



Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan
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TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS

AC:	Alternating current
CES:	Clean Energy Standard
CCR:	Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC, or Cypress Creek
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
DC:	Direct current
DEC:	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
DPS:	New York State Department of Public Service
Facility:	Collectively refers to all components of the proposed project, including PV panels, access roads, buried and above ground collection lines, substations, and staging areas.
Facility Area:	An area of land within which all Facility components will be located.
Facility Site:	Those parcels currently under, or being pursued, for lease (or other real property interests) with the Applicant for the location of all Facility components.
GIS:	Geographic Information Systems
kV:	Kilovolt
MW:	Megawatt
New York:	New York State
NYISO:	New York Independent System Operator
PIP:	Public Involvement Program Plan
POI:	Point of Interconnection
Project:	The process of developing, certifying, and constructing the Facility
PSC:	New York State Public Service Commission
PSL:	New York Public Service Law
PSS:	Preliminary Scoping Statement
PV:	Photovoltaic
Siting Board:	New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment
Stakeholder:	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.

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

In support of New York State’s Clean Energy Standard (“CES”) mandate to secure 50 percent of the State’s electrical supply from renewable sources by 2030, Bear Ridge Solar, LLC (hereafter the “Applicant”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC (“Cypress Creek”) is proposing to construct a 100 megawatt (“MW”) alternating current (“AC”) photovoltaic (“PV”) solar energy generation facility (the “Facility” or “Project”) in the towns of Cambria and Pendleton, Niagara County, New York.

Given the proposed size of the Facility, it 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 new major electric generating facilities in New York State by the Board of Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the “Siting Board”) in a unified proceeding, instead of requiring a developer of such a facility to apply for numerous state and local permits.

The Public Involvement Program Plan (“PIP”) is a very important part of this process. The information that the Applicant receives through its public outreach program 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 evaluated, addressed and considered by the Applicant and the Siting Board. The Applicant also commits to consulting with Department of Public Service (“DPS”) Staff at appropriate times during the outreach period, including during early development of the Preliminary Scoping Statement (“PSS”).

The Siting Board’s rules 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. Under the Siting Board’s rules, the PIP must be submitted to the DPS Staff for review at least 150 days prior to filing a PSS.

This document represents the Applicant’s PIP and describes the public outreach and involvement activities that will be utilized throughout the Article 10 review process. Through this PIP, the Applicant (1) formally introduces the Facility; (2) describes the Article 10 process to the local community, stakeholders, and other

interested parties; and (3) outlines future activities related to sharing Facility-related information and establishing how the public can participate in the stakeholder process, including opportunities to ask questions and provide comments.

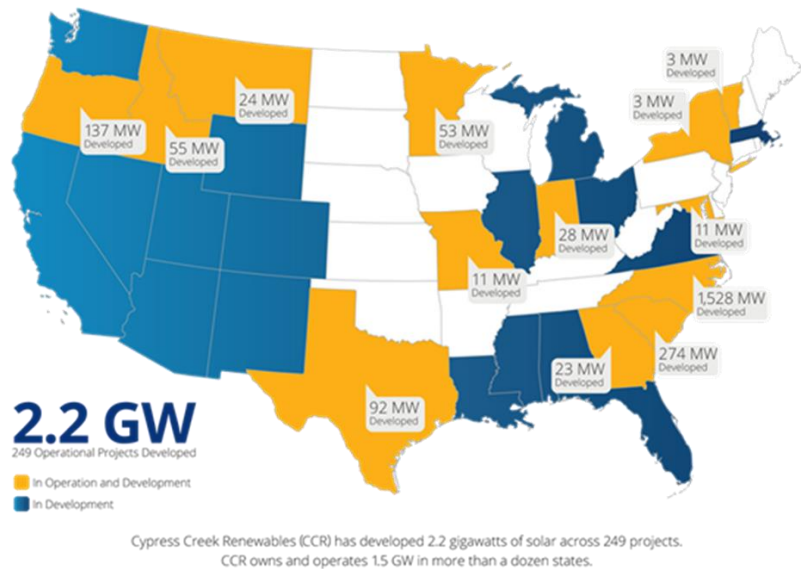
More specifically, as required by the Siting Board's rules and regulations, this PIP includes the following components:

- (1) Consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders;
- (2) Pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity;
- (3) 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.

1.1 ABOUT CYPRESS CREEK RENEWABLES

Cypress Creek Renewables (Cypress Creek), one of the nation's largest dedicated providers of solar projects, has established a proven history of partnering with local communities, governments, and utilities to help advance a national clean energy program. Cypress Creek's projects contribute to local economic development and job growth and increase the use of renewables for a cleaner, more affordable, and more reliable source of power nationwide. In 2017 alone, Cypress Creek built nearly 15 percent of all utility-scale solar installed in the United States, more than any other utility-scale solar developer.

Nationally, Cypress Creek has developed over 2 GW of electricity and owns and operates a portfolio of 1.5 GW across four states—enough to power 500,000 homes. The Company has projects operational or in development in 32 states across the country, many in communities like Cambria and Pendleton. Cypress Creek has invested over \$2.8 billion in communities across the United States, creating millions of dollars in local tax revenue and thousands of construction jobs.



Cypress Creek is committed to empowering strong and healthy communities and providing positive benefits to the localities the company serves. The benefits include the following:

- A source of consistent, annual income for the landowners, which is especially helpful when the landowner's occupation provides variable income, as is often the case year-to-year for farmers;
- New job creation both in temporary construction jobs and long-term solar farm operations, and a stimulus for local business growth and expansion to provide needed services to support the new solar facility;
- New tax revenue streams for the communities it serves; and
- A community commitment by working together with local communities in advancing local projects and helping fulfill community needs, like playgrounds, ballfields, emergency services equipment, job training, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs.

1.2 CYPRESS CREEK PROJECTS IN NEW YORK STATE

Cypress Creek has already delivered millions of dollars in investment and economic development to communities across New York State through the completion of 19 permitted community solar projects and the continued development of over 70 community and utility-scale projects.

These are just some of the benefits:

- A partnership with the Hudson Valley Community College Workforce Development Institute to reduce course fees in solar job training, with a focus on recruiting veterans, women, and underrepresented communities into the solar industry.
- Improved soil and agricultural productivity for local farmland resulting from the installation of an on-site pollinator habitat. Through planting and managing native, pollinator-friendly vegetation, stormwater runoff can be reduced by 8-23 percent,¹ and wild pollinator populations, such as bees and butterflies, can be restored and sustained. In 2016, New York lost half of its managed pollinator populations, which are vital for the crop yield of pollinator-dependent crops worth \$344 million to the State's agricultural industry.² Cypress Creek's projects will provide thousands of acres of healthy habitat for insects urgently needed to support agriculture.
- Investments in new solar installations of approximately \$500 million dollars in the next five years, much of it going to the local communities where the solar farms will be developed.
- Clean power to help meet New York State's renewable energy goal of 50 percent clean energy by 2030.

The utility-scale Bear Ridge Solar Facility in Cambria and Pendleton will further increase the Company's contribution to the State by creating approximately 100 MW of clean energy while bringing jobs, investment, and a stable source of revenue into the community.

1.3 BEAR RIDGE SOLAR PROJECT SUMMARY

The Applicant is proposing a 100 MW-AC solar energy facility in the Towns of Cambria and Pendleton in Niagara County, providing enough clean, renewable energy to power approximately 25,000 single-family homes.³ The Facility is proposed to be sited on approximately 900 acres, 750 of which will in Cambria and 150 in

¹ "Soil, Crop, & Storm Water Benefits of Solar Sites." Fresh Energy, 22 Mar. 2016. Web. <https://fresh-energy.org/tag/storm-water/>.

² NYS Beekeeper Tech Team. 2017 NYS Beekeeper Tech Team report. (Cornell University, 2018).

³ Estimate derived from average electricity use per household in New York State ('Household Energy Use in New York'. https://www.eia.gov/consumption/residential/reports/2009/state_briefs/pdf/NY.pdf) and the estimated electricity production of the Bear Ridge Solar Project.

Pendleton, and will connect to the grid at the existing Mountain—Lockport 115-kV transmission line.

The plans for the Facility began in 2016 with conversations between the Applicant and a group of local farmers/landowners who have lived and farmed in the community for generations. As a result of these informal discussions, Cypress Creek established partnerships with the landowners, who have served as community guides, helping provide local and regional context. With Project approval, these farmers/landowners will be able to continue their long tradition of agricultural production on the rest of their land by partnering with Cypress Creek.

The Applicant estimates that it will invest approximately \$210 million including all construction, material, labor, and professional service-related expenditures. This investment is expected to provide a significant economic stimulus to the area during construction by providing approximately 300 local construction jobs and local contracts, as well as locally-sourced expenditures in goods and services, significant long-term economic benefits through lease revenue to the local landowners, and tax revenue to the community.

Cypress Creek has a proven track record for hiring locally in New York during construction. By the end of 2018, Cypress Creek will have 11 solar projects generating power in the State and over 22 local, NY contractors managing landscaping, construction, electrical work, surveying, and civil work⁴.

The anticipated power output of the Facility is approximately 200 million kWh annually, which will offset an estimated 42,000 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) annually, the equivalent of removing 8,000 cars from the road each year.⁵ According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Social Cost of Carbon, a measure, in dollars, of the long-term damage done by a ton of CO₂ emissions in a single year and the value of damages avoided through an emission

⁴ Stakeholders or other interested parties who wish to know more can find additional information on the Projects website at: BearRidgeSolar.com.

