# **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN**

# Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center Schuyler County, New York

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# **List of Acronyms**

ACENY Alliance for Clean Energy New York, Inc.

CES Clean Energy Standard

DMM Document and Matter Management

DOE Department of Energy

DPS Department of Public Service
FAA Federal Aviation Administration
GIS Geographic information system

MW megawatt

NYSDEC New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

NYSEG New York State Electric and Gas Corporation

NYSERDA New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

O&M operations and maintenance
PIP Plan Public Involvement Program Plan

POC point of contact

POI point of interconnection

Project Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center

Project Area locations being evaluated for placement of permanent Project facilities, including

the proposed collection substation and interconnection facilities

PSL Public Service Law

PSS Preliminary Scoping Statement
SEP 2015 New York State Energy Plan

Siting Board New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment

Study Area all areas within at least two (2) miles of the current planned location of Project

generating facility components, interconnections and related facilities

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center, LLC, wholly owned by North Park Energy, LLC, which is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC ("Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center") plans to submit an application to construct a major electric generating facility, the Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center, under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (PSL). Pursuant to the rules of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board), applicants proposing to submit an application to construct a major electric generating facility under Article 10 must submit a Public Involvement Program Plan (PIP Plan). The PIP Plan must be submitted to the Department of Public Service (DPS) for review at least 150 days prior to filing a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS). This document is the PIP Plan for the Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center (the Project), a solar energy facility described in Section 2.

As required by 16 NYCRR § 1000.4, this PIP Plan includes the following elements:

- 1) consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders;
- 2) pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity;
- 3) activities designed to educate the public as to the specific proposal and the Article 10 review process, including the availability of funding for municipal and local parties;
- 4) the establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public;
- 5) notifications; and
- 6) activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholders in the certification and compliance process.

### 2.0 APPLICANT AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

## 2.1 Company Profile

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center, LLC is wholly owned by North Park Energy, LLC, which is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NextEra Energy Resources). NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, is the competitive energy subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc., a Fortune 200 company and the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun. NextEra Energy Resources is primarily a wholesale power generator, operating power plants and selling the output to utilities, retail electricity providers, power cooperatives, municipal electric providers and large industrial companies. Nationally recognized as a leading clean energy provider, NextEra Energy Resources has a portfolio of facilities, totaling more than 19,882

megawatts of generating capacity in the United States and Canada. More than 95 percent of our electricity is derived from clean or renewable sources, including wind, solar, natural gas and nuclear energy.

The Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center would be compatible with the New York State policies promoting renewable energy goals, including the 2015 New York State Energy Plan (SEP), and the Clean Energy Standard (CES), which proposes to achieve 50 percent of the State's electricity to be generated by renewables by 2030 (50 by 30 goal).

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center, LLC intends to construct, own, operate, and maintain all components of the Project, with the exception of the interconnection switchyard. The switchyard facility will be constructed by Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center, LLC, and then transferred to New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG), which will own, operate, and maintain the switchyard.

# 2.2 Project Summary

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center is planning the Project to have a maximum generating capability of 50 megawatts (MW) of power located on land leased from owners of private property located in the Town of Dix, Schuyler County, New York (Figure 1).

Project facilities will include commercial-scale solar arrays, access roads, buried (and possibly overhead) electric collection lines, a Project collection substation, and electrical interconnection facilities. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center anticipates the interconnection facilities will include a 115-kV switchyard, which, as noted above, will be transferred to NYSEG to own and operate. The proposed collection substation and interconnection facilities will be located on land south of the solar arrays within the Project Area, adjacent to the existing 115 kV NYSEG NYSEG's Bath – Montour Fall 115 kV line transmission line. With the entire Project subject to Article 10, the outreach activities described in this PIP Plan will address both the interconnection facilities and the solar energy facility.

In addition, the Project may also include an Energy Storage System which will be comprised of lithium-ion battery cells enclosed in modules, stacked in racks, installed within an ISO-rated container and fixed onto concrete foundation pad/piers. Each rack will connect to a battery management system which will communicate and actively manage the performance and safety metrics of each module. The Energy Storage System will charge exclusively off the solar array and also share inverters and a common generator step up transformer. The outreach activities

described in this PIP Plan will also address the Energy Storage System, in the event this option is included in the final Project design.

The proposed Project will have positive socioeconomic impacts in the Project Area and beyond through employment opportunities, specifically by generating temporary construction employment. Based on similar Project experience elsewhere, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center estimates that approximately 125-175 temporary construction jobs (peak) will be created during the approximate 8 months of construction. The majority of the temporary construction employment will likely be drawn from the Schuyler County and the Southern Tier labor market. Local construction employment will primarily benefit those in the construction trades, including equipment operators, truck drivers, laborers, and electricians. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center encourages local hiring to the greatest extent possible and workers from outside the area who fill specialized job functions will add to the regional economy by staying in area hotels, eating in the local restaurants and shopping in Schuyler County stores. The operation of the facility will require two to three local permanent employment positions.

## 2.3 Project Area and Study Area

Figures 1-3 show the regional Project location, the Project Area and the preliminary Study Area to be used for analysis. For purposes of this document, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center is defining these areas as follows:

- The Project Area is comprised of the locations being evaluated for placement of permanent Project facilities, including the proposed collection substation and interconnection facilities. As shown in Figure 2, the Project Area includes approximately 770 acres of land.
- Consistent with 16 NYCRR § 1000.2(ar), the Study Area (as shown in Figure 3) is all areas within at least two (2) miles of the current planned location of Project generating facility components, interconnections and related facilities and includes approximately 15,650 acres of land (inclusive of the approximately 770 acre Project Area).

