 5 months after the PIP Plan is filed, EDF Renewables will file a PSS outlining the studies to be performed and information it proposes to provide in its Application. This starts a 21-day public comment period on the content of the PSS. After the comment period closes, EDF Renewables must respond to comments received within 21 days.

- At least 3 days before the PSS is filed, notices will be published in local newspapers and on the project website, and they will be served on individuals or groups identified in the regulations.
- You can request to be served with these notices by joining the Party or Service
  Lists on the Siting Board's project docket website, or by contacting EDF
  Renewables.
- The PSS is distributed to the Party and Service Lists, placed in repositories, posted to project website and Siting Board docket website.
- Instructions for submitting comments on the PSS will be included in the notices.
- After the PSS is filed, and before an Application is submitted, EDF Renewables will hold two additional public meetings or open houses.

### 3. Preliminary Conference and Pre-Application Intervenor Funding

Within 2 months of the PSS filing, a Preliminary Conference will be scheduled by the Presiding Examiner in the area where the Facility is proposed. This public session is used to review requests for intervenor funding and to start a settlement negotiations process called "Stipulations."

- Municipalities and qualified local groups can seek intervenor funding to assist them in reviewing and commenting on the PSS and participate in Stipulations.
- Instructions for requesting intervenor funding, and qualification information, can be found on the Siting Board's website.

#### 4. Stipulations

Parties may decide to negotiate stipulations, or agreements, about the scope and methodology of studies EDF Renewables will perform and discuss in the Application. This process can help limit issues in dispute amongst the parties, and avoid costly litigation on topics not of concern. The Stipulations process is confidential, but Stipulations cannot be signed by the parties until they are released for public review and comment.



- If parties agree to stipulations, EDF Renewables will publish and circulate a notice at least three days before the Stipulations are released, to alert interested persons.
- When the Stipulations are filed, the public generally has 21-30 days to review and comment on the proposed Stipulations.

#### **Application and Hearings Phase**

Once the Application is filed, another phase of review, intervenor funding, stakeholder participation, and engagement begins. This stage of review may involve adjudicatory hearings, legal briefs, and other formal proceedings. This Phase concludes with a Recommended Decision from the Examiners assigned to hear the case, and with legal briefs from parties about that recommendation.

### 5. Application Submission and Completeness

EDF Renewables will file its Application, which will span many volumes, and which will be available online on the project website, Siting Board docket, and by electronic notification to the Party and Service Lists, as well as in paper form at local document repositories and certain agencies. State regulators review the Application and determine whether all necessary information is included, and if it can be considered "complete" and ready for review. A completeness determination starts a 12-month clock on review and decision on the Application by the Siting Board.

- At least 3 days before the Application is filed, legal notices will be published in the newspaper and on websites, and circulated to parties and interested persons.
- You will have the opportunity to review the Application, continue to submit public comments, and monitor the proceeding.

#### 6. Pre-Hearing Conference(s) and Intervenor Funding

The Application Phase includes a second round of intervenor funding and another conference to address intervenor funding requests, as well as consideration of formal "Party Status" for hearings. That conference, or other conferences, may include an identification of party disagreements or "issues" that must be addressed in litigation.

- Additional intervenor funding is available to qualified entities and groups to facilitate participation in the Application Phase.
- Notices of hearings and important deadlines will be posted to the Siting Board docket website and circulated to the Party and Service Lists.



## 7. Public Statement Hearings

Soon after a complete Application is received, the Siting Board will schedule a Public Statement Hearing in a host community where the Facility is proposed. The purpose of that hearing is to take public comments on the Facility. Notice of that hearing will be published and posted online.

## 8. Adjudicatory Hearings and Legal Briefing

If there are issues that require litigation, adjudicatory hearings and legal briefing periods will be held. A Facility's host municipalities are automatically considered a Party to this phase, and at least 50% of the intervenor funding made available for the Application and Hearings Phases is reserved for municipal parties, to defray the costs of that participation. This phase ends with a Recommended Decision, made by the Hearing Examiners based on the record of the proceedings, and submitted to the Siting Board for review.

 Members of the public can monitor the progress of the case through this period, and can request updates from their local municipal officials.

#### **Certification Phase**

After the Recommended Decision is issued, the Decision is in the hands of the Siting Board. Members of the Siting Board, including two local ad hoc members of the Board nominated by the host municipalities in the Pre-Application Phase and appointed by the Senate and Assembly. When the Siting Board is ready to decide, it will schedule a public session to announce its decision.

#### **Compliance Phase**

If a Facility is issued an Article 10 certificate, there will generally be items and tasks that must be addressed prior to Facility construction, before the Facility begins operating, or at certain milestones after operations begin. You will be able to find information on these requirements in the Siting Board's decision, and proof of EDF Renewables' compliance with those requirements will be submitted to the Siting Board's docket page, the Party and Service Lists, and other repositories for important Facility information, such as the project website.