⁵ 'U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Emissions & Generation Resource Integrated Database (eGRID).' Web. 2018. <https://www.epa.gov/energy/emissions-generation-resource-integrated-database-egrid>.

reduction, the environmental benefit of this Project will provide an economic benefit equivalent to \$6.2 million per year to the State of New York.⁶

The Facility will include rows of PV panels, also referred to as modules, mounted on posts set in the ground. These rows of PV panels are referred to as “solar arrays.” The solar panels will be supported by a fixed-tilt racking or single-axis tracking racking system no more than 12 feet in height. The anticipated power output of the Project is approximately 200 million kWh annually. Inverters will be placed throughout the Facility (internal to the panel arrays) to convert direct current (DC) electricity to alternating current (AC) electricity. Transformers will be sited near the inverter locations to convert the AC electricity to a voltage transmittable across the electrical grid. Energy storage devices may be constructed and will be sited internal to the panel arrays. No new transmission lines will be constructed to support the Facility. To deliver solar-generated power to the New York State electric grid, the Applicant proposes to interconnect the proposed Facility with the existing Mountain—Lockport 115-kV transmission line, which is owned and operated by National Grid. This transmission line traverses the northern portion of the proposed Facility Area (see Figure 2) in an east—west orientation. At this location near Comstock Road, in the Town of Cambria, the Applicant plans to construct:

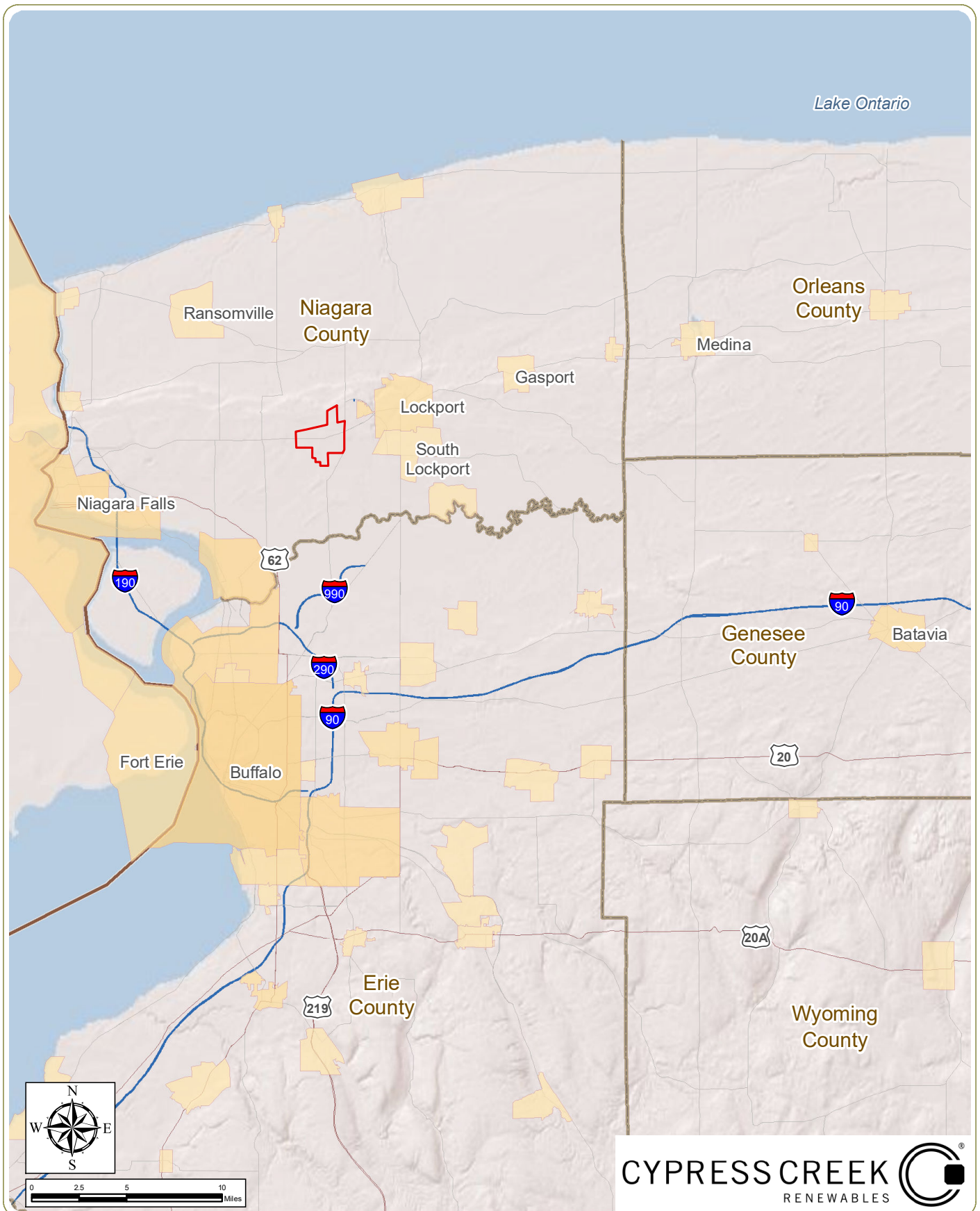
- A secure, fenced-in substation where the Facility’s electrical output voltage will be combined, and its voltage increased to the transmission line voltage of 115-kV via step-up transformers;
- A 115-kV generation tie line (gen-tie) less than 0.5 miles in length that will connect the Facility substation to the switching substation;
- A switching station, to be constructed by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (d/b/a National Grid), or by the Applicant, according to the specifications of National Grid, where the electricity will be injected into the existing bulk transmission system;
- A site access road (less than 0.5 miles) to provide permanent access to the above substation facilities;
- Temporary laydown areas for equipment staging during construction; and
- Internal infrastructure including access roads and fencing.

⁶ ‘U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Social Cost of Carbon.’ Web. 2018.
https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/climatechange/social-cost-carbon_.html.

In 2016, the Applicant commissioned a transmission injection study of the capacity of the electric grid in the region. This study looked at several alternative interconnection options, estimating the maximum injection capability during various contingencies prior to the thermal limits of transmission lines and transformers in the area being exceeded. The results of the study suggested that interconnecting a 100 MW solar project to this National Grid 115-kV transmission line would be the preferred alternative.

In April 2018, the Applicant filed an Application with the New York Independent System Operator (the “NYISO”) for interconnection of 100 MW into the Mountain – Lockport 115-kV transmission line. The System Reliability Impact Study is currently under way, and therefore the Applicant has secured its position on this transmission line. Cost-effective interconnection of the Facility is a key element that will allow the Applicant to deliver clean and affordable electricity to New York State residents and businesses, helping the State achieve its goal of 50 percent renewable energy by 2030. A preliminary Project schedule, including expected commercial operation and construction commencement, is contained in Appendix B.

The lands that are being evaluated for potential solar development are in the towns of Cambria and Pendleton and are identified in Figures 1 and 2 as the “Facility Area.” Not all the land included in this area will be included in the Project. Rather, the Facility Area represents the broader area within which selected parcels will be developed with solar facilities. This provides flexibility during the Project development phase to minimize and avoid impacts to wetlands, cultural resources, visual resources, wildlife habitat, and other sensitive resources as needed. While the Facility Area encompasses approximately 2,600 acres, the Facility will ultimately be sited on approximately 900 acres of leased private land within the Facility Area, which consists primarily of agricultural land. The Applicant will be leasing the land from private landowners.




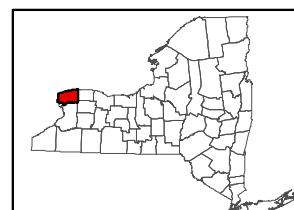
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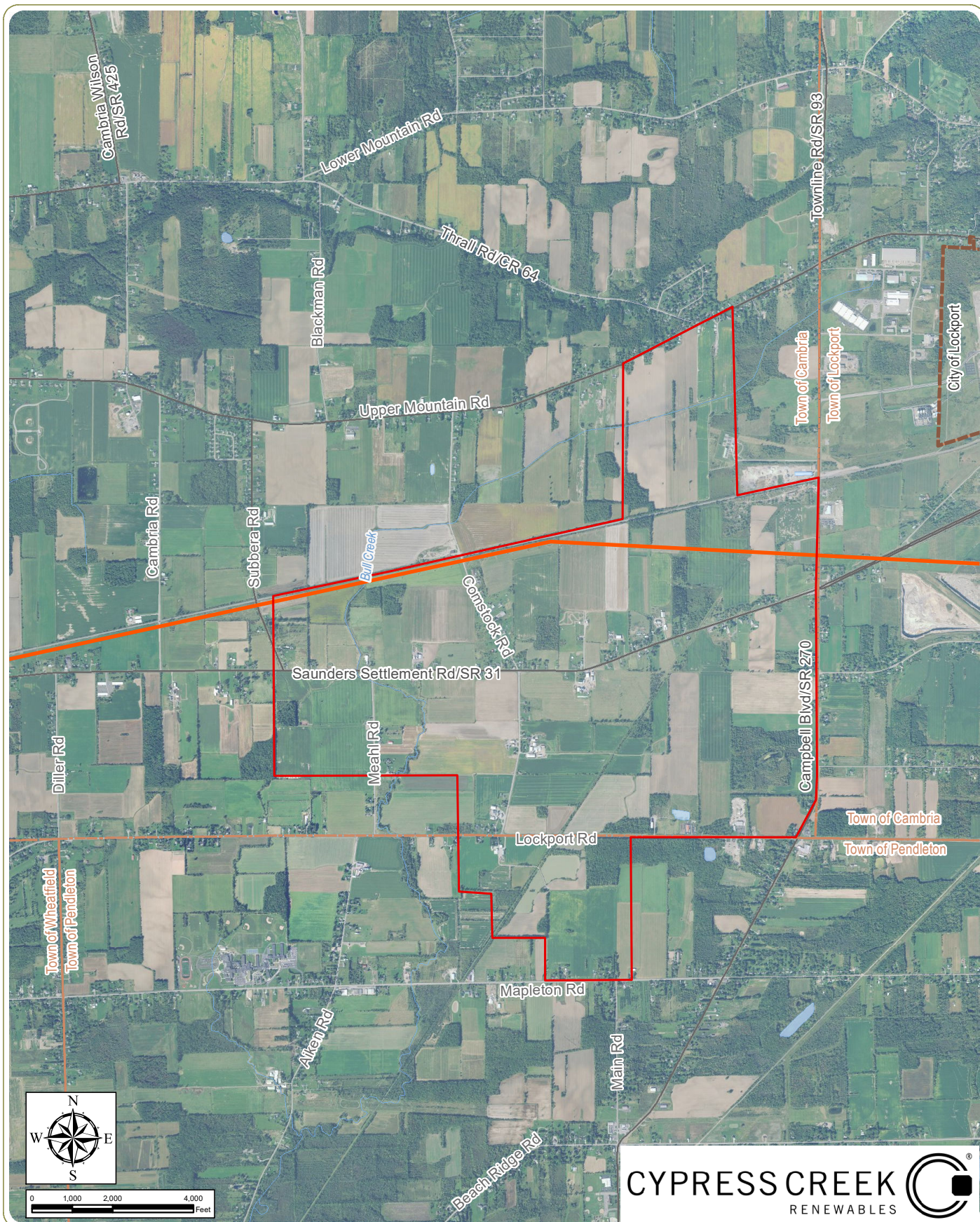
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Figure 1: Regional Facility Location

Notes: 1. Basemap: ESRI ArcGIS Online "World Shaded Relief" map service. 2. This map was generated in ArcMap on August 3, 2018. 3. This is a color graphic. Reproduction in grayscale may misrepresent the data.