The Project Area and Study Area are based on preliminary estimates of where facilities could be located. The PSS and Application will further define the Study Area.

### 3.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

#### 3.1 PIP Plan Goals

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center developed this PIP Plan to ensure that comments of individuals and groups with a potential interest in the Project are objectively considered in the Project design and review. Specific PIP Plan goals are to:

- Identify groups and individuals with a potential interest in the Project, i.e., "stakeholders;"
- Ensure stakeholders are aware of the Project;
- Ensure stakeholders can access information on the Project and the Article 10 review process in a relatively convenient manner;
- Engage stakeholders to understand their interests related to the Project and seek input as to how to best address their interests and concerns as the Project moves forward;
- Gather specific information from stakeholders that can be used to design objective and useful studies to be defined in the PSS and included in a complete Application for the Project.

#### 3.2 PIP Plan Schedule

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will begin conducting PIP Plan activities during the preapplication phase, and these public involvement activities will continue throughout the Article 10 process until the Project begins commercial operation. Additional outreach to host landowners and municipal officials will take place during decommissioning activities. Specific PIP Plan activities and their schedules are discussed in Section 5.

### 4.0 STAKEHOLDERS

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center has identified several categories of stakeholders. Overall, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center relied on its experience in developing other projects and the knowledge of its local representatives to identify potential stakeholders. The identification of stakeholders was based on DPS guidance, conducting internet research, site visits to the Project Area and Study Area, review of GIS records, tax records, and consultation with environmental/regulatory counsel.

Descriptions of stakeholder categories are located in the following sections below, and Appendix A contains the preliminary Project stakeholder list and the current known contact information

for each stakeholder. A mailing list will be developed based on the stakeholders listed below and addresses solicited from public meetings and the Project website. The Applicant anticipates that the mailing list will be updated as necessary based on information received during PIP Plan activities and these updates will be provided to DPS along with the PIP Plan tracking submissions.

Project outreach materials will contain instructions on how to be added to the stakeholder list. Individuals or organizations will be able to be added to the stakeholder list by calling a Project representative, mailing a letter to a Project representative, or by sending an email to Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center through the Project website.

# 4.1 Host Community

For the purposes of this PIP Plan, host community refers to the municipality that includes the Project Area and are anticipated to include Project components. Town boards representing the host community within the Project Area were identified by review of town and county boundary maps and are considered stakeholders. Points of contact (POC) will be the Town Supervisor and the Town Clerk. Notices will be addressed to the full Town Board, care of the POC and the appropriate Clerk, with language clearly stating the expectation that the notices and information should be distributed to the full board.

### 4.2 County Agencies

County agencies, with areas of responsibility potentially affected by the Project, were identified by review of the county websites, calls to county personnel, and/or county GIS data. Note that the County Emergency Response Coordinator and Sheriff are identified as stakeholders and are listed under the category of "Emergency Responders."

### 4.3 State Agencies

Departments of New York State governments were identified using Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center's experience in developing utility projects in the region, as well as those agencies specifically identified in 16 NYCRR § 1000.5 and 1000.6.

# 4.4 Federal Agencies

Agencies of the U.S. government were identified using Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center's experience in developing projects in the United States, review of previous PIP Plan submittals, and DPS guidance.

# 4.5 Legislative Representatives

Offices of the New York State Legislature, the U.S. Senate, and U.S. Congress representing the Study Area were identified by review of on-line district maps.

# 4.6 Highway Departments

County and town departments responsible for managing roads in the Study Area were identified by review of town and county boundary maps, and online research.

### 4.7 Schools

School districts serving parcels in the Study Area and school districts adjacent to these districts were identified by review of county tax maps and online research.

### 4.8 Emergency Responders

Fire departments, emergency responders and police or sheriff departments serving parcels in the Study Area were identified by review of county tax maps and online research.

### 4.9 Adjacent Municipalities

Towns, villages, or other municipalities that are not host communities but are in the Study Area were identified by review of municipal boundary maps and GIS mapping.

#### 4.10 Utilities

Companies that own gas, electric, or communications infrastructure in the Project Area were identified by available local and state geographic information databases (e.g., Ventyx), online research, and previous PIP Plan submittals. Utility companies will be contacted concerning

location of facilities, design standards for construction near existing infrastructure, facility design and safety considerations.

### 4.11 Public Interest Groups

Organizations that serve interests of the public in the Study Area were identified from the 2017 list of county officials that includes county and town historians, and online research. This category includes business organizations, county and town historians, conservation or environmental organizations, and organized groups focused on use of the Project Area for outdoor recreation.

# 4.12 Airports and Heliports

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) evaluates potential impacts on air navigation for proposed structures that exceed certain criteria, such as heights greater than 200 feet above ground level and in close proximity to public use and military airports (14 CFR §77.9(a-e)). The proposed Facility will not trigger notification to the FAA.

# 4.13 Participating Landowner

The property owner that has entered into lease, easement, purchase option, or setback agreements with Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will allow construction of Project facilities on the property is considered a "participating landowner".

