

To: Town of Barre and Town of Shelby Town Board Members

Re: Hemlock Ridge Solar July Update

AES would like to provide the Town Boards with an update on the Hemlock Ridge Solar project. Development and execution planning remain active, and the project continues to advance as a late-stage, shovel-ready solar project with complete site control, a signed interconnection agreement, a final ORES siting permit, and fully negotiated EPC-related agreements. Limited Notice to Proceed activities have already supported completion of necessary tree clearing, and the project team is continuing coordination around engineering, procurement, interconnection, and construction-readiness workstreams. Current planning also includes preparation for a *September 1* pre-construction meeting with local and state representatives. AES is currently bidding Hemlock Ridge Solar into NYSERDA's 2026 Tier 1 solicitation. Awards for the solicitation are anticipated in Q3 2026.

July activities include continued engineering and construction coordination, review of open project deliverables, advancement of interconnection and substation design items, and preparation of materials and invitations for the upcoming pre-construction meeting. AES is also continuing community engagement and Social Impact coordination associated with Hemlock Ridge Solar with a partnership supporting the Barre Cubs Youth Baseball Program. AES welcomes opportunities to support community activities and can be reached at the email address below.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the project team:

Via the Project email: hemlockridgesolar@aes.com

Via the Contact Form on Project webpage: [Hemlock Ridge Solar | AES](#)

Via Phone: 866-757-7697 (monitored Monday – Friday during business hours)