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

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Pursuant to Section 3.9 of the Public Service Commission's ("Commission") rules (16 NYCRR § 3.9), Mohawk Solar LLC, by and through its attorneys Harris Beach PLLC, hereby submits the attached *Notice of Commencement of Stipulation Process* for filing in the above-referenced proceeding (Attachment 1).

Also attached for filing is an Affidavit of Service (Attachment 2). According to the Affidavit of Service, the *Notice of Commencement of Stipulation Process* was sent via regular mail to active parties, stakeholders listed in Exhibit A to Mohawk Solar's Public Involvement Program Plan, and other parties requesting stakeholder status. A distribution list is provided with the Affidavit of Service.

Based on the foregoing, I certify that I have notified all appropriate persons and parties of the pendency of negotiations in a manner that permits reasonable time for preparation in accordance with Section 3.9(a)(iii) of the Commission's rules (16 NYCRR § 3.9[a][iii]).

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Steven D. Wilson**

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cc: Active Parties

ATTACHMENT 1

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**** NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF STIPULATIONS PROCESS ****

Active Parties and Stakeholders:

On October 18, 2017, Mohawk Solar LLC (Mohawk Solar), a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, LLC, filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) in connection with its proposal to construct a 90-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar electric generating facility (the Project) on approximately 1,000 acres of private land in the Towns of Canajoharie and Minden, Montgomery County (together, the Towns).

Upon the filing of the PSS, a pre-application intervenor fund of \$31,500 was established for this proceeding. On November 22, 2017, the Towns jointly filed a request for pre-application intervenor funds in an amount totaling \$27,500. No other requests for intervenor funding were timely filed.

On January 8, 2017, the Examiners assigned to this proceeding issued a ruling awarding pre-application intervenor funds in the amount of \$27,500 jointly to the Towns of Minden and Canajoharie in order to enable the Towns to make an effective contribution to the review of the PSS and to encourage early and effective public involvement in the pre-application stage of this proceeding. The Examiners also authorized Mohawk Solar to commence the stipulations process.

Accordingly, Mohawk Solar hereby provides notice of commencement of the stipulation process. Each stipulation essentially sets forth an agreement among the participating parties on a particular aspect of the PSS, the studies or program of studies to be conducted, and the contents of each exhibit to be eventually included in the Application. Mohawk Solar's initial draft proposes a stipulation corresponding to each section of the PSS. Parties interested in participating in the stipulations process may comment on any section(s).

Please be advised that future notices regarding the stipulations process will be served on (1) persons or entities that have notified Mohawk Solar of their intent to participate in the stipulations process, and (2) persons or entities listed on the party list for this proceeding. Persons wishing to be added to the party list should complete and file a form "Request for Party

Status.” This form can be obtained through the Mohawk Solar proceeding website under *Generation Siting* on the Department of Public Service’s website located at www.dps.ny.gov or by contacting Daniel Cameron, at daniel.cameron@dps.ny.gov. Persons may also notify Mohawk Solar of their intent to participate in the stipulation process by sending an email to the undersigned or through the email link on Mohawk Solar’s website, <http://avangridren.com/mohawksolar>.

Participants in stipulation negotiations are also reminded that this consultation process is subject to the confidentiality requirements of 16 NYCRR §3.9 which provides that any discussion, admission, concession or offer to stipulate or settle, whether oral or written, made during any negotiation session concerning a stipulation or settlement is not subject to discovery, or admissible in any evidentiary hearing against any participant who objects to its admission. In addition, participating parties, their representatives and other persons attending stipulation negotiations must hold confidential such discussions, admissions, concessions, and offers to settle and shall not disclose them outside the negotiations except to their principals without the consent of the parties participating in the negotiations.

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Wilson

cc: Active Parties
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ATTACHMENT 2

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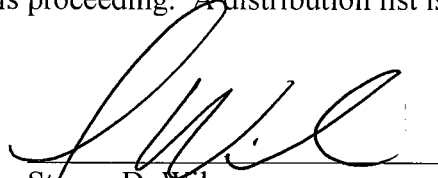
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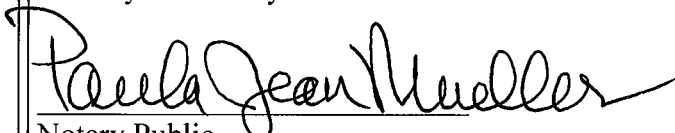
STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
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Steven D. Wilson, a partner with Harris Beach PLLC, attorneys for Mohawk Solar LLC ("Mohawk Solar"), being duly sworn, deposes and says that on January 12, 2018, he served a *Notice of Commencement of Stipulations Process* regarding Mohawk Solar's forthcoming application to construct a proposed 90 megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility in the Towns of Canajoharie and Minden, Montgomery County, New York, by mailing a true hard copy via regular mail upon the active parties and stakeholders in this proceeding. A distribution list is attached.



Steven D. Wilson

Sworn to before me this
16th day of January 2018.



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