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center's private contract with the landowner contains provisions for Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center and landowner to work together on Project plans. These consultations are confidential discussions outside the scope of this PIP Plan. In addition to confidential communications with Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center, the participating landowner living in the Project Area will be notified of Project milestones and events in the same manner as all residents of the Project Area. Participating landowners will be included in mailings, outreach activities and notifications that are provided to the stakeholders identified in this PIP Plan and as the Project progresses. However, for privacy purposes, the stakeholder list may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than landowner identification.

# 4.14 Adjacent Landowners

Owners of properties that abut Project facilities, but who are not participating landowners, are considered "adjacent landowners." Specifically, "adjacent landowners" are those landowners within 2,500 feet of a proposed solar collector array, or proposed switchyard, or within 500 feet of other Project components (e.g., collection lines, point of interconnection [POI], operations and maintenance [O&M] facility, energy storage system, etc.). Although the Project layout will continue to evolve throughout the preliminary scoping process and will not be considered final until the Article 10 process is completed, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center anticipates that the development of a Project layout will be substantially complete and available for discussion prior to the submittal of the Application. Potential adjacent landowners will be identified based on the preliminary Project layout and notified via mail. As the Project layout evolves, some stakeholders identified as adjacent landowners may recede while others may be added in response to changes in land acquisition and facilities siting. While all Study Area residents will be initially notified and have the opportunity to join the stakeholders list (see 4.15 below) once a Project layout is developed, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will identify these adjacent landowners by review of tax records and will add the adjacent owners individually to the stakeholder list. These owners will receive mailings or emails notifying them of Project milestones and events. Adjacent landowners will be included in mailings, outreach activities and notifications that are provided to the stakeholders identified in this PIP Plan and as the Project progresses. However, for privacy purposes, the stakeholder list may include addresses or parcel numbers rather than landowner identification

### 4.15 Area Residents

Residents of the Study Area who are not a participating landowner or adjacent owners are included in the stakeholder list as one group. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center plans to notify these residents of the Project individually by mailing an informational flyer announcing the open house and providing general Project information to all unique addresses in the voting rolls for the Study Area. At the open house, attendees will be encouraged to join the stakeholder list if they wish to continue to receive notice of future Project milestones (e.g., availability of the PSS, public hearing, etc.). After the open house, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center does not plan additional broad mailings to area residents that do not register as stakeholders. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will consider providing notice to all residents within the Study Area in the event additional outreach activities are undertaken such as an additional open house. But these residents would still likely hear more of the Project through public outreach activities, notices in area newspapers, and updates on the Project website.

### 5.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ELEMENTS

The overall objective of the PIP Plan, which is inherent in each of the following elements, is to engage with all stakeholders in order to understand their varied interests and concerns as they relate to the Project, to seek their input and to gather specific, objective information that can be utilized to inform the detailed study plans that will make up the PSS, and to explain methods Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will use to keep stakeholders informed throughout the entire Article 10 process. To that end, the PIP Plan will involve the program elements outlined in the sections below.

# 5.1 PIP Plan Activities, Schedule, and Goals

Appendix B lists the PIP Plan activities Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center plans to conduct, and the schedule and goals for each activity. Public involvement activities will be conducted throughout the Article 10 process, including post PSS phases and Application submittal. Materials to encourage public involvement throughout the Article 10 process such as fact sheets covering topics listed in Section 5.5 below, newsletters, and an open house event are currently being prepared, and will be available on the Project website. Throughout each stage of the Article 10 process, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will actively engage stakeholders through stakeholder mailings and emails as necessary to keep the public informed and involved.

### 5.2 Consultation with Affected Agencies and other Stakeholders

At any stakeholder meetings or conference calls, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will be represented by one or more of the representatives identified in Section 5.4.1.

Each consultation meeting will include an overview of the proposed Project and the Article 10 review process. Additional topics covered during stakeholder consultations will vary depending on the stakeholder's role and potential impact. Examples of possible topics are the availability of funding for municipal and local parties, local laws, emergency response requirements, and potential environmental impacts. Stakeholder consultation meetings will be documented and summarized in the PIP Plan Tracking Report (as discussed in Section 5.8 below). The Tracking Report will also identify, as applicable and appropriate, concerns or questions raised by the public, as well as the Applicant's response.

As appropriate, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will conduct subsequent meetings to answer specific questions, and to discuss studies, mitigation, or other strategies that could address stakeholder concerns. A key to these interactions, and a core of the PIP Plan, is receiving information from the stakeholders.

A schedule of initial consultations is provided in Appendix B.

### 5.2.1 Stakeholder Notifications

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will notify stakeholders of the following important Project milestones, except as discussed in Section 4.15 for area residents.

- Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) Submittal
- Open House
- Application Submittal
- Public Hearing(s)
- Siting Board Decision
- Commencement of Construction
- Commercial Operations Date

Stakeholder notifications will be made 14 or more days prior to each of these important Project milestones, by letter and email. In addition to the letters and emails providing notification to stakeholders, the Applicant will also publish the notice in the local newspapers, the Watkins Glen Review & Express and the Schuyler County Hi-Lites. Additional information regarding the newspapers are provided in Section 5.7. Lastly, notifications will also be provided on the Project website. The website is discussed in more detail in Section 5.6 below.

# 5.2.2 Collection of Stakeholder Input

For stakeholder groups, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will identify and contact the group's POC to introduce the Project and offer to meet with the stakeholder group or POC. At stakeholder meetings Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will introduce NextEra Energy Resources, the Project, and the Article 10 review process, and Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will solicit specific feedback on issues that stakeholders want considered in the Project design or review. This feedback will be tracked in a comment log as discussed in Section 5.8 below.

