

AES Clean Energy Development LLC – Somerset Solar Project Niagara County, New York

60-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION

AES Clean Energy Development, LLC (“AES”) is proposing to construct the Somerset Solar Project, a major solar electric generating facility, under Section 94-c of the Executive Law (Section 94-c). This notice announces that on or about **February 28, 2022** AES intends to file an Application with the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES or the Office), pursuant to Section 94-c seeking a Siting Permit from the Office authorizing the construction and operation of the Project. The 94-c process has been implemented by rules enacted by the Office and establishes a review process with uniform standards and conditions for all renewable energy projects. The uniform standards and conditions are available at 19 NYCRR 900-6 and www.ores.ny.gov/regulations.

The Somerset Solar Project is proposed to be an approximately 135 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility proposed to be located in the Town of Somerset, Niagara County, New York (the “Project”). The Project will span approximately 1,410 acres (“Project Area”), though the actual Facility Area will be smaller than the total Project Area. The Project is anticipated to positively impact both the environment and the local economy by reducing carbon dioxide emissions by an estimated 131,000 metric tons each year – the equivalent of taking approximately 28,000 cars off the road – and producing significant tax revenue and other economic benefits for the area. The Facility will include, among other components, solar panels, access roads, substation, inverters, transformers, electrical collection lines, and temporary construction staging and storage areas.

For more information about the Project please visit the Project website at <https://www.aes.com/somerset-solar-project> or contact Somerset Solar at:

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Upon filing the Application, AES will provide funding in the amount of \$1,000/MW proposed in the Application to be deposited into a local agency account to be made available to local agencies and potential community intervenors for the purpose of contributing to a complete record leading to an informed permit decision as to the appropriateness of the site and the facility, and for local agencies, shall include the use of funds to determine whether a proposed facility is designed to be sited, constructed and operated in compliance with applicable local laws and regulations. 19 NYCRR 900-5.1

Any local agency or potential community intervenor shall submit a request for initial funding **within thirty (30) days of the date of application filing** and such requests can be made to:

general@ores.ny.gov OR by mail to: Attention: Request for Local Agency Account Funding
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