

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC
GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 18-F-0338 - Application of Bear Ridge Solar, 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 in the Towns of Cambria and Pendleton, Niagara County.

NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE
TO CONSIDER PRE-APPLICATION INTERVENOR FUNDING REQUESTS
AND TO INITIATE THE STIPULATIONS PROCESS

(Issued March 22, 2019)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a procedural conference will be held in this proceeding, in which the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board) is considering a proposal by Bear Ridge Solar, LLC (Bear Ridge) to construct a major solar generating facility in the Towns of Cambria and Pendleton, in Niagara County (the Project). As proposed in the Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS), The Project would include solar photovoltaic panels, inverters, a medium voltage collection system, a substation, a generation tie line, and a switching station, as well as other infrastructure supporting construction and operation and maintenance.

Under Article 10 of the Public Service Law, before filing an application for approval to construct a generating facility, an entity must first file a PSS with the Siting Board, which initiates the preliminary scoping phase of the proceeding. Bear Ridge filed its PSS on February 26, 2019. The preliminary scoping phase will determine the nature and scope of the studies Bear Ridge must undertake to develop the information that must be included in its formal application. In general, such studies will identify and evaluate the potential impacts of a project on the environment, public health, and other public interest

factors. State agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to engage in discussions with the project developer during this phase to reach agreements, called stipulations, regarding the details of these studies. Pre-application intervenor funding is available for eligible municipalities and local residents to participate in the preliminary scoping phase of this proceeding.

The pre-application procedural conference will be held before Administrative Law Judges Dakin Lecakes, of the Department of Public Service, and Molly McBride, of the Department of Environmental Conservation, as follows:

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019

**Location: Pendleton Town Hall
Board Meeting Room
6570 Campbell Blvd
Lockport, New York 14094**

Time: 11:00 a.m.

The conference has two primary purposes. First, the Judges will ask questions, and possibly make contemporaneous rulings, on previously filed requests for pre-application intervenor funds. Participants should be prepared to discuss their funding requests. Participants are encouraged to consider the consolidation of requests with similar funding requests of other participants. Second, at the conference the Judges will explain and initiate the stipulations process. It is expected that Bear Ridge, entities that have submitted requests for pre-application intervenor funds, and persons or parties interested in pursuing stipulations will attend and participate in the pre-application procedural conference.

Pursuant to a notice issued previously in this case, requests for pre-application intervenor funding are due on

Monday, April 1, 2019. This notices can be found on the Department of Public Service's web page, www.dps.ny.gov, by entering 18-F-0338 in the "Search by Case Number" option. Additional information about the intervenor funding process can be found on the Siting Board's web page, www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard.

Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

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Secretary