Depending on the number of individual stakeholders, it may not be practical to contact each individually. Regardless, individual stakeholders will be notified of several opportunities to learn about the Project and submit input, including on the Project website.

## 5.2.3 Distribution of PSS and Application Documents to Stakeholders

Stakeholders will be made aware (via mail and email) of PSS and Application availability on the Project website, the DPS website and at various public document repositories. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center does not intend to provide individual hard copies of these documents to stakeholders, except as required under 16 NYCRR § 1000.5 and 1000.6.

# 5.3 Pre-Application Activities to Encourage Stakeholders to Participate at the Earliest Opportunity

### 5.3.1 Town Board Meetings

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will arrange to present at a scheduled board meeting of the Town of Dix Town Board prior to the PSS filing. As part of the presentation, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center representatives will discuss the Project, and the Article 10 process, and respond to questions and receive input from the board and members of the public. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center representatives will be available to attend future town board meetings as requested by the Town Board. The above meetings and any future presentations at town board meetings will be documented in the PIP Plan tracking report.

# 5.3.2 Open House

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will hold open house style public meetings prior to and following the PSS filing at a location that will strive to maximize coverage for the largest number of residents, likely to be held at two different times on the same day to help to offer the best opportunities for interested persons to attend. At least three representatives of Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center's development team will be present at the meeting and Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will provide notice by email to DPS Staff of the pending public meetings. The meeting will feature a brief opening overview presentation by Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center representatives, followed by a continually looping presentation and poster displays on the Project, solar energy, and the Article 10 review process (including intervenor funding availability and application process). One-on-one and small group informational discussions may take place throughout the duration of the open house, providing opportunities for attendees to gain

information on the Project, have their questions addressed, and provide input to Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center representatives. As part of the open house discussions, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center representatives will emphasize the role of stakeholders and encourage interested area residents to join the stakeholder list.

# 5.4 Project Contact Information

# 5.4.1 Local Access to Project Representatives

The Project representative at this time is:

Mr. William Boer, TRC

Address: 102 West State Street, 3rd Floor, Ithaca, NY 14850

Phone: 607.379.6183

Email: wboer@trcsolutions.com

Contact information for the representative(s) (including name, address and email) will be posted at the Town of Dix Town Hall, in outreach materials and on the Project specific website (described below in Section 5.6). Additionally, this information will be made available at stakeholder consultations, town board meetings and at the open house. At this stage in development, there will not be a local office.

# 5.4.2 Toll Free Telephone Number

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will maintain a toll free telephone number that will include a connection to an automated voicemail. The phone number will be advertised on the Project website and in outreach materials and will be monitored for questions on the Project. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will endeavor to respond to questions within two (2) business days of receipt. At this time, a toll free telephone number has not yet been established. Once the phone number has been created, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will include it in outreach materials, post it on the Project website, and also notify the DPS so that the notification can be posted on the Department's Document and Matter Management (DMM) system.

# 5.5 Activities Designed to Educate the Public on the Proposal, the Article 10 Review Process, and Funding

Town Board meetings and the open house (as described above) provide multiple opportunities for Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center to disseminate information to the public concerning Project specifics, the Article 10 process, and the availability of funding for municipal and local parties as well as receive information from the public. Educational materials will be available at all meetings including handouts on Project specifics and the public's role in the Article 10 process, including the intervenor fund, Project contact information, an invitation to join the stakeholder list, and the location of document repositories. All public meetings and written educational materials will also encourage interested parties to visit the Project website (described below) for information and updates. Materials and presentations will be posted on the Project website as they become available.

Presentations will contain maps, timelines, and other Project specific material developed by Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center. Residents of the Study Area may be familiar with residential solar and small scale solar facilities. Therefore, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center materials presented to the public will provide some general information on solar farms but will be focused on any unique aspects of the Project and the Article 10 review process.

At the open house, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center plans to have poster board displays covering topics such as:

- Recent growth trends in the solar industry;
- Environmental, emission offset, and fuel offset benefits of solar energy;
- Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center O&M capabilities and plans for staffing a local O&M facility in the Project Area;
- Project schedule;
- Intervenor funding and Article 10 process (including Pre-Application stakeholder involvement and scoping process);
- Studies expected to be required for permitting of the Project; and
- Economic benefits of the Project to the local economy.

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will develop materials on the above topics using information from its knowledge of the Article 10 process, and industry sources such as New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) NY-Sun Program, the Alliance for Clean Energy

New York, Inc. (ACENY), and the Department of Energy (DOE). Versions of these materials will be available on the Project website.

#### 5.6 Website

In order to disseminate information, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will establish a user-friendly website dedicated to the Project and written in plain English. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will update the website as the Project develops and more information becomes available. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center intends to have the website operational in January 2018. Once a website address has been determined and the site has been created, it will be included in outreach materials and Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will also notify the DPS so that the notification can be posted on the Department's DMM system.

When available, the following items will be posted on the website:

- Project description and location;
- Estimated project timeline;
- Project benefits and need;
- Project maps;
- Project contact information, including an email address and a telephone number;
- Summary of the Article 10 process;
- Summary of the intervenor funding process with instructions on how to apply;
- Addresses of local public document repositories;
- Links to the Article 10 Siting Board webpage and to case-specific documents filed for the Project;
- Schedule (with notices describing the purpose and goals as applicable) for public outreach events, opportunities for public participation, filings, and public hearings;
- PIP Plan tracking report;
- Community presentation materials;
- Publications or educational materials presented at the open house or distributed to stakeholders; and
- Instructions on how to join the stakeholder list.