 Facility Area





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Figure 2: Facility Area

Notes: 1. Basemap: USDA NAIP "2017 New York 0.5m" orthoimagery map service. 2. This map was generated in ArcMap on August 3, 2018. 3. This is a color graphic. Reproduction in grayscale may misrepresent the data.

— Existing 115 kV Transmission Line

□ Facility Area

□ City/Village Boundary

□ Town Boundary



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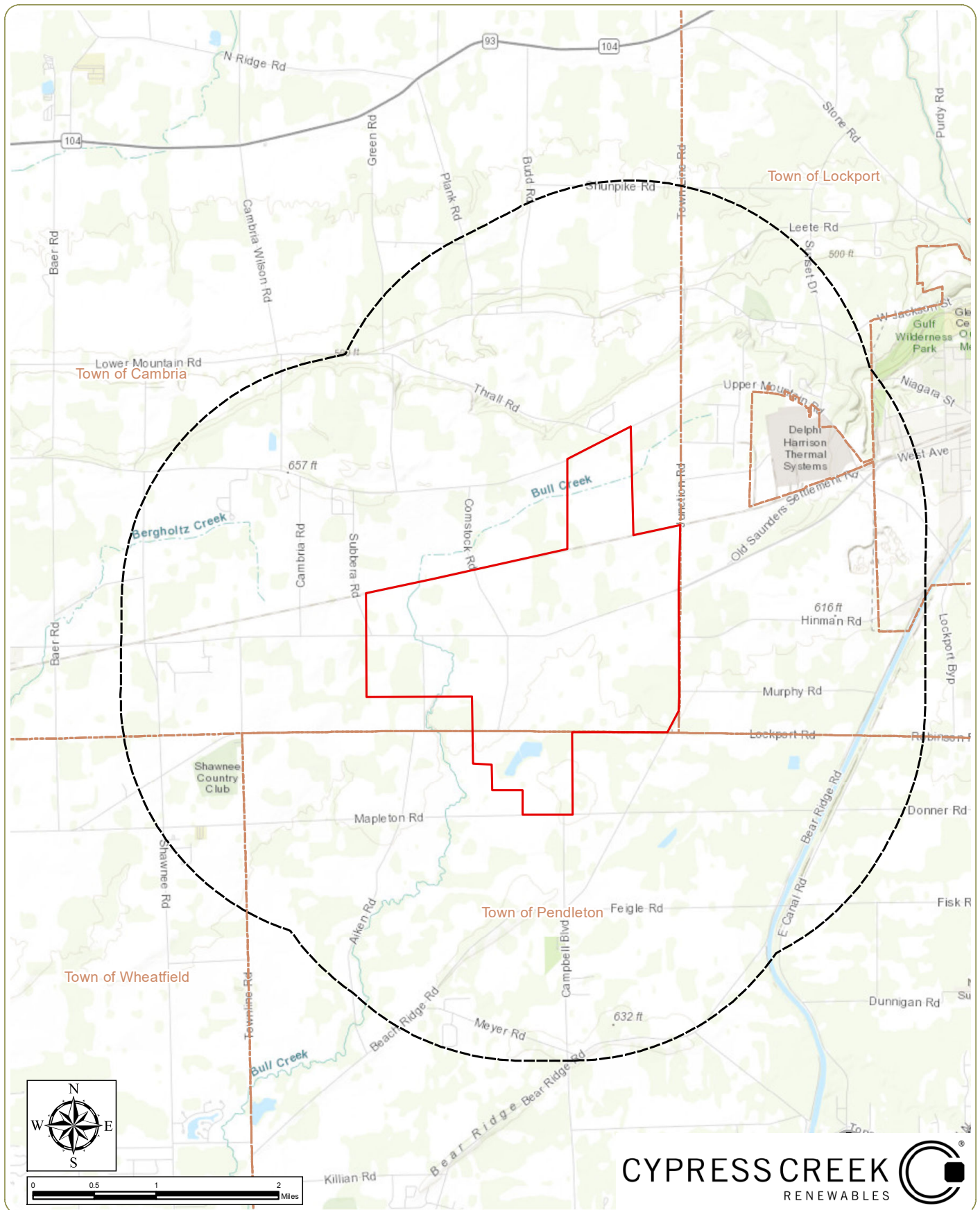
1.4 STUDY AREA

The Siting Board's rules define the Study Area to be used for analysis of major electric generating facilities as "an area generally related to the *nature of the technology* and the *setting* of the proposed site. For large facilities or wind power facilities with components spread across a rural landscape, the study area shall generally include the area within a radius of at least five miles from all generating facility components, interconnections and related facilities and alternative location sites."

With respect to the nature of the technology, the Applicant is proposing a solar energy facility. Unlike a wind power project that contains wind turbines that may be 500 feet or more in height and visible from a relatively large surrounding area (e.g., five miles or more), a solar generating facility does not have any prominently visible components. The tallest components of the generating portion of the proposed Facility will be the PV panels and inverter equipment, which have a relatively low profile, and are not expected to be more than 12 feet above grade, less than a single-story residence. Therefore, the nature of the technology is such that visibility is anticipated to be relatively limited to those areas located adjacent to the Facility. As such, the Applicant conducted a preliminary viewshed analysis for the proposed Facility using the assumption that 12-foot photovoltaic (PV) panels would be used (see Figure 4). The preliminary viewshed analysis graphically represents the potential PV panel viewshed visibility based on the screening effects of existing topography and vegetation, and an assumption that 12-foot PV panels would be placed on all areas that could potentially be developed within the proposed Facility Area. The results of this analysis demonstrate visibility is primarily limited to the areas located within and immediately adjacent to the Facility Area, with fewer panels visible with increasing distance and nearly all visibility limited to within a one-mile radius of the Facility Area. While these results suggest that a one-mile radius is an appropriate study area, the Applicant has defined a two-mile Study Area to address all necessary impacts and concerns related to the visibility of the proposed Facility. Municipalities within this Study Area include the towns of Cambria, Lockport, Pendleton, and Wheatfield, and the city of Lockport, all of which are in Niagara County (see Figure 4). The Applicant will consult with DPS Staff prior to filing the PSS regarding the Study Area proposed for visual resource evaluation.

With respect to setting, the Facility Area is located within the Ontario Lowland physiographic province of New York. Elevations within the Facility Area are

approximately 595± feet to approximately 655± feet above mean sea level (AMSL), while elevations for Niagara County range from approximately 250 feet AMSL along Lake Ontario up to approximately 660 feet AMSL along some of the ridges. Land cover within the Facility area is dominated by active agriculture, interspersed with stands of forest, hedgerows and some existing development such as scattered farms and single-family residences generally occurring along the road frontage.



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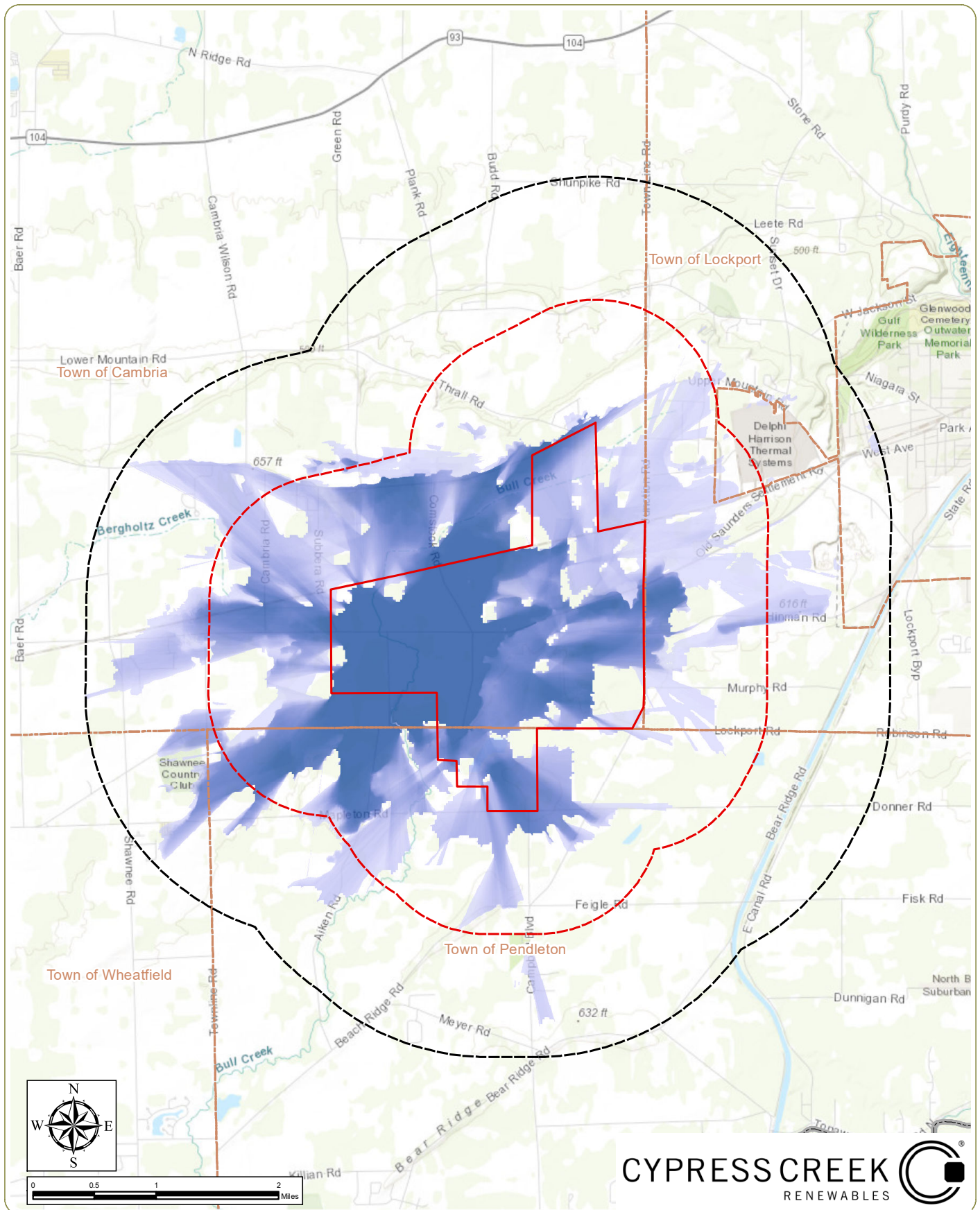
Figure 3: Facility Study Area

Notes: 1. Basemap: ESRI ArcGIS Online "World Topographic Map" map service. 2. This map was generated in ArcMap on August 3, 2018. 3. This is a color graphic. Reproduction in grayscale may misrepresent the data.

