

White Creek Solar Project

Livingston County, New York

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION

White Creek Solar LLC (“White Creek Solar” or the “Applicant”), a wholly owned subsidiary of AES (“AES”), is proposing to construct a major solar electric generating facility up to 135 megawatts (“MW”) in the Towns of Leicester and York, Livingston County, New York (the “Facility”). This notice announces that on or about December 7, 2023, White Creek Solar will file an Application with the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (“ORES” or the “Office”), pursuant to Section 94-c of the New York State Executive Law (the “94-c Process”), seeking a Siting Permit from the Office authorizing the construction and operation of the Facility. The 94-c Process is a statewide permitting path with uniform standards and conditions for all utility-scale renewable energy projects. The uniform standards and conditions are available at 19 NYCRR § 900.6 and <https://ores.ny.gov/regulations/>.

The Facility is proposed to include the installation of arrays of photovoltaic panels, approximately 12 feet in height and arranged in discrete subarrays dispersed throughout the Facility Site, as well as associated electrical collection lines, inverters, interconnection substation, fencing, access roads and operation and maintenance containers. Power generated at the Facility will be stepped up to the interconnection voltage (115 kV) at the Facility substation. The Facility will interconnect to the New York electrical grid via a new Point of Interconnection, located on Rochester Gas and Electric’s 115 kV transmission line. The Project substation will be a new facility and located within the Facility Area. More information on the proposed Facility can be found on the project’s dedicated website (<https://www.aes.com/white-creek-solar>).

The Facility is a zero-emission solar 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 diversification of energy supplies, new employment opportunities (both temporary construction employment and full-time jobs), and increased revenues to the Towns of Leicester and York, Livingston County, New York, school districts, payments to participating landowners, the local hospitality industry, and purchase of local supplies and goods. In addition, White Creek Solar has attempted to minimize impacts associated with the Project, for example, by limiting the disturbance to forested lands and wetlands to the maximum extent practicable. White Creek Solar will submit an Application 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. No sooner than three days before the Application is filed, an additional notice will be published announcing the anticipated filing of the Application. This notice is being provided in accordance with 19 NYCRR 900-1.3(d) and is being published at least 60 days prior to the filing of the Application.

Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 900-5, White 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 \$135,000. 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. Under the regulations, 75% of the local agency account funds shall be reserved for local agencies. Intervenor requests will be made to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, Attention: Request for Local Agency Account Funding, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12231-0001.

Further details regarding the Project and updates on the Application will be provided on <https://www.aes.com/white-creek-solar> and paper copies will be available at local document repositories. To learn more, visit the project website or contact us at:

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