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ORES DMM Matter Number 23-03027 - Application of SUGAR MAPLE SOLAR, LLC, for a Major Renewable Energy Facility Siting Permit Pursuant to Article VIII of the New York State Public Service Law to Develop, Design, Construct, Operate, Maintain, and Decommission a 125-Megawatt (MW) Solar Energy Facility and a 20-MW Battery Energy Storage System Located in the Town of Wilna, Jefferson County, and the Town of Croghan, Lewis County.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FILING AND
AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL AGENCY ACCOUNT FUNDING

(Issued February 7, 2025)

On February 6, 2025, Sugar Maple Solar, LLC, filed an application pursuant to Public Service Law article VIII seeking a siting permit to develop, design, construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the Sugar Maple Solar facility with a nameplate generating capacity of up to 125 megawatts (MW) and a co-located 20 MW battery energy storage system in the Town of Wilna, Jefferson County, and the Town of Croghan, Lewis County. The February 6, 2025, application filing commenced the 60-day application completeness review pursuant to 16 NYCRR 1100-4.1 by the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (ORES or Office).

The facility is proposed to include the installation and operation of photovoltaic solar arrays, inverters, electric collection lines, a collection substation, a new point of interconnection (POI) switchyard, and a battery energy storage system (BESS). The facility would interconnect to the electric grid through the new POI switchyard to National Grid's existing Black River-Taylorville Line 2 and North Carthage-Taylorville Line 8.

With its application, Sugar Maple Solar, LLC, submitted the required local agency account fee of \$125,000. Please take notice that funds are available to eligible local agencies and potential community intervenors for use in contributing to the development of a complete record leading to an informed decision by the Office as to the appropriateness of the site and the facility, and for local agencies, for use in determining whether a proposed facility is designed to be sited, constructed, and operated in compliance with applicable local laws and regulations.

Local agencies and potential community intervenors intending to request local agency account funding must submit their request for funding by no later than **4:30 p.m. EST on Monday, March 10, 2025**. Parties requesting such funding must use the **ORES Request For Local Agency Account Funding** form available in the Resources section of the ORES website at: <https://dps.ny.gov/ores-resources>.

All requests for local agency account funding must register on the party list on the Department of Public Service's Document and Matter Management (DMM) system,¹ consent to electronic service, and electronically file (EFile) the funding request form. Information on how to register on DMM and EFile may be found at: <https://dps.ny.gov/dmm-login-document-and-matter-management-system>.

Any person unable to consent to electronic service may obtain authorization for alternative means of receiving service upon good cause shown to the assigned Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) John L. Favreau (john.favreau@dps.ny.gov) and Christopher McEneney Chan (christopher.mceneneychan@dps.ny.gov).

In addition to Efiling, all requests for local agency account funding must be served on ORES by email to ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov. All requests must also be served by email on all persons on the party list for this proceeding and the assigned ALJs. The party list for this proceeding may be found at: <https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-applications>; click on Project Permit Application Number 23-03027; then click on the "Party List" tab.

Persons without internet or e-mail access may mail their documents to the **Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (ORES)**, c/o: OGS Mailroom, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, Attn: 23-03027 Local Agency Account Funding Request. The requests must be received by **Monday, March 10, 2025**. Copies of the request must also be mailed to the persons on the party list at the addresses shown on the list, and to the assigned ALJs care of the address above.

All public documents for this project may be reviewed online at: <https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-applications>; click on Project Permit Application Number 23-03027.

Guidance regarding the Public Service Law article VIII siting process, including the procedures regarding intervenor funding for eligible municipal and local parties, is available in the Resources

section of the ORES website at: <https://dps.ny.gov/ores-resources>.

¹ All persons who register as a party are provisionally added to the party list. Formal party status is conferred upon ruling of the Administrative Law Judge.