- 2 mile Study Area
- Facility Area
- Town Boundary



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Figure 4: Preliminary Viewshed Analysis

Notes: 1. Basemap: ESRI ArcGIS Online "World Topographic Map" map service. 2. This map was generated in ArcMap on August 3, 2018. 3. Potential solar panel visibility based on topography and screening effects of mapped forest vegetation. 4. This is a color graphic. Reproduction in grayscale may misrepresent the data.

- 1-mile Study Area
- 2-mile Study Area
- Facility Area
- Preliminary Panel Visibility
- More Panels Potentially Visible
- Fewer Panels Potentially Visible



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SECTION 2: HOST MUNICIPALITIES

The Facility is sited in the towns of Cambria and Pendleton, Niagara County, New York.

Niagara County is in the extreme western part of New York State, north of Buffalo, adjacent to Lake Ontario on its northern border and the Niagara River and Canada on its western border.

2.1 TOWN OF CAMBRIA

Cambria has a population of 5,839 with a density of 147 individuals per square mile. Cambria is 39.7 square miles.⁷ Cambria's population decreased 0.8 percent between 2010-2016.

The median household income of \$69,330 is about 1.4 times higher than the amount for Niagara County (\$50,094) and 10 percent higher than the median for New York State's \$60,741. The average house or condominium value is \$157,500.⁶ Cambria has a low poverty rate of 4.1 percent, about one third of the Niagara County rate of 13.6 percent, and one quarter of New York State's poverty rate.

Cambria's median age is 44.9 years, about 20 percent higher than the median age of 38.2 for New York State. Cambria is primarily white (96.9 percent) and English speaking (95 percent).⁶ Cambria's veteran population of 10 percent is consistent with Niagara County but is 1.5 times higher than the rate for New York State.

In Cambria, 97 percent of the population completed high school. That is more than 10 percent higher than that of New York State (85.9 percent). However, Cambria's higher education attainment (bachelor's degree or higher) of 26 percent, is only about three-quarters the rate for New York State at 34.7 percent.⁷

⁷ United States Census Bureau / American FactFinder, "2016 American Community Survey" accessed April 5, 2018. Web. < <https://factfinder.census.gov/> >

2.2 TOWN OF PENDLETON

Pendleton is a town in the southern part of Niagara County, east of Niagara Falls. The town has a population of 6,558. The population density in Pendleton is approximately 236 people per square mile. Pendleton's area comprises 27 square miles. Pendleton's population grew by 4.4 percent between 2000 and 2016.

The median age in Pendleton is 44.1 years old, which is just above the New York State median of 38.2 years. Pendleton is primarily white (98.4 percent), with a comparatively low 4 percent of the population living below the poverty line.⁸

Pendleton's estimated household income in 2016 was \$81,797, higher than the New York State median of \$60,741. Estimated house or condominium values in 2016 were \$179,400.

Pendleton high school educational attainment was 96.4 percent, higher than the New York State median of 85.9 percent, while attainment of a bachelor's degree or higher education was 29.9 percent, below the rate for New York State at 34.7 percent.

2.3 LANGUAGE

The Siting Board's regulations require a PIP to identify (1) any language other than English spoken according to U.S. Census data by 5,000 or more persons residing in any 5-digit zip code postal zone in which any portion of such zone is located within the Study Area for the Facility; and (2) any language other than English spoken by a significant population of persons residing in close proximity to the proposed facility, alternative locations, or interconnections.

The Study Area includes a portion of Niagara County. According to the US Census Bureau American Community Survey ("ACS") data from 2016, 4 percent of Niagara County residents age 5 or older speak a language other than English at home. With a population estimate of 202,321 persons, this means an estimated 8,230 people in the County speak a language other than English at home.

⁸ United States Census Bureau / American FactFinder, "2016 American Community Survey" accessed April 5, 2018. Web <https://factfinder.census.gov/>

The Study Area contains portions of four 5-digit zip codes. The following table summarizes the most prevalent non-English languages spoken in each of these zip codes. As no language other than English is spoken by at least 5,000 people residing in the zip codes within the Study Area, the Applicant is not proposing to disseminate Project and Article 10-related materials in a second language.

Table 1. Most Prevalent Non-English Languages Spoken in Study Area Zip Codes⁹

<i>Zip Code</i>	<i>Language Spoken</i>	<i>Number of Speakers</i>
14094 (Pendleton/Lockport)	Spanish or Spanish Creole	934
14132 (Sanborn)	German	44
14131 (Cambria/Ransomville)	Spanish or Spanish Creole	57
14120 (North Tonawanda)	Polish	600

2.4 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POPULATIONS

DEC's Environmental Justice Policy, CP-29, Potential Environmental Justice Areas, focuses on census block groups featuring populations that meet or exceed at least one of the following statistical thresholds:

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

Based on data obtained from the DEC's Geospatial Information System (GIS) Tools for Environmental Justice website, the nearest Potential Environmental Justice Area to the Facility is found in an eastern portion of the City of Lockport. Lockport

⁹ MLA Language Map Data Center, accessed April 13, 2018. Web. http://www.mla.org/map_data

city limits are located approximately 2.7 miles east of the Facility Area. No portion of Lockport's Potential Environmental Justice Area is located within the Facility Area, nor is the Potential Environmental Justice Area located within the Study Area.¹⁰

DEC's Commissioner Policy-29 (CP-29), dealing with consideration of Environmental Justice concerns, is intended to ensure that DEC's environmental permit process promotes Environmental Justice. CP-29 defines Environmental Justice as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means that no group of people, including a racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group, should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local and tribal programs and policies."

CP-29 directs that DEC permitting staff in receipt of an application for a permit covered by the Policy conduct a preliminary screen to identify whether the proposed action is in or near a Potential Environmental Justice Area and determine whether potential adverse environmental impacts related to the action are likely to affect a Potential Environmental Justice area.

This Project will not have any sources of air emissions, so no air permits are required. The only environmental quality permit required for this Project is the stormwater State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit – a general permit that is not subject to DEC's Environmental Justice policy.

CP-29 is applicable only to permit applications for major projects and major modifications for permits authorized by certain specifically listed provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law (environmental quality permits). The Facility will not invoke any of CP-29's applicability provisions because of no such permits are required. However, assuming the Facility required an environmental quality permit triggering one of CP-29's applicability provisions, CP-29 would still not be

¹⁰ New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Maps & Geospatial Information System Tools for Environmental Justice, "Potential Environmental Justice Areas" accessed April 5. Web. https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/permits_ej_operations_pdf/niagaraej.pdf

applicable to this Project due to the fact that no portion of the Facility, or even the Facility's Study Area, falls within the mapped Potential Environmental Justice Area of the City of Lockport.

To the extent required, 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 provided in the PSS and the Application pursuant to the Siting Board's rule, as provided in Section 1001.28 of Article 10 regulations.

SECTION 3: CONTACT AND RESOURCE INFORMATION

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Community Outreach Office

Location TBD

Hours of Operation TBD

The location and hours of the local office will be posted to the website as soon as available.

Project Website: www.bearridgesolar.com

Toll-free number: 1-800-385-1802

Calls to this number will be answered during regular business hours, and messages will be responded to within 48 hours.

Local Document Repositories

Ensuring public access to Project documents is essential to keeping stakeholders informed and apprised throughout the Article 10 process. A list of repository locations and contact information is as follows:

Sanborn-Pekin Free Library

5884 West Street, POB 176
Sanborn, NY 14132
(716) 731-9933
<http://www.sanbornpekinlibrary.com/>

Lockport Public Library

23 East Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 433-5935
<https://lockportlibrary.org>

Town of Pendleton Town Hall

6570 Campbell Boulevard

Lockport, NY, 14094

(716) 625-8833

<http://pendletonny.us/>

SECTION 4: STAKEHOLDER AWARENESS, ENGAGEMENT, INVOLVEMENT PLAN

4.1 PROPOSED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN

The purpose of Bear Ridge Solar's PIP is to document its commitment to robust, inclusive, and transparent public involvement, and to detail the approach to public engagement that the Applicant will utilize to satisfy all Siting Board requirements. Specifically, these include the following:

- (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 intervenor funding for municipal and local parties
- (4) Establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public
- (5) Notifications
- (6) Activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholders in the certification and compliance process

The Applicant has developed this PIP to facilitate the provision of information to the public and stakeholders; consider their input in the development and implementation of solutions when applicable; and ensure they are made aware of its commitment to consistent, frequent, and transparent outreach and communications throughout the Article 10 process.

Public outreach and involvement will be an ongoing, evolving part of the process throughout all phases of the Article 10 review (pre-application phase, application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-certification phase), 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.

