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## **Public Comment Hearing Set Regarding Montgomery County Solar Facility**

**ALBANY** —The New York State Department of Public Service announced the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (ORES) will hold an in-person public comment hearing on **Wednesday, August 20, 2025** to receive comments on the application and draft permit for Flat Creek Solar NY, LLC, a proposed 300-megawatt (MW) solar facility in the towns of Root and Canajoharie, Montgomery County.

The applicant filed an application with ORES on September 6, 2024, and a notice of complete application was issued on April 7, 2025, with draft permit conditions published by ORES on June 6, 2025 (see <a href="https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-applications">https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-applications</a>, click on Project Permit Application Number 23-02992).

DATE: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department

74 State Street

Canajoharie, NY 13317

All persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies who may be affected by the facility are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the application and the draft permit conditions. Lengthy comments will not be accepted and instead should be submitted in writing. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written comments. To ensure that all interested persons have an opportunity to speak, the Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) may limit the time available for oral comments to three (3) minutes per person. The public comment hearing will be transcribed for inclusion in the administrative record.

The hearing location is reasonably accessible to persons with a mobility impairment. Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public

Service's Human Resource Management Office at (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. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at (800) 342-3377 for free language assistance services.

In the event that the in-person public comment hearing needs to be canceled, rescheduled, postponed, or conducted virtually, notification of any change will be available at the ORES website at <a href="https://dps.ny.gov/ores">https://dps.ny.gov/ores</a>.

**Written Public Comments:** Written comments concerning the application and the draft permit conditions must be filed with ORES by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2025**. Persons filing written comments are strongly encouraged to post their comments on the Department of Public Service's (DPS) Document and Matter Management (DMM) system. To post a comment, go to <a href="https://dps.ny.gov/ores">https://dps.ny.gov/ores</a>, click on "Permit Applications," click on Project Permit Application Number 23-02992 and click on "Post Comments" in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

Written comments may also be emailed to ORES at <a href="mailto:ores.comments@dps.ny.gov">ores.comments@dps.ny.gov</a> or mailed to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242. Written comments will be considered equally with oral statements delivered at the public comment hearing, provided they are postmarked by **Friday, August 22**, **2025**, or e-mailed or posted on DMM by 5:00 p.m. on that date.

Please take notice that written public comments will be publicly posted on DMM. ORES reserves the right not to post duplicate or repeat comments. In addition, ORES reserves the right to remove, without notice, comments containing any defamatory, infringing, obscene, indecent, discriminatory, confidential, or unlawful material or information of any kind.

**Document Availability:** Copies of all application materials and draft permit conditions are available for inspection at the Office's Albany office during normal business hours. Contact the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, W.A. Harriman Campus, Building 9, 4th Floor, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12227, (518) 473-4590, <a href="mailto:ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov">ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov</a>. Electronic copies are available at <a href="https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-applications">https://dps.ny.gov/ores-permit-applications</a>, click on Project Permit Application Number 23-02992.

Copies of all application materials are also available at:

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