

Danskammer Energy Center

Submission of the Preliminary Scoping Statement

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On or about February 8, 2019, Danskammer Energy, LLC ("Danskammer Energy") will file a Preliminary Scoping Statement ("PSS") with the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the "Siting Board") under Article 10 of the Public Service Law for the proposed repowering of its Danskammer Generating Station site (the "Project") located in the Town of Newburgh, Orange County, New York. The Project will result in a more modern energy center at the site through the installation of a new, state-of-the-art combined-cycle gas turbine facility. The Project will provide a more efficient and cost-effective facility to produce electricity while reducing environmental impacts, including the elimination of the use of cooling water from the Hudson River, minimizing impacts on the surrounding communities and providing tax benefits into the future. Once approved, the Project will create numerous jobs during the construction period, and Danskammer Energy will maintain \$5 million in payroll and \$12 million in non-energy expenditures each year. Most of this spending will occur locally.

The PSS will describe and identify, among other things, the environmental setting in the Project area, potential significant and adverse environmental or health impacts from construction and operation of the Project, including an examination of the potential adverse impacts of criteria pollutants and other State-regulated pollutants and non-criteria pollutants from the Project on air quality and an examination of any proposed discharges associated with the facility. Potential significant/adverse impacts resulting from the Project will also be addressed, including but not limited to compatibility with existing land uses, noise and vibration, cultural resources, geology, seismology, soils, terrestrial and aquatic ecology, water resources, wetlands, visual resources, traffic and transportation, communications, recreational resources, environmental justice, socioeconomics, electrical system effects, and electric magnetic fields. In addition, the PSS will identify the proposed studies to evaluate potential impacts and measures to avoid or mitigate adverse impacts; identify reasonable alternatives; and identify applicable State and Federal requirements and other information as required for the Project.

Upon the filing of the PSS, there will be a 21-day period for public comment during which any person, agency or municipality may submit comments on the PSS by serving such comments on Danskammer Energy and filing a copy with the Secretary to the Department of Public Service. Comments must reference Case 18-F-0325 and may be submitted in writing to Secretary Kathleen H. Burgess by mail at the following address: The New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, Agency Building 3, Albany, NY 12223-1350 or electronically to secretary@dps.ny.gov. Documents filed in this proceeding may also be viewed electronically at the Department of Public Service website located at www.dps.ny.gov by clicking "Search" on the homepage and then entering Case 18-F-0325 in "Search by Case Number." Any interested member of the public may also file a request with the Secretary to receive copies of all notices concerning the Project, including but not limited to notices regarding any proposed pre-application stipulation.

Upon the closing of the comment period, Danskammer Energy will have 21 days to respond to all comments received and consider them in determination of what studies will be performed in support of the Article 10 Application. The scoping process will be overseen and mediated by an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") designated by the Department of Public Service. Within no less than 22 days after the PSS is filed, the ALJ will hold a conference to, among other things, initiate the stipulation process in which Danskammer Energy and other parties will attempt to negotiate and agree on the studies and other issues to be addressed in the Article 10 Application. No sooner than 90 days after the filing of the PSS, an Article 10 Application will be filed by Danskammer Energy. Once the Article 10 Application is filed and determined by the Siting Board to be complete, the ALJ will schedule a public hearing on the Application and issue a notice that additional intervenor funds will be available for parties participating in formal review of the Application. A pre-hearing conference will be scheduled by the ALJ to identify intervenors, award intervenor funds, identify issues for the hearing, and establish a case schedule. After the hearings, the intervenors may brief their positions to the ALJ, and the ALJ will then issue a recommended decision upon which the Siting Board will base its decision. Article 10 requires that all proceedings on the Application, including a final decision by the Siting Board, must be completed within 12 months of when the Application is determined to be complete.

Danskammer Energy will provide \$200,000 in intervenor funds for municipal and local parties who wish to participate in the Article 10 pre-application phase. Fifty percent (50%) of these intervenor funds are reserved for municipalities. After submittal of the PSS, interested members of the public may apply to the ALJ for pre-application funds. An application for intervenor funds and more information on eligibility and how to apply for intervenor funds is available at the Siting Board website at www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard/, under the "Guides" Section. Additional intervenor funds will be available once the Application is filed.

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More information regarding the Project can be found at the project website, www.danskammerenergy.com, and the DPS website, www.dps.ny.gov, under Case 18-F-0325. The copies of the PSS are also available at the following public libraries:

Newburgh Free Library
124 Grand Street
Newburgh, New York 12550

Adriance Memorial Library
93 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, New York
12603

Marlborough Free Library
1251 Route 9W
Marlborough, New York
12542

Blodgett Memorial Library
37 Broad Street
Fishkill, New York 12524