

Case 17-F-0598
North Side Energy Center, LLC
180 MW Solar Photovoltaic Generation Facility
Towns of Massena, Brasher and Norfolk, St. Lawrence County, New York

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

North Side Energy Center, LLC (“North Side” or “Applicant”) is seeking authority from the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the “Siting Board”) to construct a 180 megawatt (“MW”) solar photovoltaic electric generating facility (the “Project”) in the Towns of Massena, Brasher and Norfolk, St. Lawrence County, New York, under Article 10 of the New York State Public Service Law (“PSL”). Pursuant to PSL § 164 and 16 NYCRR § 1000.7, Applicant hereby provides notice that, on or about February 10, 2021, it intends to file its Application with the Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need authorizing construction and operation of the Project.

The Project will consist of a 180 MW solar energy center located on land leased or purchased from owners of private property. Project components include commercial-scale solar arrays, access roads, buried (and possibly overhead) electric collection lines, a Project collection substation, and electrical interconnection facilities. North Side Energy Center anticipates the interconnection facilities will include a 230-kV switchyard that will be transferred to NYPA to own and operate. The proposed collection substation and interconnection facilities will be located on land northeast of the solar arrays within the Project Area, adjacent to NYPA’s Massena – Moses 230 kV line transmission line.

The Project will safely generate enough clean, renewable electricity to power more than 40,000 households. As a renewable resource, the Project will avoid harmful emissions and other adverse impacts associated with traditional fossil-fueled generating facilities, such as water usage. The Project will also be compatible with New York State’s policies promoting renewable energy including the 2015 State Energy Plan (SEP), as amended in 2020, the 2016 Clean Energy Standard (CES), as amended in 2020 and the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which collectively require at least 70% of the State’s electricity to be derived from renewable resources by 2030, elimination of carbon emissions from the electric sector by 2040, and development of 6,000 MW of solar energy by 2025. Further, the Project will benefit the economic growth of the local community through the creation of jobs during both construction and operation, and increased tax revenues.

Construction and operation of the Project will not result in adverse impacts to health, air, or water resources. All impacts resulting from construction and operation of the Project have been minimized to the maximum extent practicable.

The Applicant intends to request a Water Quality Certification (“WQC”) pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The WQC is necessary to obtain a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Application contains all the information described in the proposed stipulations filed in this Article 10 proceeding and therefore the applicable regulations. Studies and analyses as required by the proposed stipulations and Article 10 address many disciplines such as land use, noise, preliminary engineering, avian use, and decommissioning. The Siting Board will determine whether the Application is compliant with the Article 10 requirements. Once it is deemed compliant, the Administrative Law Judges (“ALJs”) assigned to this proceeding will issue a notice that intervenor funds, in the amount of approximately \$180,000, will be available for eligible parties participating in the Application phase. The ALJs will also schedule a pre-hearing conference to identify parties, award intervenor funds, identify issues for the hearing, and establish a case schedule. After the hearings, intervenors may submit briefs to the ALJs who may then issue a recommended decision, upon which the Siting Board will render its decision on whether to certify the Project and under what conditions. State law requires that the Siting Board must render a decision on the Application within 12 months of its determination that the Application is compliant with the Article 10 requirements.

Interested, eligible municipal and local parties may apply for intervenor funding to be used to pay for expenses such as administrative, attorney, and/or consultant fees. A guide to applying for intervenor funding can be found on the New York State Department of Public Service’s (“DPS”) website by using the following direct link: goo.gl/avcprS.

Any interested person wishing to receive all notices concerning the Project may submit a request to Hon. Michelle

L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, Agency Building 3, Albany, NY 12223-1350 or electronically to secretary@dps.ny.gov. Documents concerning the Siting Board's review of the Project may be viewed at the DPS website located at www.dps.ny.gov by clicking "Search" on the homepage and then entering Case 17-F-0598 in "Search by Case Number."

Additional information on how to participate in this proceeding may be obtained by contacting North Side's project representative or the Siting Board Public Information Coordinator:

North Side Representative

Kris Scornavacca
c/o Sam Laniado
Read and Laniado, LLP
25 Eagle St.
Albany, NY 12207
518-465-9313
sml@readlaniado.com

Siting Board Public Information Coordinator

James Denn
NYS Department of Public Service
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223
518-474-7080
james.denn@dps.ny.gov

To find more information, please go to the Siting Board's website (www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard) or the Project website (<https://www.northsideenergycenter.com/>) or call the Project's toll-free number: (800) 237-7104 or email the project e-mail: info@northsideenergycenter.com

A copy of the Application will be served on the Town Supervisors of the Towns of Massena, Brasher and Norfolk. The Application, when filed, may be examined during normal business hours at the Offices of the Department of Public Service at 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223, and at the following local document repositories:

- Town of Massena Town Hall, 60 Main St #3, Massena, NY 13662
- Town of Brasher Town Hall, 11 Factory St, Brasher Falls, NY 13613
- Town of Norfolk Town Hall, 5 W Main St, Norfolk, NY 13667
- Massena Public Library Central Library, 41 Glenn St, Massena, NY 13662
- Hepburn Library of Norfolk, 1 Hepburn St, Norfolk, NY 13667
- Badenhausen Branch Library, 4 Main Street, Brasher Falls NY 13613

Below is a map that shows the location of the Project area.