#### **Construction and Operation Phase**

Most Facility Applications will need to include a Compliant Resolution Plan, construction-related plans, and other information for the public, communities, and stakeholders in case any issues arise while EDF Renewables is building or operating the Facility. In those plans, you will be able to find Applicant contact numbers, see proposed plans for dealing with construction-related traffic and machinery, review emergency response and impact mitigation plans, and understand how EDF Renewables plans to interact with the community over the life of the project.



#### Instructions for Joining the Party or Service List in a Siting Board Proceeding

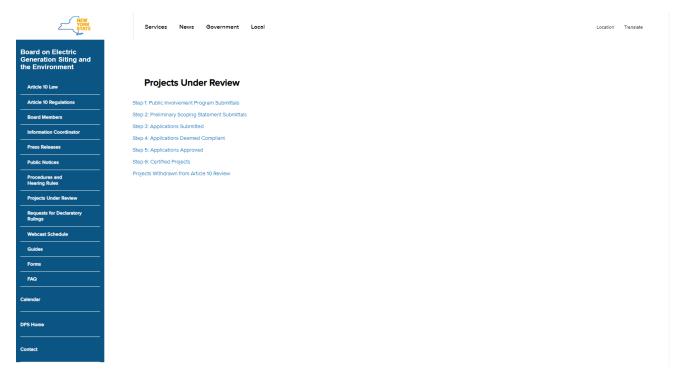
Go to the DPS Home Page (www.dps.ny.gov), then click "Search" to search by project Case Number, or find the project name under the "Generation Siting" list on the DPS home page.



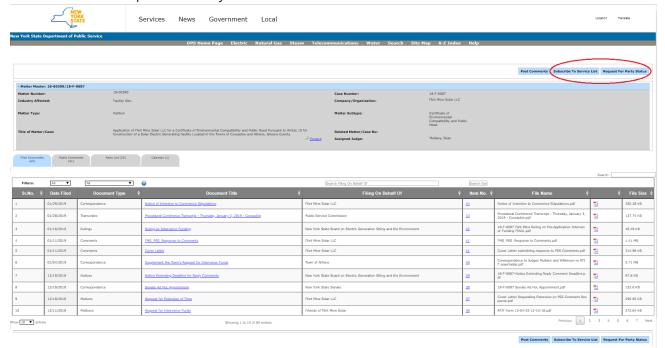


Webcast Schedule

Links to Article 10 project dockets are also available through the Siting Board's website (<a href="http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard">http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard</a>), by clicking "Projects under Review," and identifying the project from the list provided.

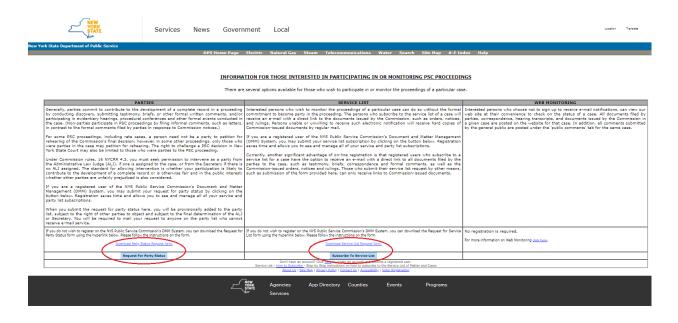


Either method will bring up the project's docket or Document and Matter Management (DMM) System page. In the top right hand corner of the DMM page, there are buttons titled "Subscribe to Service List" or "Request for Party Status." Click one.





Clicking the "Subscribe to Service List" or "Request for Party Status" buttons opens a page outlining the differences between joining the Party List, subscribing to the Service List, or participation via Web Monitoring. Select the preferred method of participation by clicking one of the buttons, or by downloading a form for submission to the Secretary.



The DMM system will provide automated notifications when filings are made in a proceeding to members of both the Party List and Service List. Individuals can select the option to receive only filings made by the Siting Board, or all filings made by any party in the proceeding.

There are two methods to become a Party: (1) Download the form available at the link provided, fill it out in hard copy, and submit to the PSC to be added manually by their staff, or (2) click the button to "Request Party Status" and create a ny.gov ID. This takes you to another page, to sign up for a NY.gov ID if you do not have one, or to log in if you do have one.

