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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.

PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING

DATE: JUNE 9, 2026 at 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Webex

BEFORE: ALJ ASHLEY MORENO

Reported by Peter Petty

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2 have Commissioner Maggiore with us.

3 Commissioner, would you like to say

4 anything?

5 COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: Thank you,

6 Judge Moreno. I just would like to thank everybody

7 who has shown up to participate in this hearing. I'm

8 looking forward to hearing what you have to say.

9 This is really the only time in the hearing that I'll
10 speak, so this is the only time you'll hear from me.

11 But what you have to say is very important to this

12 process, so thank you very much for taking time out

13 of your schedule. And like I said, I look forward to

14 hearing from you.

15 A.L.J. MORENO: Great. Thanks,

16 Commissioner.

17 So on August 21st, 2025, the New York

18 State Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric

19 Transmission, also known as ORES, issued Yellow Barn

20 Solar, a siting permit for an up to 160-megawatt

21 photovoltaic solar energy generating facility in the

22 towns of Groton and Lansing in Tompkins County.

23 Construction and operation of that

24 facility are subject to the terms and conditions of

25 the siting permit. Prior to beginning construction

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2 of the project, Yellow Barn Solar is required to
3 obtain a certificate of public convenience and
4 necessity otherwise known as the CPCN.

5 This hearing is being held to receive
6 comments on whether the Commission should grant the
7 CPCN. It is not an evidentiary hearing or a
8 question-and-answer session, but rather an
9 opportunity for the public to offer comments on the
10 petition. And as Commissioner Maggiore mentioned,
11 the Commission very much welcomes your input and this
12 is a forum for that purpose.

13 In making your comments, please be
14 aware that the Commission will not be reconsidering
15 or revisiting any issues that have already been
16 determined by ORES. Any statements made today will
17 become part of the administrative record. We have a
18 court reporter on the line, who will prepare a
19 transcript of the hearing, which will be available on
20 the Department of Public Service website. Before I
21 begin, I would just like to remind everyone that this
22 is not the only opportunity for comment.

23 As was stated in the notice issued on
24 May 13th, comments can be submitted via the
25 Department's website, by regular mail or by calling

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2 the Commission's opinion line at 1-800-335-2120. And
3 for those of you who are participating
4 electronically, those different methods are also
5 available on your screen. And regardless of how your
6 comments are provided, they will be given equal
7 consideration regardless of how they're submitted.

8 So if you are going to be speaking
9 today, you should use only one audio input and one
10 audio output at your end. Otherwise, we may
11 experience some problems with feedback when you're
12 speaking. We do have two people who have registered
13 to speak at today's hearing. I will call each person
14 up to speak.

15 When you hear your name, please give
16 us a moment to unmute your line. And remember that
17 if you have put your own telephone line or computer
18 on mute, you will also have to unmute your line on
19 your end before you begin to speak. Prior to giving
20 your statement, please spell your first and last
21 name. And if you are speaking on behalf of an
22 organization, please state the name of that
23 organization. Please speak slowly and clearly so
24 that the court reporter can accurately record your
25 statement for the record.

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2 So with that, I will call our first
3 speaker who is registered, Clair Walsh Winsler. And
4 I don't see that you've joined electronically, but if
5 you have joined us by phone, you can press star 3 on
6 your phone and that will alert us to your presence
7 and we can unmute your line. Clair Walsh Winsler.

8 Okay. I'll move to our next
9 registered speaker who is Donald Peavey. And again,
10 if you have called in, you can press star 3 on your
11 phone.

12 Okay. I am not seeing either of the
13 speakers, either electronically available or have
14 indicated that they are one of our call-in users. I
15 do note that we have a number of other participants
16 on the line who may wish to make a statement, so I
17 will open it up for other members of the public to
18 make a statement.

19 If you are interested in making a
20 statement this afternoon, please use the raise hand
21 function, if you're participating electronically. Or
22 if you've called in, you can press star 3 on your
23 phone and that will alert us to the fact that you
24 would like to make a statement.

25 And at this time, I am not seeing any

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2 indication that the folks who have joined us are
3 interested in making a statement.

4 Mr. White, is that your same
5 understanding?

6 MR. WHITE: Correct, Your Honor. And
7 I have no emails saying anyone's having difficulty
8 getting in.

9 A.L.J. MORENO: Okay. Thank you.

10 So what we'll do is to just ensure we
11 give a little bit of time and opportunity for those
12 folks who have registered to join us or for folks on
13 the line to consider whether they'd like to make a
14 statement. What we'll do is we will go off the
15 record for a few minutes to provide a little bit more
16 time for folks to join.

17 And then if we see any additional
18 attendees who then indicate they'd like to make a
19 statement or who are one of the folks who have
20 registered to speak, we'll go back on the record.
21 And if we do not have any such person, we will come
22 back on the record at 2:15. So with that, we will,
23 go off the record.

24 (Off the record)

25 (On the record)

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2 A.L.J. MORENO: Thank you. During the
3 brief recess, we did have several new persons enter
4 this meeting. However, no person indicated an
5 interest in making a statement on the record this
6 afternoon. However, for good measure, I'll open it
7 up once more. If you've joined us electronically and
8 would like to make a statement on the record this
9 afternoon, please use the raise hand function. And
10 if you have called in, please press star 3 on your
11 phone to indicate that you would like to make a
12 statement.

13 And again, Mr. White, I am not seeing
14 that any member of the public has indicated an
15 interest in making a statement on the record, is that
16 your same understanding?

17 MR. WHITE: Yes, it is.

18 A.L.J. MORENO: Okay. Well, with that
19 then, I will thank you all for taking the time to
20 attend this event. Appreciate that. I will remind
21 everyone who's joined us that this is not your only
22 opportunity to provide comments. But if you would
23 like to make a comment, you can do so through the
24 Department's website by regular mail or by calling
25 the Commission's opinion line at 1-800-335-2120. And

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2 if you have joined us electronically, that slide is
3 up on your screen that has those different methods.

4 So with that, I will just request that
5 any additional comments that come in by those
6 different means be submitted by June 22nd, 2026.
7 With that, I thank you again for your time and
8 attention this afternoon. And we -- this -- the
9 public statement hearing is now concluded, and we
10 will go off the record.

11 (The hearing concluded at 2:17 p.m.)

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3 I, PETER PETTY, do hereby certify that the foregoing
4 was reported by me, in the cause, at the time and
5 place, as stated in the caption hereto, at Page 1
6 hereof; that the foregoing typewritten transcription
7 consisting of pages 1 through 9, is a true record of
8 all proceedings had at the hearing.

9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
10 subscribed my name, this the 14th day of June, 2026.

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12 PETER PETTY, Reporter

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