Central to the Applicant's proposed PIP is early and frequent communication with the Host Communities, including the Town of Cambria, the Town of Pendleton, and Niagara County. The PIP will be made available at the document repositories listed in Section 3. Aside from the towns and County, there are many important stakeholders to consider in developing a solar project of this scale.

4.1.1 STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

Cypress Creek is committed to partnering with local communities, governments, utilities, and others to advance solar energy by demonstrating its contribution to local economic development, job growth, and increased use of renewables for a cleaner, more affordable, and more reliable energy source for New York. Cypress Creek has or is currently developing over 70 community and utility-scale solar projects in 55 communities in New York State. Based on this experience, Cypress Creek has successfully engaged with interested agencies, municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other potential stakeholders to build support through a robust and transparent public involvement process that builds awareness and understanding of its projects. Specific stakeholders are identified by information provided by members of the community, DPS guidance; prior submissions of other Article 10 PIP plans; review of County GIS records, tax records, research, and experience advancing similar projects.

Cypress Creek considered the following in compiling its stakeholder list for the Project:

- The anticipated locations of Facility components within the Facility Area
- The Point of Interconnection (POI)
- "Local Party," as defined in the Siting Board's rules ¹⁰
- "Affected Agencies," as that term is used in the Siting Board's rules ¹¹
- Host Municipalities, which, for the purposes of this PIP, refers to those municipalities that are currently within the Facility Area and are anticipated to host Facility components (to be further described in the PSS)
- Public interest groups
- State and federal elected officials representing the Host Municipalities and, if different, other municipalities within the Study Area

¹⁰ 16 NYCRR §1000.2[s]

¹¹ 16 NYCRR § 1000 et seq.

A master list of stakeholders, which includes all known, potentially interested stakeholders and parties, was developed based upon the combination of efforts described above and is in Appendix A.

To ensure the PIP considers the communication needs of all stakeholders, the Applicant has completed, and will continually update, a “goals of consultation” list for each category of stakeholder, with methods defined to meet their information needs and concerns and deliver information via their preferred communication channels. The stakeholder list will be updated as necessary based on information received as the Project progresses and as requests are made by interested stakeholders during PIP activities; these updates will be provided to DPS along with the PIP tracking submissions.

The Applicant will collect the input of a broad range of stakeholder perspectives during the development of the Facility and throughout the Article 10 process. Project stakeholder categories are identified and described in the subsections below.

4.1.1.1 HOST AND ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS

For purposes of this PIP, property owners include host property owners—those landowners who have or will enter into an agreement with Cypress Creek for the purpose of installing Project Facilities on their land; and adjacent property owners—those who own property within 2,500 feet of a solar collector array or substation or within 500 feet of other Project components (e.g., collection lines, POI, O&M facility, etc.).

Potential host and adjacent landowner information has been collected from County GIS records, tax records, and personal visits by representatives of the Applicant.

Host and adjacent landowners will be included in mailings, outreach activities and notifications that are provided to the stakeholders identified in this PIP and as the Project progresses. However, for privacy purposes, the stakeholder list may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than landowner identification.

Host and adjacent landowners will be contacted by letter, delivered via postal mail or via email if they request, simultaneously with the publication of the first legal notice in the *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*, *Niagara Gazette*, and the subscription-free newspaper the *Niagara Reporter* announcing the filing of the PSS and the

Article 10 application. This initial correspondence will provide detailed information on how the Applicant will communicate with them, collect their input, and respond to their inquiries during the Article 10 process. They will be invited to attend public information meetings, sign up for email updates and newsletters, and view website postings. Outreach will continue to host landowners and municipal officials during decommissioning and restoration activities.

4.1.1.2 HOST AND ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES; ELECTED LEADERSHIP; FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES; SCHOOL DISTRICTS; INTERESTED PARTIES AND INTERVENORS

Host and adjacent municipalities; elected leadership; federal, State, and local agencies; interested parties; school districts; and intervenors are acutely aware of the concerns and needs of their constituents and consequently must be informed about the Project's progress.

Each agency and municipality in the Project area will be informed about the Project and provided with information, notices, and flyers for distribution to their constituents. Bear Ridge Solar representatives will meet with each municipality or agency, consult with representatives, disseminate and request information, and schedule follow-up meetings 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 consultations; 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 may vary by the involvement of each one, but may include topics such as local laws, emergency response, environmental impact review, and determination of news sources to be used for official notices.

4.1.1.3 INTERVENOR STATUS AND FUNDS

Intervenor refers to a party that joins an Article 10 proceeding as a third-party for the protection of an interest. Some intervenors join as a matter of right, others are permitted to join by the Presiding Examiner or the Siting Board. Article 10 entitles the municipal and local parties to intervenor funding provided by the Applicant to be used to defray certain expenses incurred in their participation in the pre-application scoping process. Intervenors and interested parties have

specific interests and issues of concern, and communication with them will therefore extend beyond that which is conducted with other audiences to provide them with as much detail as possible to address their information needs.

4.1.1.3.1 INTERVENOR FUNDS

The Applicant will deposit intervenor funds with the DPS at the time the pre-Application Preliminary Scoping Statement is filed in an amount equal to \$350 for each 1,000 kilowatts (i.e. 1 MW) of generating capacity of the Facility, but no more than \$200,000. Pre-application funds will be dispersed to qualifying parties to aid in their participation in the Scoping phase of this proceeding. Each request for pre-Application funds will be submitted to the Presiding Examiner assigned to the proceeding before the Siting Board, and at least 50 percent 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 Application is filed in an amount equal to \$1,000 for each 1,000 kilowatts of capacity, but no more than \$400,000. Funds deposited with the Application may be used by parties for qualifying consultants and activities in the post-Application phase of the proceeding.

4.1.1.4 SCHOOL, CIVIC, COMMUNITY, AND BUSINESS GROUPS

The “eyes and ears” of the local area, civic, community, and business groups will play an important role in communication related to the Project and will be kept current about the Project. They will be invited to attend public information meetings, share comments, sign up for email updates and newsletters, and view website postings.

4.1.1.5 NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Non-government organizations and special interest groups (including recreational users, environmental groups, Native American tribes, etc.) will include those formed specifically to address this Project and those that have been formed around another primary area of focus, but that have an interest in the outcome of the Project and the impact of construction during the Project. These groups, located within the Facility Area and surrounding Study Areas will be invited to attend public information meetings, share comments, sign up for email updates and newsletters, and view website postings.

4.1.1.6 MEDIA

Media, including print, broadcast, cable, and social media outlets serving the Project area will be kept apprised with regular press releases related to Project milestones, briefings as needed, and distribution of fact sheets and other materials. The media will be invited to attend public information meetings, and sign up for email updates and newsletters, and view website postings. Legal notices will be published in the *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*, the newspaper of record for the Host Municipalities, and the *Niagara Gazette*.

4.1.1.7 AIRPORTS AND HELIPORTS

Evaluation of potential Project impacts on aviation is governed by the rules of the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”). The proposed Facility does not meet any of the thresholds for review as set forth in the FAA’s regulations. The proposed Facility will not involve the construction of any structure that exceeds 200 feet above ground level (“AGL”), and the nearest civilian public airport, heliport, or military airport is more than three miles from the Facility Area boundary. Consequently, the filing of a notice with the FAA will not be required for the Facility. The closest public use airport is the North Buffalo Suburban Airport, located approximately 3.3 miles southeast of the Facility Area.

4.2 OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

A wide and varied range of communication methods is critical to ensuring that all stakeholders and the public are fully informed, and that appropriate outreach is occurring to meet the information needs of a diverse audience. All outreach activities will be maintained on a meeting log that will provide specifics including dates, times, locations, attendees, purpose and discussion topics. In addition, the meeting log will include concerns and issues raised as well as, to the extent possible, the Applicant’s response on how such concerns will be addressed. DPS staff will be provided with a quarterly PIP Activity Tracking Report throughout the Article 10 process. The communication methods identified in this section will be further discussed in Section 5 of this document and will be used throughout the Project to engage stakeholders as applicable.

4.2.1 STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATION METHODS/MATERIALS

As discussed further in Section 5.1.4, property owners in the Study Area will receive mail notification at least 14 days prior to open houses and public information meetings. Two open-house style public information meetings will be held at two separate times on the same day. Two meetings will be held prior to filing the PSS and two after. These public meetings will include informational material about the Project, provide an opportunity for questions from the public, and information about the Article 10 process. The Applicant will publish a notice regarding the filing of the PSS no more than three days before the official submission.

4.2.1.1 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

STAKEHOLDERS: ALL

In addition to required public hearings, the Applicant plans to continue to utilize a variety of workshops, open houses, and information sessions to provide the public with multiple opportunities to obtain Project information, ask questions, and share comments. Annual and periodic public information meetings, which will be advertised in display ads in the *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*, *Niagara Gazette*, and the subscription-free newspaper the *Niagara Reporter*, will be conducted to keep the public informed and provide opportunities for input on topics related to the Project. Outreach efforts and materials will include Project contact information, resources and tools available to the public to obtain additional Project information, and requirements for becoming a stakeholder. Meeting materials such as comment cards and/or questionnaires/surveys will be provided to gather feedback for future consideration. Outreach actions will be fully documented and made available to stakeholders and the public through the Project website in a quarterly Activity Tracking Report. The Applicant will provide an affidavit stating that the stakeholder list was used for notification distribution, and a copy of all names and addresses will be filed with the Secretary of the Public Service Commission.

4.2.1.2 DIRECT MEETINGS

STAKEHOLDERS: LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Applicant will continue to conduct direct outreach to inform elected officials and provide Project updates and information on the Article 10 process as

appropriate. These activities will include discussion of the process for obtaining intervenor funds and the opportunities available to submit comments. The Applicant will also engage with appropriate local, state, and federal resource agencies with respect to the scopes and methodologies of studies to be conducted for the Facility.

4.2.1.3 COMMUNITY OUTREACH OFFICE

STAKEHOLDERS – ALL

CCR plans to staff a community office and hold regular office hours where questions and feedback will be welcomed from the community. This location will be staffed for an average of 5-15 hours per week, starting in October 2018. Outside of those hours, Cypress Creek welcomes calls to its Partner Relations toll-free phone line (1-800-385-1802) during regular business hours, and comments on its Bear Ridge Solar project website at any time. Phone calls and emails will be responded to within approximately 48 hours.