Email inquiries through the website will receive an automated response acknowledging receipt of the question or comment, and a response from the Applicant will be provided within two to three days, as feasible. If the request involves obtaining written documents the response will include an estimated mailing date of the materials.

### 5.7 Notifications

As noted previously, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center plans to individually notify residents of the proposed Project by mailing informational flyers (via First-Class US Postal Service) announcing the open house and general project information to all unique addresses in the voting rolls for the Study Area. In addition, the open house will be properly advertised (with sufficient lead time) at town board meetings, by mailings or emails to stakeholders (including to all Study Area residents as described above), on the Project website, and in the newspapers listed below. It is anticipated that the open house will be advertised at least two weeks prior to the event.

As part of its mailing to stakeholders on the open house, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will include instructions on how to contact Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center if a stakeholder is unable to attend the open house and would like to schedule a one-on-one meeting or a webinar.

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will publish notices as required by the Article 10 regulations. Notices of PSS and Application filings will be published on the Project website and in the following papers:

- The Watkins Glen Review & Express, a paid-subscription, weekly newspaper is the 'official newspaper' for Schuyler County, including the Host Municipality. <a href="http://www.observer-review.com/index.php">http://www.observer-review.com/index.php</a>.
- The Schuyler County Hi-Lites, a free, weekly advertising paper available at local stores and widely read in the Study Area. <a href="http://www.hilites.net/">http://www.hilites.net/</a>.

In addition to the newspaper notices the stakeholder list will be notified via email or mail (depending on their stated preference) when the PSS and Application filings will be available for review. The Applicant will provide an updated stakeholder list with the filings, including host and adjacent landowners and other parties identified through the Applicant's outreach efforts, as well as proof that a mailing has occurred. Copies of the PSS and Application will be distributed to the local repositories in addition to being posted on the Project website.

# 5.8 Activities Designed to Encourage Stakeholder Participation

All of the activities described above, including the open house and various forms of stakeholder outreach, have been designed to provide opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the Article 10 certification and compliance process. Consultations will be considered successful if

information about the Project and the Article 10 process (including PSS and Application submittal milestones and document availability) was provided to stakeholders in an appropriate and timely manner (as described above), any relevant information provided to the Applicant was utilized to help advance the PIP Plan process and preparation, submittal and review of the Application, and if follow-up meetings or consultations were scheduled or undertaken, if necessary.

### **5.8.1** Document Repositories

While all information pertaining to the Project will be continually updated via the Project website, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will maintain hard copies of the PIP Plan, the PSS, and the Article 10 Application, as well as assorted Project outreach materials, at the following locations for those stakeholders who may not have access to the website, or prefer to review hard copies:

- Town of Dix Town Hall, 304 7th Street, Watkins Glen, NY
- Watkins Glen Public Library 610 S. Decatur St., Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Stakeholder participation will be documented by Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center through the following activity:

• <u>PIP Plan Tracking Report</u>: The log will document the event date, location, attendees, summary of topics discussed, and any follow-up steps. Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center will file the PIP Plan tracking report with the Secretary to the Board and post it on the Project website, as necessary (every two months).

### 6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) provides map files of Potential Environmental Justice Areas it identifies as census block groups with populations that meet one or more of the following thresholds:

- 51.1% or more of the population in an urban area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
- 33.8% or more of the population in a rural area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
- 23.59% or more of the population in an urban or rural area had household incomes below the federal poverty level.

According to a review of NYSDEC's website (<a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/899.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/899.html</a> Accessed June 2017) which utilizes the 2000 Census as its most up to date data source, there are no Potential Environmental Justice Areas within Schuyler County. The closest Potential Environmental Justice Areas to the Project Area are located in the City of Corning, Steuben County.

- Census Block Group ID 361019624001 is located approximately 12 miles southwest of the Project Area (at the closest point). This area is in the City of Corning, Steuben County. It is categorized as an urban area, where 7.21% of the population is minority and 26.48% of the population is below the federal poverty level.
- Census Block Group ID 361019627001 is located approximately 13 miles southwest of the Project Area (at the closest point). This area is in the City of Corning, Steuben County. It is categorized as an urban area, where 5.36% of the population is minority and 34.75% of the population is below the federal poverty level.

Because the area above is outside of the Study Area, the Project will not negatively impact these or any other potential environmental justice areas.<sup>1</sup>

