

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC
GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 17-F-0617 - Application of Hecate Energy Albany LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of the Coeymans Solar Farm, Albany County.

NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE
TO CONSIDER PRE-APPLICATION INTERVENOR FUNDING REQUESTS
AND TO INITIATE THE STIPULATIONS PROCESS

(Issued June 5, 2018)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a procedural conference will be held in this proceeding, in which the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board) is considering a proposal by Hecate Energy Albany 1 LLC and Hecate Energy Albany 2 LLC (collectively, Hecate Energy), wholly owned subsidiaries of Hecate Energy LLC, to construct a major solar electric generating facility in the Town of Coeymans, Albany County (the Project). The Project would consist of an array of ground-mounted photovoltaic solar panels with a total capacity of 40 megawatts. The Project is proposed to be located on a 428-acre site between State Route 9W and County Route 101, on rural agricultural private land purchased or leased by the Project developer. The Project is expected to include access roads, inverters, fencing, an electrical substation, and electrical interconnection facilities. The points of interconnection with the electric grid are proposed to be at the existing National Grid 115 kilovolt transmission lines that cross the southern portion of the Project site.

Prior to filing an application for approval to construct a generating facility, an entity must first file a

Preliminary Scoping Statement with the Siting Board, which initiates a preliminary scoping phase of the proceeding. On May 14, 2018, Hecate Energy filed its Preliminary Scoping Statement. The preliminary scoping phase of this proceeding will determine the nature and scope of the studies Hecate Energy must undertake to develop the information that must be included in its formal application. In general, such studies will identify and evaluate the potential impacts of a project on the environment, public health, and other public interest factors. State agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to engage in discussions with the project developer during this phase to reach agreements, called stipulations, regarding the details of these studies. Funding is available for municipalities and local residents to participate in this process.

The procedural conference will be held in this proceeding before Administrative Law Judges Anthony M. Belsito and Maureen F. Leary of the Department of Public Service, and Administrative Law Judge Daniel P. O'Connell of the Department of Environmental Conservation, as follows:

Date: Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m.

**Location: Ravena Coeymans Selkirk
Community Library
95 Main Street
Ravena, New York 12143**

The procedural conference has two primary purposes. First, the Judges may ask questions and make contemporaneous rulings on timely filed requests for pre-application intervenor funds. Eligible municipalities and local residents applying for pre-application intervenor funding should be prepared to discuss their requests for funding. Participants are encouraged to

consider the consolidation of funding requests with those of other participants having similar interests. Second, the Judges will explain and initiate the stipulations process whereby participants reach agreement about the studies and information to be developed for the application. It is expected that Hecate Energy and persons or parties interested in pursuing stipulations will attend and participate in this pre-application procedural conference.

Comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement are due by June 15, 2018. Applications for Intervenor Funding are due by June 15, 2018. Additional information about the intervenor funding process can be found on the Siting Board's web page, www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard. The "Notice of Availability of Pre-Application Intervenor Funds and Schedule to Request Funds" and the "Notice of Filing of a Preliminary Scoping Statement and Deadline for Submitting Comments," each of which were issued on May 16, 2018, can be found on the Department of Public Service's web page www.dps.ny.gov, (click on the Search key and enter "17-F-0617" in "Search by Case Number."

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS
Secretary