

Orleans Solar Project

Orleans County, New York

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION

Orleans Solar LLC (“Orleans Solar” or the “Applicant”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Community Energy Solar, LLC (“CES”), is proposing to construct a major solar electric generating facility up to 200 megawatts (“MW”) in the Towns of Barre and Shelby, Orleans County, New York (the “Facility”). This notice announces that on or about May 28, 2021, Orleans Solar will file an Application with the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (“ORES” or the “Office”), pursuant to Section 94-c of the New York State Executive Law (the “94-c Process”), seeking a Siting Permit from the Office authorizing the construction and operation of the Facility. 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 Facility is proposed to include the installation of arrays of photovoltaic panels, approximately 12 feet in height and arranged in discrete subarrays dispersed throughout the Facility Site, as well as associated electrical collection lines, inverters, a potential energy storage system, interconnection substation, fencing, access roads and an operations and maintenance building. Power generated at the Facility will be stepped up to the interconnection voltage (115 kV) at the Facility substation. The Facility will interconnect to the New York electrical grid via a new Point of Interconnection, located on National Grid’s Lockport-Mortimer 115-kV transmission lines. The Project substation will be a new facility and located within the Facility Area. More information on the proposed Facility can be found on the project’s dedicated website (<https://www.communityenergyinc.com/orleansolar>).

The Facility is a zero-emission solar energy facility that will assist the State in meeting the goals of the Climate Leadership and Protection Act and State Energy Plan, which includes obtaining 70% of energy generation from renewable sources by 2030 and significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Other positive impacts of the Facility include diversification of energy supplies, new employment opportunities (both temporary construction employment and full-time jobs), and increased revenues to the Towns of Barre and Shelby, Orleans County, New York, school districts, payments to participating landowners, the local hospitality industry, and purchase of local supplies and goods. In addition, Orleans Solar has attempted to minimize impacts associated with the Project, for example, by limiting the disturbance to forested lands and wetlands to the maximum extent practicable. Orleans Solar will submit an Application that includes extensive studies evaluating the potential impacts associated with the Facility and identified methods which have been agreed to be implemented to avoid, minimize and mitigate potential impacts. No sooner than three days before the Application is filed, an additional notice will be published announcing the anticipated filing of the Application. This notice is being provided in accordance with 19 NYCRR 900-1.3(d) and is being published at least 60 days prior to the filing of the Application.

Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 900-5, Orleans Solar will submit with the Application \$1,000 dollars for each MW of capacity for local agencies and potential community intervenors, which for this project, totals \$200,000. Any local agency or potential community intervenor can submit a request to the Office for funding within thirty (30) days of the date of the application filing. Under the regulations, 75% of the local agency account funds shall be reserved for local agencies. Intervenor requests will be made to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, Attention: Request for Local Agency Account Funding, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231-0001.

Further details regarding the Project and updates on the Application will be provided on <https://www.communityenergyinc.com/orleansolar>. To learn more visit the project website or contact us at:

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