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VIA OVERNIGHT AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 13, 2020

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary
New York State Board on Electric Generation
Siting and the Environment
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12233-1350

Re: 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 of the Public Service Law for Construction of a Solar Electric Generating Facility Located in the Town of Dix, Schuyler County.

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Watkins Glen Solar Energy Center, LLC (“Watkins Glen Solar” or the “Applicant”) is proposing to construct a major electric generating facility in the Town of Dix, Schuyler County, New York (the “Project”). In order to construct the Project, Watkins Glen Solar is applying for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need (“Certificate”) from the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (“Siting Board”) pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law (“PSL”) and the Siting Board’s regulations (16 NYCRR Part 1000 *et seq.*).

Pursuant to PSL § 164, Watkins Glen Solar hereby files its Article 10 Application. Copies of the Application and accompanying documents are being served on all parties required to be served under 16 NYCRR § 1000.6(a). A copy of the service list and affidavit of service will be filed once service is complete. A check payable to the Department of Public Service (“DPS”) for the Application intervenor fee required by PSL § 164(6) and 16 NYCRR § 1000.10(b)(1), in the amount of \$50,000 is being delivered to the Director of the DPS Office of Finance and Budget at Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12233 on October 13, 2020 under separate cover.

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1000.6(c)(1), enclosed with the Application is the pre-filed panel testimony of the expert witnesses whom Watkins Glen Solar intends to offer at any hearing

required by PSL § 165. The pre-filed testimony includes the qualifications of each witness and specifies the portion of the Application for which each witness is responsible or supports. Pursuant to PSL § 164(2)(a) and 16 NYCRR § 1000.6(a), copies of the Application will be served on the parties identified on the enclosed Statutory Service List. An affidavit of service of the Application showing that a copy of the Application and accompanying documents were served on all those required to be served, as required by 16 NYCRR § 1000.6(c)(2), will be filed under separate cover.

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR §§ 1000.7(a) and 1000.7(b)(1), a Notice of Submission of Application with a summary and map showing the location of the Project (“Notice of Submission of Application”) was published in the following newspapers at least three days in advance of the date the Application is being filed: The Watkins Glen Review & Express and the Schuyler County Hi-Lites. Pursuant to 16 NYCRR §§ 1000.6(c)(3) and 1000.7(I), the Notice of Submission of Application with proofs of publication are attached hereto.

In addition, pursuant to 16 NYCRR §§ 1000.7(b)(2) and (b)(3), at least three days in advance of the date on which the Application is being filed, Watkins Glen Solar served a copy of the Notice of Submission of Application on each member of the New York State Legislature in whose district the Project is proposed to be located and on all persons who have filed a statement with the Secretary to the Siting Board requesting that they receive all such notices. Copies of the Notice of Submission of Application with proofs of service are attached hereto.

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1000.6(c)(4), attached hereto (without enclosures) is a copy of a letter-brief to Presiding Examiners Erika Bergen and Anthony Belsito requesting that certain information contained in appendices to the Application be exempt from public disclosure under the New York Freedom of Information Law (“FOIL”) (Public Officers Law (“POL”) §§ 84–90) and Subpart 6-1 of the New York State Public Service Commission’s regulations. Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 6-1.3(b), confidential information has been redacted from the version of the Application enclosed herewith and served pursuant to PSL § 164(2)(a) and 16 NYCRR § 1000.6(a).

The required exhibits in the Application track both the requirements in the Siting Board’s regulations and the February 21, 2020 Proposed Stipulations, which were executed by multiple parties to this proceeding.

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1000.6(c)(5), the following are the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the Applicant and its attorney:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

cc: Hon. Erika Bergen, Presiding Examiner
Hon. Anthony Belsito, Presiding Examiner
Hon. Michele Stefanucci, Associate Examiner
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