

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

Re: Hemlock Ridge Solar August Update

AES continues to advance the Hemlock Ridge Solar project through execution planning and construction readiness activities. The project remains a late-stage, shovel-ready solar project with complete site control, a signed interconnection agreement, a final ORES siting permit, and negotiated EPC-related agreements in place. Limited Notice to Proceed activities have previously supported tree clearing, and the project team continues to coordinate engineering, procurement, interconnection, and construction planning efforts.

Current work includes ongoing engineering and construction coordination, advancement of interconnection and substation design activities, review of project deliverables, and preparation for a September pre-construction meeting with local and state representatives. AES is also pursuing participation in NYSERDA's 2026 Tier 1 solicitation.

AES remains committed to keeping local officials and community members informed as the project progresses. Project information will continue to be shared through stakeholder communications and the project website. AES also remains engaged in the local community through sponsorship and outreach activities and welcomes opportunities to continue supporting local organizations and programs.

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)