### 7.0 LANGUAGE ACCESS

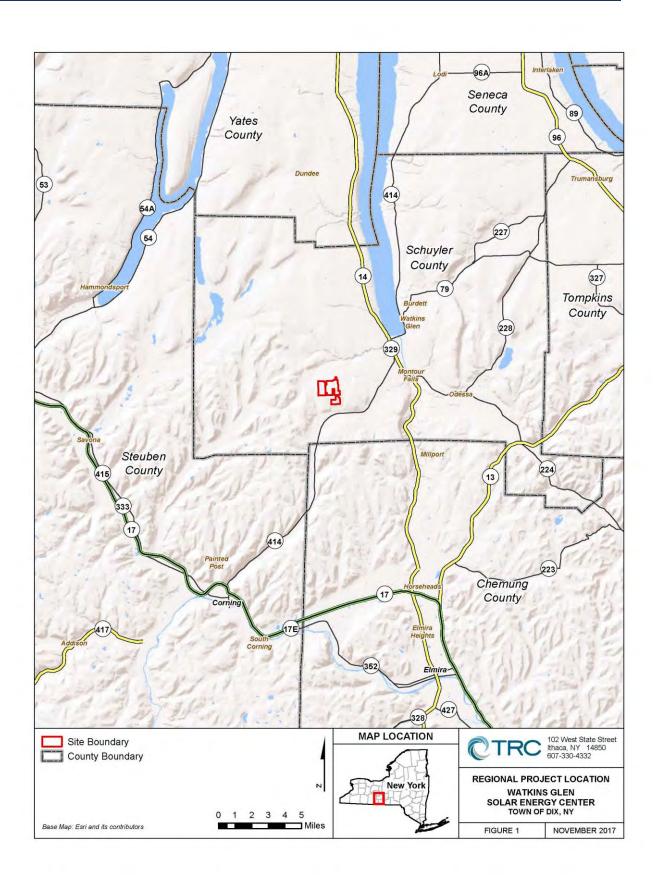
Article 10 regulations require the PIP Plan to identify any language other than English spoken (1) by 5,000 or more persons, according to United States Census data, residing in any five-digit zip code postal zone in which any portion of such zone is located within the Study Area; and (2) by a significant population of persons residing in close proximity to the proposed facility, alternative locations, or interconnections. Table 1 lists the five-digit zip codes extending into the Study Area and the most prevalent non-English languages spoken.

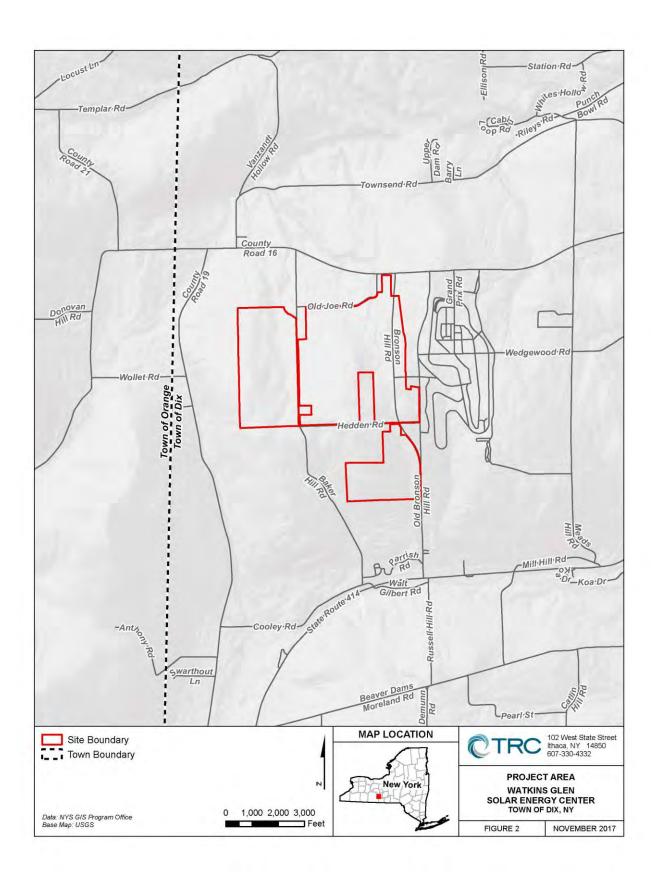
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An additional review of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Justice screening and mapping tool (EJSCREEN) (<a href="http://www.epa.gov/ejscreen">http://www.epa.gov/ejscreen</a>) which utilizes up to date demographic data from the American Community Survey (ACS) five-year summary file that the U.S. Census Bureau compiles yearly, resulted in similar findings as those from the NYSDEC. The EPA EJSCREEN Demographic Index (a combination of percent low-income and percent minority calculated from the Census Bureau's ACS 2008-2012) identified similar areas, none of which are within the Project Area.

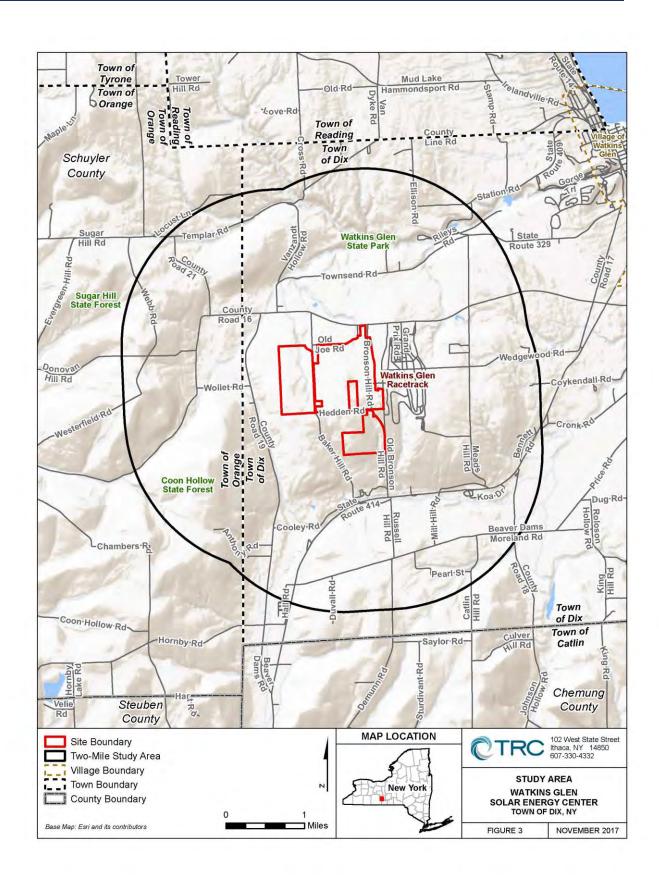
Table 1. Number of Residents of Study Area Zip Codes who speak a Language Other than English						
Zip	Post Office	Total	Speak Only	Percentage of Population	Most Prevalent Non- English Language Spoken	
Code	Post Office	Population	English	that speaks only English	Language	Number
14812	Beaver Dam	3,145	3,038	96.60%	Spanish or Spanish Creole	34
14891	Watkins Glen	4,263	4,155	97.47%	Spanish or Spanish Creole	37
Source:	2011-2015 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimate, Table B16001: Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over					