4.2.1.4 ADVISORY WORKING GROUPS

STAKEHOLDERS: ALL

As needed, periodic informal Advisory Working Group (AWG) meetings will be held to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to interact in small groups with Project experts on topical issues. Such meetings, which are not a requirement of the Article 10 process, will be scheduled to foster an open exchange of information, and provide the Project team with an opportunity to interact with participants. AWGs will be well publicized, and attendance will remain open throughout the Project.

4.2.1.5 POP-UP MEETINGS

STAKEHOLDERS: ALL

Informal “pop-up” meetings, booths, display tables, or exhibits will be scheduled during existing or previously planned, local events and activities, such as farmers markets and fairs to create opportunities to bring Project information to the public, supplementing formal public information meetings and public hearings. These meetings will be posted to the website.

4.2.2 COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

4.2.2.1 WEBSITE

The Project website (www.bearridgesolar.com) will serve as the online communication center for the Project, providing a user-friendly resource for all Article 10 information. The website will be maintained monthly to ensure timely, relevant, accurate, and complete Project information is available to all stakeholders and the public throughout the life of the Project. The website will include the following components:

- Facility description
- Maps of the Facility and Study Areas
- Copies of all outreach materials such as Project brochure(s), newsletters, and factsheets
- Facility benefits and need
- 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 and toll-free telephone number
- Digital copies of Article 10 documents filed by the Applicant
- Addresses of local document repositories
- An Outreach event schedule and key milestone dates, such as when the Application will be filed
- Sign-up for inclusion in the stakeholder list
- Tracking reports summarizing the Facility's PIP activities to date

Additional information regarding the Project website is provided in Section 5.1.3 of this report.

4.2.2.2 DISTRIBUTION DATABASE

A stakeholder database has been established for the Project. It will be maintained and continually updated to reflect efforts to attract and engage new stakeholders throughout the Article 10 process. The database will serve as the master distribution list to provide the public and stakeholders with Project information, as well as opportunities to ask questions and share comments. The Applicant will

provide addresses and phone numbers as a confidential document, to protect citizens privacy, when providing proof of mailing/notifications to the Secretary of the Commission.

These methods will be used to expand the distribution list:

- Opt-in sign up for email updates on the Project website;
- Invitations to sign up for notifications on meeting announcements and Project communication distributed via US Postal Service or email, if requested; and
- Opportunities to sign up for notifications at meetings and outreach events.

4.2.2.3 SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS

Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms will be leveraged to provide information about the Project in a user-friendly manner. Using posts, images, and videos, the Project team will create and update its Facebook page and other social media monthly throughout the duration of the Project. Visitors will be able to follow, like, share, and provide feedback on Project information.

4.2.2.4 E-BLASTS

E-blasts, which are one-page emails designed to be distributed to a large number of email addresses simultaneously, will be used to announce meetings and important Project-related information.

4.2.2.5 DIRECT MAIL

Letters will be mailed via first-class postal mail directly to host landowners and property owners adjacent to the proposed Project, to provide information regarding the Project, milestones, and contact information. Broad dissemination of additional direct mail may be conducted to announce upcoming meetings and outreach events. Notice at least 14 days in advance of the mandatory pre- and post-PSS meetings will be sent to all property owners in the Study Area via this method.

4.2.2.6 PROJECT BROCHURE

A brochure will provide an overview of the Project, its goals, and key participants, and it will detail resources for additional Project information, along with opportunities to participate in the Article 10 process. The brochure will address frequently asked questions, provide answers to concerns surrounding the Project

and its potential impact, and will drive interested parties to the Project website. Additionally, the Project brochure will include the Applicant's contact information, toll-free number, locations of document repositories, the Project Website, and the details for open houses and public meetings regarding the Facility.

4.2.2.7 PUBLIC/LEGAL NOTIFICATIONS

Required notices for public hearings and Project filings will be published pursuant to the Siting Board's rules establishing the notification for serving documents. Notifications will be posted in the newspaper of record, the *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*, *Niagara Gazette*, and the subscription-free newspaper the *Niagara Reporter*. Notices will also be posted on the Project website to provide timely and appropriate information for stakeholder and public use. Public notices will be in plain language, prepared and published to conform to all applicable regulations and guidelines.

Legal Notices will be placed in accordance with existing Siting Board guidelines; such Notices will be placed in the *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*, *Niagara Gazette*, and the subscription-free newspaper the *Niagara Reporter* 3 days prior to filing the Preliminary Scoping Statement with the DPS.

- Notices will be placed to announce the date, time, and location of Public Hearings
- Other notices may be placed as required by the Presiding Examiner or other section of Article 10 in the manner prescribed by the Presiding Examiner or under the procedures contained in Article 10.

4.2.2.8 POSTERS/FLYERS

Posters and flyers will be created and posted on community bulletin boards and calendars or distributed in high traffic areas, such as shopping centers, libraries, and senior centers throughout the Project area to inform the public of upcoming meetings and encourage visits to the Project website.

4.2.2.9 ADVERTISEMENTS

Display advertisements, in addition to legal notices, will be placed in daily and weekly newspapers to promote attendance at public meetings, workshops, and other outreach events as necessary.

4.2.2.10 MEDIA RELATIONS

A database of media contacts (print, radio, and electronic) has been developed for this Project, and is available in Appendix A.

Media releases will be developed and distributed to announce completion of Project milestones and to announce outreach events, meetings, and Project news. News outlets will be encouraged to direct their readers to the Project website.

4.2.2.11 DOCUMENT REPOSITORY

Ensuring public access to Project documents is essential for keeping stakeholders informed throughout the Article 10 process. A repository of documents will be maintained on the Project website at (www.bearridgesolar.com).

Additionally, documents will be made available in local document repositories as follows:

Sanborn-Pekin Free Library

5884 West Street, POB 176

Sanborn, NY 14132

(716) 731-9933

<http://www.sanbornpekinlibrary.com/>

Lockport Public Library

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4.2.2.12 ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION METHODS

Other communication methods and vehicles necessary to support the communications phase may be identified as the Project progresses and will be included in PIP updates as appropriate.

SECTION 5:

PROJECT MILESTONES

5. PROJECT MILESTONES

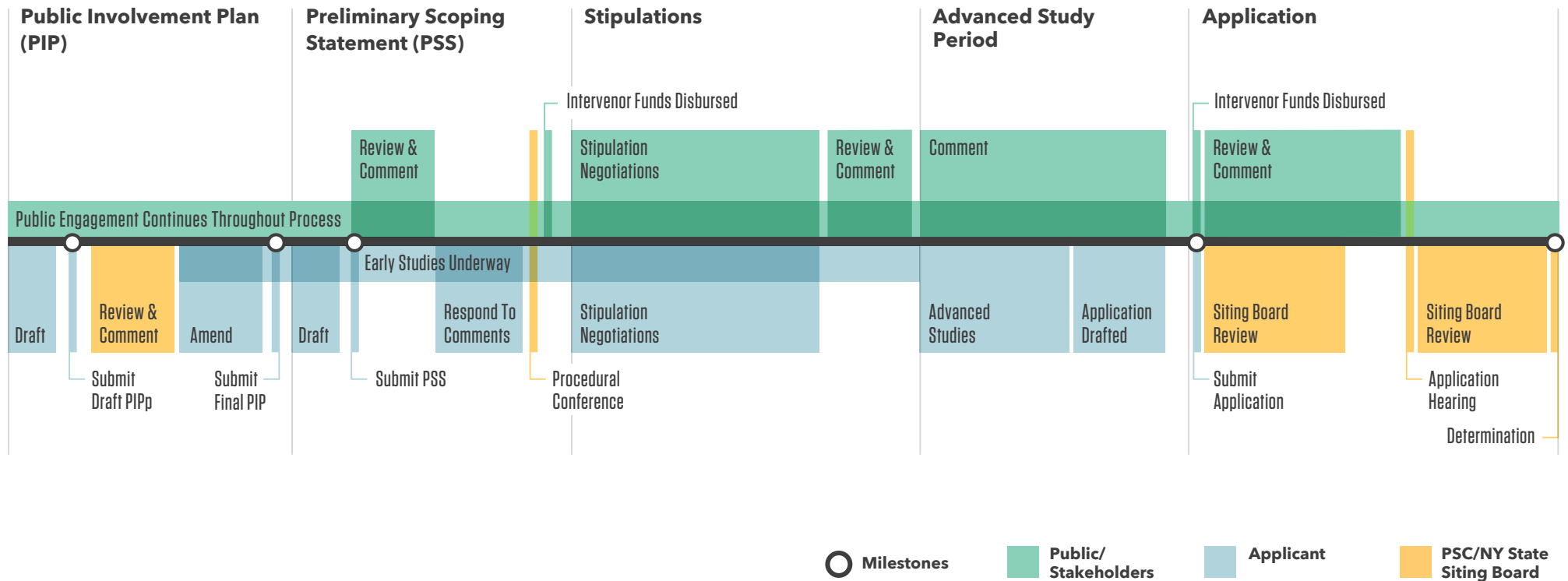
The PIP Plan is designed to ensure that the public has opportunities to participate in all phases of the Article 10 process (pre-application phase, application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-certification phase). It is a commitment from the Applicant to disseminate information regarding the Project to stakeholders, solicit information from stakeholders during public outreach events and generally foster participation in the Article 10 review. This section provides an overview of the public outreach activities that will take place during each phase of the Article 10 process. Bear Ridge Solar will carefully track and document all public outreach activities and include them in an Activity Report that will be filed with DPS quarterly. The Activity Report will include all outreach activities including a meeting log that will provide specifics such as dates, times, locations, attendees, purpose and discussion topics.

5.1 PRE-APPLICATION & APPLICATION PHASE

5.1.1 CONSULTATION WITH AFFECTED AGENCIES & STAKEHOLDERS

The Applicant's proposed PIP focuses on early and frequent communication with stakeholders, with particular attention placed on Host Communities, including the Towns of Cambria and Pendleton, within the Study Area including Lockport and Wheatfield, and Niagara County. The Applicant will conduct a methodical, outreach effort during this phase to ensure that each stakeholder group identified in this PIP has the opportunity to learn about and comment on this Project. The Applicant will manage a PIP Tracking Report to be submitted to the DPS. This report will include all stakeholder consultation meetings as well as concerns and questions raised by the public as well as, to the extent possible, the Applicant's response.

