

Flat Creek Solar NY LLC – Flat Creek Solar Project

Montgomery County, New York

3-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION

Flat Creek Solar NY LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cordelio Power LP (“Flat Creek Solar” or “the Applicant”), is proposing to construct the Flat Creek Solar Project, a utility-scale solar energy generation facility with up to 300 megawatts (“300 MW”) in generation capacity in the Towns of Root and Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York (“the Facility” or “the Project”). This notice announces that on or about July 31, 2024, Flat Creek Solar will file an Application with the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (“ORES”), pursuant to Article VIII of the New York State (“NYS”) Public Service Law, seeking a Siting Permit from ORES authorizing the construction and operation of the Facility. The Facility is subject to a State review process by ORES whereby uniform standards and conditions have been established for renewable energy projects (“the Article VIII Process”). This process was formerly known and referred to as the 94-c permitting process, but recent legislative enactments in the RAPID Act have transferred the statutory authority for ORES to the N.Y. Public Service Law. The uniform standards and conditions can be found at 19 NYCRR 900.6 and are available at <https://ores.ny.gov/regulations>.

The Facility is proposed to include single-axis tracker solar panels, power inverters to convert electricity from direct current (“DC”) to alternating current (“AC”), permanent access roads, collection lines, and a substation and point of interconnection (“POI”) switchyard to deliver electricity to the existing New York Power Authority (“NYPA”) 345 kV transmission line #352. More information on the proposed Facility can be found on the project’s dedicated website: https://cordeliopower.com/project/flat_creek/.

The Facility is a zero-emission wind energy facility that will assist the State in meeting the goals of the Climate Leadership and Protection Act and State Energy Plan, which includes obtaining 70% of energy generation from renewable sources by 2030 and significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Other positive impacts of the Facility include the creation of full-time equivalent construction jobs; local spending on accommodations, dining, and other local services during the construction and installation period; payments to landowners; increased revenues to the Towns, County and School Districts; and bill credits paid directly to residential electric customers in the host municipality; and the generation of enough electricity to power approximately 40,468 homes annually, helping New York State to become energy independent. In addition, Flat Creek Solar has attempted to minimize impacts associated with the Project, for example, by limiting the disturbance to forested lands, wetlands and streams, and threatened and endangered species to the maximum extent practicable. Flat Creek Solar will submit an Application for a Siting Permit that includes extensive studies evaluating the potential impacts associated with the Facility and identified methods which have been agreed to be implemented to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential impacts. Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 900-1.6(c), this notice is being published no sooner than three days before the Application is filed.

Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 900-5, Flat Creek Solar will submit with the Application \$1,000 dollars for each MW of capacity for local agencies and potential community intervenors, which for this project, totals \$300,000.00. Any local agency or potential community intervenor can submit a request to the Office for funding within thirty (30) days of the date of the application filing. By regulation, 75% of the local agency account funds shall be reserved for local agencies. Intervenor requests may be made by mail to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, Attention: Local Agency Account Funding Request (Matter No. 23-00054), c/o OGS Mailroom, Empire State Plaza, 240 State Street, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, or by email to hearings@ores.ny.gov, Subject line “Local Agency Account Funding Request (Matter No. 23-00054).”

Further details regarding the Project and updates on the Application will be provided on the Project website, https://cordeliopower.com/project/flat_creek/, or the ORES website, <https://ores.ny.gov/permit-applications>, under Matter No. 23-00054. Printed and electronic copies of the Application, when filed, will be available for review at the following local document repository: Canajoharie Library, 2 Erie Boulevard, Canajoharie, NY 13317.

To learn more visit https://cordeliopower.com/project/flat_creek/, or contact us at: Flat Creek Solar NY LLC, c/o Cordelio Power LP, Suite 1805, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003. Project Representative: Patrick McCarthy, Project Manager, T: (888) 524-8168, E: flatcreekinfo@cordeliopower.com.