As shown above in Table 1, no language other than English is spoken by more than 5,000 people residing in any zip code within the Study Area. Based on these findings, Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center is not proposing to disseminate Project and Article 10-related materials in a second language.

# **FIGURES**







# Appendix A Stakeholders/Notification List

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Appendix B
Stakeholder Consultation Goals and Schedule

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule				
Federal Agencies / Representatives						
	Identify any concerns related to					
US Fish and Wildlife Service	Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird	Prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing				
OS FISH and Whalle Service	Treaty Act and Bald and Golden Eagle	throughout Article 10 process.				
	Protection Act					
US Army Corps of Engineers	Determine jurisdiction and requirements	Prior to submittal of the PSS and ongoing				
OS Army Corps of Engineers	under Section 404 and Clean Water Act	throughout Article 10 process.				
	Discuss any navigational issues of concern	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application				
US Department of Defense	to military aircraft	and ongoing throughout Article 10				
	to military an craft	process (as necessary).				
	Discuss any navigational issues of concern to glint/glare	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application				
Federal Aviation Administration		and ongoing throughout Article 10				
	to gillity giare	process (as necessary).				
	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application				
US Senator Charles E. Schumer		and ongoing throughout Article 10				
		process (as necessary).				
	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application				
US Senator Kristen E. Gillibrand		and ongoing throughout Article 10				
		process (as necessary).				
		Prior to submittal of Article 10 application				
US Congressman Tom Reed II (District 23)	Notification as required by Article 10	and ongoing throughout Article 10				
		process (as necessary).				

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule			
	Notification as required by Article 10;	Prior to submittal of Article 10 application			
National Telecommunications	Discuss any potential communications	and ongoing throughout Article 10			
and Information Administration	issues that may impact government	process (as necessary).			
	communications systems				
New York State Agencies / Representatives					
Members of NYS Assembly	Introduce Project, Article 10 process, and	Introductory letter to be sent prior to			
(Philip A. Palmesano -132 <sup>nd</sup> District) and	provide contact information	PSS.			
NYS Senate (Thomas F. O'Mara – 58 <sup>th</sup>	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the PSS.			
District)	Respond to specific inquiries or comments	As requested by the Stakeholder			
	Introduce the Project and coordinate Article 10 process	Introductory meeting to be held prior to			
NYS Department of Public Service		submittal of PSS, to be followed by others			
Wis Department of Fabric Service		as needed. Correspondence anticipated			
		to occur throughout Article 10 process.			
	Introduce Project, Article 10 process,	Introductory meeting to be requested			
	intervenor funding and provide contact	prior to submittal of PSS, to be followed			
NYS Department of Environmental	information; identify agency concerns to	by others as needed. Correspondence anticipated to occur throughout Article			
Conservation (NYSDEC)	RTE, wetlands.				
	Additional input of survey plans; feedback	10 process.			
	on study results.				
	Introduce Project, Article 10 process,	Introductory monting to be requested			
	intervenor funding and provide contact	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS, to be followed			
NYSDEC Region 8	information; identify agency concerns to	by others as needed. Correspondence anticipated to occur throughout Article 10 process.			
NTSDEC REGION 8	RTE, wetlands.				
	Additional input of survey plans; feedback				
	on study results.	·			
NYSDEC Coon Creek State Forest UM	Introduce Project, Article 10 process,	Introductory meeting to be requested			
THIS DEC COOK CICCK State Forest OW	intervenor funding and provide contact	prior to submittal of PSS, to be followed			

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule	
	information; identify agency concerns to adjacent forest lands.	by others as needed. Correspondence anticipated to occur throughout Article 10 process.	
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)	Coordinate consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Historic Preservation Law, and/or Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, as required	Correspondence and meetings to be requested prior to the PSS submittal to inform work plans and contents of cultural studies; ongoing interaction to review findings as necessary throughout Article 10 process.	
OPRHP Facilities Management Bureau and Regional Office	Coordinate consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, as required	Correspondence and meetings to be requested prior to the PSS submittal to inform work plans and contents of cultural studies; ongoing interaction to review findings as necessary throughout Article 10 process.	
NYS Department of Health	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the PSS and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
NYS Department of Transportation	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the PSS and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
NYS Energy Research and Development Authority	Notification as required by Article 10		
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services  Notification as required by Artic		Prior to submittal of the PSS and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule		
NYS Department of State	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the PSS and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)		
NYS Department of Ag & Markets	Notification as required by Article 10; Introduce Project including contact information; discuss areas of interest and any concerns  Introductory meeting to be reprive to submittal of PSS; consumptions and anticipated to occur throughout 10 process (as necessary)			
Empire State Development Corporation	Prior to submitta			
NYS Attorney General	Notification as required by Article 10	Prior to submittal of the PSS and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)		
New York Independent System Operator	Participation in interconnection process.	Prior to submittal of the PSS and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)		
Host County				
Schuyler County Administrator (Timothy M. O'Hearn)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if necessary.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)		
Schuyler County Legislature (Chairman Dennis Fagan)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if necessary.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)		

