

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 25-E-0462 - Petition of Yellow Barn Solar, LLC for an Order Granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Pursuant to Public Service Law Section 68 and Lightened Regulation.

NOTICE REQUESTING COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCING VIRTUAL  
PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

(Issued May 13, 2026)

Comments are requested concerning a petition filed by Yellow Barn Solar, LLC (Yellow Barn or the Petitioner) seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and lightened regulation as an electric corporation from the Public Service Commission (Commission), pursuant to Section 68 of the Public Service Law (PSL).

The Petitioner seeks authorization to: (1) construct and operate an up to 160-megawatt photovoltaic solar energy generating facility in the Towns of Groton and Lansing, Tompkins County (Facility) and (2) exercise certain rights and privileges granted under municipal agreements. The Facility would interconnect to National Grid's transmission line #975 between the existing Milliken and Etna substations through a new transmission line connecting a new point of interconnection switchyard station and the existing transmission line.

Construction and operation of the Facility will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Siting Permit for a Major Renewable Energy Facility issued by the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) on August 21, 2025.<sup>1</sup> The scope of

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<sup>1</sup> See Matter 23-02986, Yellow Barn Solar, LLC - Siting, Executive Director Findings and Permit (issued August 21, 2025).

the Commission's review of this petition will not duplicate the issues that were previously considered and decided by ORES.

As part of the Project, the Petitioner will enter into Host Community Agreements and/or Road Use Agreements with the Towns. Pursuant to PSL Section 68 and previous Commission orders, Yellow Barn is required to obtain a CPCN to exercise municipal consents and to construct or operate an electric plant. Comments should pertain to Yellow Barn's ability and readiness to commence construction of the Project as contemplated by PSL Section 68.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a virtual public statement hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) on:

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

**Electronic Access:** <https://meetny-gov.webex.com/>

**Event Number:** 2822 245 4583

**Password:** Jun9-2pm

**Phone-Only Access:** 1-929-251-9612

**Access Code:** 2822 245 4583

**Password:** 58690276

Any person wishing to provide a public statement on the record at the hearing must register to do so by **4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026**, in accordance with the instructions set forth below.

**To register and provide a statement electronically:**

Participants who would like to make a statement and who will log in to the hearing electronically must register by the date and time indicated above by visiting <https://dps.ny.gov/calendar>, where they should (1) click on the "View DPS Calendar Listings" button under the "Calendars"

section, (2) scroll to and click on "Yellow Barn Solar, LLC Section 68 and Lightened Regulation Petition," (3) click the "Register" button, and (4) provide all requested information. After registration is complete, registrants will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the hearing.

On the day of the hearing, when logging in to participate in the virtual hearing, participants will be asked to "select audio system." It is recommended that participants opt to have the system "call me" or "call using computer." The "call me" option will require participants to enter their phone numbers

**To register and provide a statement by phone:**

This option is for participants who wish to provide a statement but are not able to log in to the virtual public statement hearing electronically. Call-in participants wishing to make a statement at the virtual public statement hearing must register to do so by the date and time indicated above by calling **1-800-342-3330**, following the prompts to the appropriate hearing, and then providing the following information: first name and last name, address, and phone number.

On the day and time of the virtual public statement hearing, call-in registrants must dial **1-929-251-9612** and enter the access code and phone-in password, listed above.

All participants will be muted upon entry into the hearing. The ALJ will call upon each person who registered to make a statement. The ALJ will continue the hearing until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements to submit comments have been made. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker as necessary to afford all attendees an opportunity to be heard. It is requested that lengthy comments be submitted in writing and summarized for oral

presentation. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this case.

**To listen to the hearing without making a statement:**

Any interested person may listen to the hearing by calling 1-929-251-9612 and entering the access code and phone-in password, listed above.

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations should call the Department's Human Resources Management Office at 1-518-473-9463 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Persons with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at 1-800-342-3377 or email [languageaccess@dps.ny.gov](mailto:languageaccess@dps.ny.gov) for free language assistance services regarding this Notice. To request a translator or sign language interpreter to participate at the public statement hearing, please contact the Department at least 10 days before the hearing by calling 1-800-342-3377 or emailing your request to [languageaccess@dps.ny.gov](mailto:languageaccess@dps.ny.gov).

**Other Ways to Comment**

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at the public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Commission. All comments should refer to "Case 25-E-0462" and must **be received by June 22, 2026**.

**Internet or Mail:** Go to [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "25-E-0462" in the "Search by Case Number" box, and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12223-1350; however, electronic filing of comments is strongly encouraged. Written

comments submitted in accordance with this Notice will be posted on the Department's website. Please be advised that the Commission may not consider untimely comments. Comments may be accessed on the Department's website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

**Toll-Free Opinion Line:** Individuals may submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to receive comments about pending cases from in-State callers 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a virtual procedural conference will be held immediately following the public statement hearing, as part of the same teleconference.

The principal purposes of the procedural conference are to identify any potential parties and provide interested persons an opportunity to present and explain any proposals regarding the procedures they believe should be followed in this case by the ALJ and Commission including, but not limited to, whether any issues of fact presented by the petition or public comments warrant an evidentiary hearing. Other procedural issues also may be addressed.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS  
Secretary