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5.1.2 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

As part of the pre-application phase, using a wide array of communication methods discussed in the previous Outreach and Engagement section, Bear Ridge Solar will build awareness of the Project, the technology being used, its location, the proposed Study Area, the scope of studies to be provided in the application, and Intervenor Funding available. These activities will encourage stakeholder participation with educational materials and identify opportunities for stakeholders to provide input.

5.1.3 PROJECT WEBSITE

The Bear Ridge Solar website will be the communication hub for the Project throughout the Article 10 process. The website has been set up to be user-friendly, easy-to-read in plain English, and meet all requirements outlined in the Outreach and Engagement section in Section 4. The website provides information on the response process to public inquiries and comments. This process will consist of same-day notification confirming the receipt of comments, and a response will be sent approximately 48 hours after the comment was received. For inquiries that require written documentation, the Applicant will provide an estimated mailing date of said materials. The website will be updated on at least a monthly basis or more frequently as required to ensure that stakeholders have current information about the Project throughout the Article 10 process. The Project website URL is www.bearridgesolar.com.

5.1.4 STAKEHOLDER NOTIFICATION

During the pre-application phase Bear Ridge Solar will sponsor two open-house style public information sessions prior to submittal of the PSS and two public meetings following submittal of the PSS and prior to submitting the Application. The meetings may be held at different times on the same day. Representatives for the Applicant will be present to provide Project information, answer questions, and share contact information. These meetings will be held at a public meeting space in reasonable proximity to the Facility Area. All property owners in the Study Area will receive mail notification at least 14 days in advance. The Applicant will provide an affidavit stating that the stakeholder list was used for notification distribution, and a copy of all names and addresses will be filed with the Secretary of the Public Service Commission.

The open-house style public information sessions, and two public meetings following submittal of the PSS will be advertised in display ads in the *Lockport*

Union-Sun & Journal, *Niagara Gazette*, and the subscription-free newspaper the *Niagara Reporter* in at least a ten-point font using plain language. In addition, the public meetings will be posted on the Project website and announced via email blast distributed to the stakeholders at least 14 days in advance of the public meeting. The public meetings will provide informational/educational materials about the Project, provide opportunities to ask questions of the Applicant, and offer information on the proposed Facility, as well as links to and information on the Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and other important stakeholder topics.

The Applicant will provide DPS staff with informal notice of all scheduled public meetings. The public meetings will enable the Applicant to engage with stakeholders regarding the proposed Facility and will offer multiple avenues of information distribution and comment collection so that stakeholders and the public have multiple opportunities to obtain information on the Project and participate in the proceedings. Meeting materials will include maps and graphics enlarged to be viewable at public meetings. In addition, materials such as factsheets and brochures, will be distributed at public meetings, made available through local libraries, distributed as mailings to stakeholders and additional addresses obtained through public meetings and the Project website, and posted on the Project website.

Prior to filing the PSS (no fewer than three days before filing of the PSS and the Application), the Applicant will publish a notice of the PSS and the Application in the *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*, *Niagara Gazette*, and the subscription-free newspaper the *Niagara Reporter*, and will provide written notice to each member of the State Legislature in whose district any portion of the proposed Facility is to be located as well as to those persons who have filed a statement with the Secretary to the Commission of the New York State Public Service Department within the past 12 months who wish to receive such notices. Further, the Applicant will provide mail and email (as available) notification to all parties on the Master Stakeholder List. In addition, notifications will be posted on the Bear Ridge Solar website and delivered to libraries and document repositories listed in Section 3 for public inspection.

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

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLICATION

Bear Ridge Solar will publish all required notices including for public hearings, the filing of the PSS and Application, in the *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*, *Niagara Gazette*, and the subscription-free newspaper the *Niagara Reporter*. In the Pre-Application phase Bear Ridge Solar will publish a notice containing a plain language summary of the PSS no fewer than three days before filing of the PSS and the Application.

LETTER TO INTERESTED PARTIES/INTERVENORS

Bear Ridge Solar will mail/email a notice containing a plain language summary of the PSS no less than three days before filing of the PSS and the Application, to all Intervenor and Interested Parties.

LETTER TO TOWNS

Bear Ridge Solar will, no fewer than three days before filing of the PSS and the Application, provide written notification in the form of mail and email (as available) to all parties on the Master Stakeholder List – including the Towns of Cambria and Pendleton.

Meeting invitations will be mailed to all residents of host and adjacent communities, to facilitate additional access to and comment on the Project PSS in the 21-day public comment period following PSS submission.

5.2 POST-APPLICATION PHASE

The Applicant will build upon its established public outreach activities throughout the Post-Application Phase (Administrative Hearing, Siting Board Decision, and Post Certification), utilizing all appropriate/required communication channels to encourage stakeholder participation and awareness. The Applicant will keep stakeholders informed on the ongoing Article 10 process, identify and discuss any changes or updates to the Project and collect comments to continue to inform and improve the Project. The outreach activities may include meetings with stakeholder groups, hosting and/or sponsoring community events, providing periodic updates to Project neighbors by mail or electronically, and posting updates and notices in online and print community news resources. The Applicant will continue to build and update stakeholder lists as it conducts public outreach and will record and post outreach activities in the Activity Tracking Report. The Project website will continue to serve as the hub of communication with updated

Project information, as required. Updated Project information will be distributed to local libraries identified as document repositories for inspection by the public.

APPENDIX A

Stakeholder Notification List

FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES

New York State Governor

Andrew Cuomo
NY State Capital Building
Albany, NY 12224
(518) 474-8390

New York Department of State

Rosana Rosado, Secretary of State
99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12231

US Senator

Charles Schumer
780 Third Avenue, Suite 2301
New York, NY 10017
(212) 486-4430, NYC Office

US Senator

Kirsten Gillibrand
780 Third Avenue, Suite 2601
New York, NY 10017
(212) 688-6262

US Congressman, 27th District

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**NYS Department of
Agriculture and Markets**

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APPENDIX B

Proposed Project Schedule

Bear Ridge Solar

Project Schedule

**Please note – all dates are estimated and subject to change*

Date	Entity	Milestone
August 2018	Article 10	File Final Public Involvement Program Plan with NYS DPS
October 2018	Host Municipality	Public Open House Informational Meeting
December 2018	Article 10	File Preliminary Scoping Statement with NYS DPS – 21-day public comment period
January 2019	Article 10	Nominations Considered for Local Members of Siting Board
February 2019	Article 10	Intervenor Funding Made Available to Municipal and Local Parties
April 2019	Host Municipality	Public Open House Informational Meeting
August 2019	Article 10	Full Application Submitted to NYS DPS
October 2019	Article 10	Full Application Deemed Complete by NYS DPS
October 2019 – September 2020	Article 10	Adjudicatory Process – Public Hearings
September 2020	Article 10	Siting Board Decision
September 2020	Article 10	NYISO Interconnection Studies Complete
October 2020	Construction	Commence Project Construction
October 2021	Construction	Commence Commercial Operation

APPENDIX C

OUTREACH LOG

<i>Date</i>	<i>Outreach Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Attendees</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Follow-Up</i>	<i>Stakeholder Type</i>
7/20/17	Landowner Roundtable	Ohol Barn	John Ohol – Property Owner Joseph Ohol – Town Councilman Fran Barone – Property Owner Alex Schild – CCR Project Developer Daniel Compitello – CCR Permitting & Outreach Manager	Gathering of landowners to discuss project schedule		Host Property Owners
11/13/17	Town of Cambria Sketch Meeting	Cambria Town Hall	Wright Ellis – Town Supervisor Joseph Ohol – Town Councilman John Ohol – Property Owner Daniel Compitello – CCR Permitting & Outreach Manager	Introduced Cypress Creek Renewables to the Town Supervisor and discussed several solar projects	Request for more information on project location and schedule	Host Municipality
3/29/18	Landowner Roundtable	Ohol Barn	John Ohol – Property Owner Joseph Ohol – Town Councilman Thomas Ohol – Property Owner Pat Danielwicz – Property Owner Kevin Kohlstedt – CCR Project Developer Daniel Compitello – CCR Permitting & Outreach Manager Lisa Jaccoma – Arch Street Communications Nora Madonick – Arch Street Communications Jacob Runner – EDR	Gathering of landowners to discuss the Article 10 process and community values		Host Property Owners

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3/29/18	Town of Cambria Sketch Meeting	Cambria Town Hall	Wright Ellis – Town Supervisor Debra Littere – Town Assessor James McCann – Building Inspector Gary Billingsley – Planning Board Attorney Robert S. Roberson – Town Attorney Joseph Ohol – Town Councilman John Ohol – Property Owner Kevin Kohlstedt – CCR Project Developer Daniel Compitello – CCR Permitting & Outreach Manager Nora Madonick – Arch Street Communications Lisa Jaccoma – Arch Street Communications Jacob Runner – EDR	Introduction of project and Article 10 to Town Staff members	Request for more information regarding relationship with IDA and the “shovel-ready” sites.	Host Municipality
5/3/18	Town of Pendleton Sketch Meeting	Pendleton Town Hall	David Kantor - Planning Board Joseph Killion - Planning Board Nick Kwasniak - Planning Board John Lavrich - Planning Board David Naus - Planning Board Daniel Vivian - Planning Board Joel Maerten - Town Supervisor David Leible - Town Councilman John Ohol - landowner Kevin Kohlstedt, Dan Compitello - CCR Lisa Jaccoma - ASC Dave Britton - Town Engineer	Introduction of project to the Planning Board	Request for more information on any proposed tree clearing; Request for PIP walkthrough after filing	Host Municipality