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule	
Schuyler County Legislators (Barbara J. Halpin, Philip C. Barnes, Van A. Harp, Michael L. Lausell, James W.D. Howell, Jr.,	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout	
Carl H. Blowers, Mark F. Rondinaro)	related areas of interest or concern, if necessary.	Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Schuyler County Planning Department	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if necessary.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if necessary.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if necessary.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Schuyler County Highway Department	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern, if necessary.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	
Schuyler County Agricultural District Board	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)	

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	related areas of interest or concern, if	
	necessary.	
Host Municipality		
Town of Dix		
Town Supervisor (Harold I. Russell)	Introduce Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center and the Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information; Discuss Project related areas of interest or concern	Introductory meeting to be requested prior to submittal of PSS and throughout the Article 10 process (as necessary)
Town Clerk (James A. McMahon)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Consultation no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Code Enforcement Officer (David Patterson)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Consultation no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Highway Superintendent (Scott Yaw)	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Consultation no later than one month prior to PSS submittal and throughout Article 10 process (as necessary)
Airports		
[none identified within Study Area]		
School Districts		

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule
	Notification to introduce Project, Article	
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month
Watkins Glen Central School District	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process
	or concern.	
	Notification to introduce Project, Article	
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month
Odessa-Montour Central School District	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process
	or concern.	
Chambers of Commerce		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article	_
Watkins Glen Area Chamber Of	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month
Commerce	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process
	or concern.	
Emergency Responders		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article	
Village of Watkins Glen Police	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month
Department	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary
•	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process
	or concern.	
	Notification to introduce Project, Article	Notification and International Control
Watking Clay Fine Department	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month
Watkins Glen Fire Department	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process
	or concern.	

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Schuyler County Sheriff's Department	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary throughout the Article 10 process	
New York State Police, Troop E	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary throughout the Article 10 process	
Schuyler County Emergency Management Services	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary throughout the Article 10 process	
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary throughout the Article 10 process	
Adjacent Municipalities			
Town of Orange	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary throughout the Article 10 process	
Additional Stakeholders			

Name	Name Goals of Consultation		
Participating Landowner	Landowner agreements	Correspondence by phone, mail or inperson meeting per Article 10 regulations and as needed.	
Adjacent Landowners	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary throughout the Article 10 process	
Area Residents	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary throughout the Article 10 process	
Village of Montour Falls, NY	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.	Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary throughout the Article 10 process	
Village of Watkins Glen, NY	Notification to introduce Project, Article 10 process, intervenor funding and provide contact information. Follow-up to discuss Project related areas of interest or concern.  Notification no lat prior to PSS submit throughout the Ar		
Town of Dix Historian provide contact information. Follow-up to prior to P		Notification no later than one month prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary throughout the Article 10 process	

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule	
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Schuyler County Historian	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Schuyler County Watershed Department	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
Schuyler County Cornell Cooperative	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Extension	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
Extension	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Schuyler County Farm Bureau	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Schuyler County Historical Society	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article	Notification no later than one month	
Schuyler County American Legion	10 process, intervenor funding and	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	provide contact information. Follow-up to	throughout the Article 10 process	

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule	
	discuss Project related areas of interest		
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
Southern Tier Central Regional Planning &	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Development Board	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
Development board	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Horseheads Snowmobile Club	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Finger Lakes Trail Conference	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Nature Conservancy	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article	Notification and International Control	
NVCFC (alastic)	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
NYSEG (electric)	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		

Name	Goals of Consultation	Schedule	
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Spectrum (cable TV)	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Verizon (phone)	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (gas)	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		
	Notification to introduce Project, Article		
	10 process, intervenor funding and	Notification no later than one month	
EOG Resources (gas)	provide contact information. Follow-up to	prior to PSS submittal, and as necessary	
	discuss Project related areas of interest	throughout the Article 10 process	
	or concern.		

## Appendix C Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center PIP Plan Meeting Log

Date	Location of Meeting	Meeting Attendees	Purpose of Meeting	Comments	Applicant Response	Follow Up Action Items

## Appendix D Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center Preliminary Project Schedule

\*Please note – all dates are estimated and subject to change and notification of public participation opportunities will be provided as information is available

September 2017 - File Preliminary Public Involvement Program Plan with NYS DPS

November 2017 – File Final Public Involvement Program Plan with NYS DPS

**Spring 2018** – Public Open House Informational Meeting (two meeting times same day); Public to be notified of specific date/location prior to meeting

**Spring 2018** – File Preliminary Scoping Statement with NYS DPS

**Summer 2018** – Public Open House Informational Meeting (two meeting times same day); Public to be notified of specific date/location prior to meeting

Fall 2018 - File Article 10 Application

Spring 2020 – Siting Board Decision on Issuance of Article 10 Certificate

Fall 2021 – Commercial Operation Date