

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC  
GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 17-F-0595 - Application of Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center, LLC, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of a Solar Electric Generating Facility Located in the Town of Dix, Schuyler County.

NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE  
TO CONSIDER PRE-APPLICATION INTERVENOR FUNDING REQUESTS  
AND TO INITIATE THE STIPULATIONS PROCESS

(Issued August 22, 2019)

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a procedural conference will be held in this proceeding, in which the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board) is considering a proposal by Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center, LLC (the Developer), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of NextEra Resources, LLC, to construct a solar energy facility that would generate up to 50 megawatts, in the Town of Dix, Schuyler County, New York. As currently proposed, The Project would include solar photovoltaic generating panels, access roads, electric collection system lines, and interconnection facilities, including a substation and switchyard. The facility would interconnect with the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation's existing 115 kilovolt Bath - Montour Falls transmission line.

Under Article 10 of the Public Service Law, before filing an application for approval to construct a generating facility, an entity must first file a Preliminary Scoping Statement, or PSS, with the Siting Board, which initiates the preliminary scoping phase of the proceeding. The Developer completed the filing of its PSS on August 8, 2019. The preliminary scoping phase will determine the nature and scope of

the studies the Developer must undertake to develop the information that must be included in its formal application. In general, such studies will identify and evaluate the potential impacts of a project on the environment, public health, and other public interest factors. State agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to engage in discussions with the Developer during this phase to reach agreements, called stipulations, regarding the details of these studies. Pre-application intervenor funding is available for eligible municipalities and residents to participate in the preliminary scoping phase of this proceeding.

The pre-application procedural conference will be held before Administrative Law Judges Erika Bergen and Anthony Belsito, of the Department of Public Service, and Michele Stefanucci, of the Department of Environmental Conservation, as follows:

**Date:**           **October 3, 2019**

**Location:** **Town of Dix Town Hall**  
**304 7<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Watkins Glen, New York 14691**

**Time:**           **1:30 p.m.**

The conference has two primary purposes. First, the Judges will ask questions, and possibly make contemporaneous rulings, on previously filed requests for pre-application intervenor funds. Participants should be prepared to discuss their funding requests. Participants are encouraged to consider the consolidation of requests with similar funding requests of other participants. Second, at the conference the Judges will explain and initiate the stipulations process. It is expected that the Developer, entities that have submitted requests for pre-application intervenor funds, and persons or parties

interested in pursuing stipulations will attend and participate in the pre-application procedural conference.

Pursuant to earlier notices issued in this case, comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement are due by August 29, 2019, and requests for pre-application intervenor funding are due on September 9, 2019. These notices can be found on the Department of Public Service's web page, [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), by entering 17-F-0595 in the "Search by Case Number" option. Additional information about the intervenor funding process can be found on the Siting Board's web page, [www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard](http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard).

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS  
Secretary