If you experience problems, you can contact the DPS helpline for the DMM system by calling (518) 474-7080. Additional assistance and troubleshooting information is available on the DPS website at: <a href="http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/B3AC0E39E2A9368B852578D20056F353?OpenDocument">http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/B3AC0E39E2A9368B852578D20056F353?OpenDocument</a>

## **Monitoring Siting Board Proceedings**

## INFORMATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN OR MONITORING PSC **PROCEEDINGS**

There are several options available for those who wish to participate in or monitor the proceedings of a particular case. Please read the details of each and decide which is the best option for you.

**Service List** 

contribute to the development of a complete record in a proceeding by conducting discovery; submitting testimony, briefs, or other formal written comments; and/or participating in evidentiary hearings, procedural conferences, and other formal events conducted in the case. (Non-parties participate in PSC proceedings by filing informal comments, such as letters, in contrast to

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may be compelled to respond

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**Parties** 

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For some PSC proceedings, including rate cases, a person need not be a party to petition for rehearing of the Commission's final decision; however, in some other proceedings, only those who were parties in the case may

Interested persons who wish to monitor the proceedings of a particular case can do so without the formal commitment to become party in the proceeding. The persons who subscribe to the service list of a case will receive an e-mail with a direct link to the documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulings. Persons unable or unwilling to receive such electronic notification will receive hard copies of Commission-issued documents by regular mail.

party, a person or organization If you are a registered user of the NYS Public Service Commission's Document and Matter Management (DMM) System, you may submit your service list subscription by clicking on the button below. Registration saves time and allows you to see and manage all of your service and party list subscriptions.

Currently, another significant

Interested persons who choose not to sign up to receive e-mail notifications. can view our website at their convenience to check on the status of a case. All documents filed by parties, correspondence, hearing transcripts, and documents issued by the Commission in a given case are posted on the website for that case. In addition, all comments submitted by the general public are posted under the 'public comments' tab for the same case.

**Web Access** 



petition for rehearing. The right to challenge a PSC decision in New York State Court may also be limited to those who were parties to the PSC proceeding.

Under Commission rules (16 NYCRR 4.3), you must seek permission to intervene as a party from the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), if one is assigned to the case, or from the Secretary if no ALJ has been assigned. The standard for allowing intervention is whether your participation is likely to contribute to the development of a complete record or is otherwise fair and in the public interest; whether other parties are unfairly prejudiced is also considered.

If you are a registered user of the NYS Public Service Commission's Document and Matter Management (DMM) System, you may submit your request for party status by clicking on the associated button. Registration saves time and allows you to see and manage all of your service and party list subscriptions.

When you submit the request for party status here, you will be provisionally added to the

advantage of on-line registration is that registered users who subscribe to a service list for a case have the option to receive an e-mail with a direct link to all documents filed by the parties to the case, such as testimony, briefs, correspondence and formal comments, as well as the Commission-issued orders, notices and rulings. Those who submit their service list request by other means, such as submission of the form provided here, can only receive links to Commissionissued documents.



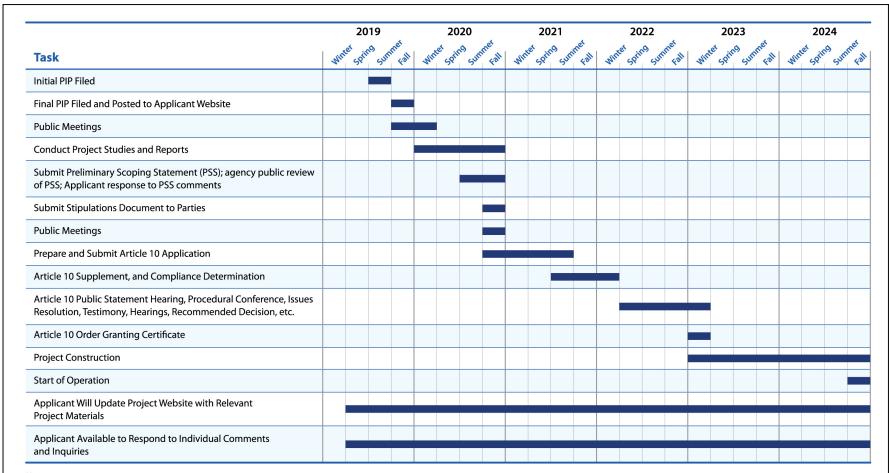
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	request to:	
	Secretary	
	Department of Public Service	
	Three Empire State Plaza	
	Albany, NY 12223-1350.	
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# **Exhibit E Project Schedule**



## **Rich Road Solar Energy Center Project Schedule**



#### Notes:

- EDF Renewables welcomes and encourages stakeholders and members of the public to participate in the Article 10 process. There are many opportunities for public involvement during the various stages of the decision making process, including but not limited to, participation in public meetings, public comment on proposed documents, and communication with EDF Renewables throughout the project life.
- EDF Renewables will hold additional meetings with individual stakeholders as required throughout the Project lifecycle.