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5/8/18	Intro Meeting with NYS DPC, NYSDEC, and NYSDAM	Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY	Gene Kelly – Harris Beach Steve Wilson – Harris Beach John Binder – NYSDEC Mike Higgins – NYSDEC Colleen Kimber – NYSDEC Brian Ossias – NYS DPS Greg Liberman – EDR Jeremy Flaum – NYS DPS Tara Wells – NYSDAM Kate Close – NYSDAM John Wojcikiewizc – EDR Graham Jesmer – NYS DPS Jim Austin – NYS DPS Andrew Davis – NYS DPS Jennifer Sherwood – CCR Environmental Manager Kevin Kohlstedt – CCR Project Developer Marisa Scavo – CCR Project Developer	Introduction of project to State agencies		State Agency
5/11/18	One Region Forward Meeting	Via Conference Call	Jason Kulaszewski – University of Buffalo Bartholomew Roberts – University of Buffalo Daniel Compitello – CCR Permitting & Outreach Manager Kevin Kohlstedt – CCR Project Developer Marisa Scavo – CCR Project Developer	Introduction of project to regional planning committee		Interested Party

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5/15/18	Niagara County IDA Meeting	Sanborn, NY	Michael Casale – Niagara County Center for Economic Development Susan Langdon – Niagara County IDA Ben Bidell – Niagara County Center for Economic Development Andrea Klyczek – Niagara County IDA Amy Fisk – Niagara County Center for Economic Development Ben Broder – CCR Economic Development Manager Kevin Kohlstedt – CCR Project Developer Daniel Compitello – CCR Permitting & Outreach Manager	Introduce project to IDA and discuss shovel ready parcels	Request for follow up on marketing of “shovel ready” parcels	Local Agency
6/28/18	Town of Cambria, Niagara County Department of Economic Development and Niagara County Industrial Development Agency	Niagara County IDA	Kevin Kohlstedt – CCR Project Developer Marisa Scavo – CCR Project Developer Jacob Runner – EDR Pat Heaton - EDR Lisa Jaccoma – Arch Street Communications Gene Kelly – Harris Beach Wright Ellis – Town Supervisor Robert S. Roberson – Town Attorney Mark Davis – Lipped Mathias Wexler Friedman Drew Reilly – Wendel Matt Foe - Town of Cambria Bill Amacher – Town of Cambria Jim McCann – Town of Cambria Brian Seaman – Niagara County Attorney Office John Shoemaker – Niagara County Director Real Property Tax Service	Bear Ridge Project Update		Local Agency

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7/18/18	Introductory meeting with New York State Senator	Lockport, NY	Robert Ortt – New York State Senator Bob Welch – Senior Staff Member Kevin Kohlstedt – CCR Project Developer Marisa Scavo – CCR Project Developer	Introduce project		Elected Officials
7/18/18	Introductory meeting with New York State Assemblyman	Williamsville, NY	Raymond Walter – New York State Representative Kevin Kohlstedt – CCR Project Developer Marisa Scavo – CCR Project Developer	Introduce project		Elected Officials
7/19/18	Agency Meeting	Albany, NY	Edick, Rudyard – DEC Binder, Jonathan A – DEC Denoncour, Brianna M – DEC Kimble, Colleen E – DEC Baginski, Kenneth S – DEC Rosenburg, Charles P – DEC Davis, Andrew – DPS Wells, Tara –DAM Rosenthal, Jeremy – DPS Austin, James – DPS Kevin Kohlstedt – CCR Project Developer Marisa Scavo – CCR Project Developer Jen Sherwood – CCR Gene Kelly – HB Jacob Runner – EDR Ben Brazell – EDR	Discussion of Field Activities		State Agency

APPENDIX D

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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

<i>Agency/Municipality</i>	<i>Goals of Consultation</i>	<i>Plan/Method and General Schedule for Consultation</i>
<i>Host Municipalities</i>		
Towns of Cambria and Pendleton (Host Municipalities)	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information. Discuss potential avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures to address identified impacts.	Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/information sessions, and opportunities for participation. Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (at least two weeks prior to filing).
	Provide notice to Town two weeks prior to submittal of PSS.	Mail notice.
	Notifications as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations
	Solicit local feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested.
	Work with local departments to develop appropriate emergency response plans for construction and operational phases of the Project.	Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.

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<i>Host Municipalities (continued)</i>		
Towns of Cambria and Pendleton (Host Municipalities), <i>(continued)</i>	Obtain all relevant local laws, building codes, comprehensive plans, 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 of site for construction
Town of Cambria Historian	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; 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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<i>Host Municipalities (continued)</i>		
Town of Pendleton Historian	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Starpoint Central School District Cambria and Pendleton Joint School District (host school districts)	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and contact information.	Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/ information sessions, and opportunities for participation. Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (at least two weeks prior to filing), etc. Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Solicitation of local feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested. 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.

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<i>Host Municipalities (continued)</i>		
Starpoint Central School District Cambria and Pendleton Joint School District (host school districts), (continued)	Solicitation of local feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns. (continued)	Establish a contact phone number, and dedicated project email address to respond to inquiries and accept public comments.
	Explain and discuss delivery methods of project components and transportation routes and timing; discuss and address 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.
<i>Host County</i>		
Niagara County (Host County)	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information.	Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
	Provide notice to County two weeks prior to submittal of PSS	Mail notice.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Solicit local feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested by County.

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<i>Host County (continued)</i>		
Niagara County (Host County), (continued)	Obtain all relevant local laws, building codes, comprehensive plans, 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.
	Review County Division of Transportation requirements, transportation routes, and use of right- of- ways.	Meeting with Division 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 meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.
Niagara County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; 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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<i>Host County (continued)</i>		
Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Niagara County Department of Economic Development and Planning	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; discuss existing and future planning documents, associated objectives, and how such objectives may be affected or promoted by the Project.	Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.
Niagara County Department of Public Works	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; discuss facilities that may be affected by the Project.	Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.
Niagara County Airports	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; discuss facilities that may be affected by the Project	Initial meeting(s) during development of the PSS with subsequent meeting(s) during development of the Application and as needed throughout Article 10 process.

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<i>Study Area Municipalities</i>		
Towns of Lockport and Wheatfield	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and contact information.	Provide timely public/ stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/ information sessions, and opportunities for participation.
	Provide notice to Towns two weeks prior to submittal of PSS.	Mail notice.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations
	Solicit local feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested.
	Work with local Fire Departments to develop appropriate emergency response plans for construction and 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.
<i>Study Area Schools</i>		
Lockport City School District	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information.	Provide timely public/ stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/ information sessions, and

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<i>Study Area Schools (continued)</i>		
Lockport City School District, (continued)	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information. (continued)	opportunities for participation. Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (at least two weeks prior to filing), etc. Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Solicitation of local feedback. Provide answers to specific questions or concerns.	By phone, mail, or in person as requested. 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 comments.

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<i>Study Area Schools (continued)</i>		
Lockport City School District, (continued)	Explain and discuss delivery methods of project components and transportation routes and timing; discuss and address 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.
<i>State Agencies/Representatives</i>		
Member of NYS Assembly for District 145 and NYS Senator for District 62	Provide general information on the Project, Article 10 process, and intervenor funding, and provide contact information	Letter to be sent before submittal of PSS.
	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.
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)	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
	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.

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<i>State Agencies/Representatives (continued)</i>		
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) <i>(continued)</i>	Determine whether all NYSDEC regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified,	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS
NYSDEC Region 4	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
New York State Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
Empire State Development Corporation	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
NYS Attorney General	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	Determine whether all NYSDOH regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSA&M)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
	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.
NYS Department of State (NYSDOS)	Notifications, as required by Article 10	As per schedule in regulations.

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<i>State Agencies/Representatives (continued)</i>		
NYS Department of State (NYSDOS) <i>(continued)</i>	Determine whether all NYSDOS regulations potentially applicable to the Project have been identified.	Initial meeting or telephone conference no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
NYS Office of General 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 Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	Notifications, as required by Article 10	As per schedule in regulations.
NYS Department of Defense	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.	Meetings to develop work plans and content of cultural resources studies prior to submittal of PSS, ongoing review of studies and mitigation recommendations.
NYS Department of Public Service	Facilitate Article 10 review process.	Meetings throughout process.
NYS Department of Transportation and NYS Thruway Authority	Identify constraints associated with roads used for component transport.	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.

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<i>State Agencies/Representatives (continued)</i>		
New York Independent System Operator	Generator interconnection studies and timing	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application and throughout Article X process.
New York State Canal Corporation (New York Power Authority)	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
<i>Federal Agencies/Representatives</i>		
US Army Corps of Engineers	Determine jurisdiction and permits necessary under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.	Pre-application meeting anticipated as final design of Project nears completion.
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Determine potential concerns regarding compliance with applicable federal laws and regulations.	Prior to submittal of the PSS.
US Federal Aviation Administration	No Hazard Determinations	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.
US Department of Defense	Information dissemination on proposed Project. If necessary, develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts.	Prior to submittal of Article 10 Application.
US Senator Charles E. Schumer	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.

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<i>Federal Agencies/Representatives (continued)</i>		
US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
US Representative Chris Collins 27 th District	Notifications, as required by Article 10.	As per schedule in regulations.
<i>Other Stakeholders (Regional or Locational Agencies)</i>		
Cornell Cooperative Extension Niagara County	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Buffalo Niagara River-Land Trust	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Niagara Chamber of Commerce	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding and contact information; 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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<i>Other Stakeholders (Regional or Locational Agencies) (continued)</i>		
Western New York Environmental Alliance* Buffalo Niagara Partnership Division of Smart Growth Western New York Regional Economic Development Council Niagara Wind & Solar Niagara Power Project WNY Sustainable Energy Association Trust Niagara County Community College Re-Tree WNY Sierra Club	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding and contact information; discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Western NY Land Conservancy	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
The Nature Conservancy/Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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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<i>Other Stakeholders (Regional or Locational Agencies) (continued)</i>		
Buffalo Audubon Society - NY	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
National Grid	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Niagara Area – Regional Tribal Nations	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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.
Time Warner Cable/Charter Communications	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, 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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<i>Other Stakeholders (Regional or Locational Agencies) (continued)</i>		
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; discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.
Natural Gas Transmission Line Owners with Infrastructure, Easements or Rights-of-way within Facility Area	Provide information on the Project and Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and contact information; discuss stakeholder initiatives that may be affected or promoted by the Project	Initial correspondence no later than one month prior to submittal of PSS.