

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.

SECOND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PRE-APPLICATION INTERVENOR
FUNDS AND DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING INTERVENOR FUNDS

(Issued July 11, 2018)

On April 18, 2018, Hecate Energy Albany 1 LLC and Hecate Energy Albany 2 LLC (collectively, Hecate Energy), filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) regarding a proposal under Article 10 of the Public Service Law to construct the Coeymans Solar Farm, a commercial-scale solar electric generating facility in the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York (the Project). As proposed in the PSS, the Project would consist of several arrays of ground-mounted photovoltaic solar panels installed on a 428-acre rural site, with a total Project capacity of 40 megawatts. The Project is expected to include access roads, inverters, fencing, an electric substation, and electrical interconnection facilities. With its PSS, Hecate submitted the required pre-application intervenor funding fee of \$14,000 to be used by municipalities and local residents to defray legal and expert costs associated with their participation in the Public Service Law (PSL) Article 10 process.

On May 16, 2018, a Notice of Availability of Pre-Application Intervenor Funds and Deadline for Requesting Intervenor Funds was issued, setting a June 15, 2018 deadline for submission of applications for funding. No applications for intervenor funds were submitted by the deadline. On June 26,

2018, a procedural conference was held and the Examiners assigned to this proceeding authorized initiation of the stipulations process in which Hecate Energy may seek to reach agreement with interested persons, agencies and/or municipalities regarding the scope or methodology of any study or program of studies undertaken and submitted in support of its Article 10 application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to PSL Article 10.

On July 3, 2018, the Examiners issued a ruling confirming authorization for Hecate Energy to initiate the stipulations process. That ruling required Hecate Energy to file a Stipulation Notice and serve it on the Master Stakeholder List. It also required the Stipulation Notice to state that the presiding examiners are providing a second opportunity for interested persons or entities to apply for pre-application intervenor funding.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that intervenor funds are available to eligible municipal and local parties¹ to participate in the pre-application phase of this proceeding, including the stipulations process. Intervenor funds are to be used by such parties to defray expenses associated with the retention of attorneys, expert consultants and other administrative costs incurred in participating in the pre-application phase of the Project. At least 50% of these funds are reserved for potential awards to eligible municipalities. Additional funding for eligible municipal and local parties will be made available later in the application phase of the Project and will be the subject of further notice.

¹ A "local party" is defined as any person, residing or having a dwelling in a community, who may be affected by the proposed major electric generating facility at the proposed location.

Eligible municipal and local parties intending to request pre-application intervenor funding **must submit their request for pre-application funding by no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2018.** Parties requesting such funding must use the "RFIF Form" available on the Siting Board's web page at <http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard> (by accessing the "Forms" link on the left side of the page). All requests for pre-application intervenor funds must be submitted to the Presiding Examiners, Administrative Law Judges Anthony M. Belsito and Maureen F. Leary of the New York State Department of Public Service (Anthony.Belsito@dps.ny.gov; Maureen.Leary@dps.ny.gov) and to the Associate Examiner, Administrative Law Judge Daniel P. O'Connell of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Daniel.oconnell@dec.ny.gov). Each funding request must also be filed with Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary to the Siting Board, at Secretary@dps.ny.gov **by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.**

Persons without e-mail access may send their documents to the Presiding Examiners, the Associate Examiner, and Secretary Burgess by first class mail at the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350, such that the applications for funds are received by the August 15, 2018 due date.

A copy of each funding request must also be served on all persons identified on the party list for this proceeding, by e-mail or by first class mail. The party list can be accessed from the Department of Public Service website, <http://www.dps.ny.gov> by following the "Search" link at the top of the page; then, by using the "Search by Case Number"

function, entering "17-F-0617." The resulting page is the public case file for this proceeding. The party list may be viewed by clicking the "Party List" tab.

Guidance regarding the Article 10 siting process, including the procedures regarding pre-application intervenor funding for eligible municipal and local parties, is available at the Siting Board's web page, listed above. To access Frequently Asked Questions, please click the "FAQ" link on the left side of the page; to access a Guide to Intervenor Funding, please follow the "Guides" link on the left side of the page.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS
Secretary