

Oxbow Hill Solar, LLC

Madison County, New York

60-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION

Oxbow Hill Solar, LLC (“Oxbow Hill” or the “Applicant”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Cypress Creek Renewables Development, LLC (“Cypress Creek”), is proposing to construct a major solar electric generating facility up to 140 megawatts (“MW”) in capacity in the Town of Fenner, Madison County, New York (the “Facility”). This notice announces that on or about October 16, 2023, Oxbow Hill will file an Application with the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (“ORES”), pursuant to Section 94-c of the New York State Executive Law (“the 94-c Process”), seeking a Siting Permit from ORES authorizing the construction and operation of the Facility. The 94-c Process has been implemented by rules enacted by ORES and establishes a review process with uniform standards and conditions for all renewable energy projects. The uniform standards and conditions are available at 19 NYCRR 900.6 and www.ores.ny.gov/regulations.

The Facility is proposed to include the installation of arrays of photovoltaic panels, approximately 8 to 10 feet in height and arranged in discrete subarrays dispersed throughout the Facility Site, as well as associated electrical collection lines, inverters, an interconnection substation, fencing, access roads and an operations and maintenance building. 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 (115 kV bus) to the existing Fenner Windfarm Substation which is connected to National Grid’s Cortland to Fenner 115-kV transmission line. The Project substation will be a new facility and located within the Facility Site directly adjacent to the existing Fenner Windfarm Substation. More information on the proposed Facility can be found on the project’s dedicated website (<https://ccrenew.com/projects/oxbow/>).

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 the creation of full-time equivalent construction jobs, local spending on accommodations, dining, and other local services during the construction and installation period, a Host Community Agreement directly with the Town to support public improvements and other municipal services such as donations to the ambulance district, at least 10 times the amount of Town, County, and School District taxes than currently generated by land, bill credits paid directly to residential electric customers in the host municipality, the generation of enough electricity to power 30,000 homes annually, helping New York State become energy independent. In addition, Oxbow Hill has attempted to minimize impacts associated with the Project, for example, by co-locating project infrastructure with the existing Fenner Wind Farm and limiting the disturbance to forested lands and wetlands to the maximum extent practicable. Oxbow Hill 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. 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, Oxbow Hill 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 \$140,000.00. 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 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://ccrenew.com/projects/oxbow/>. To learn more visit <https://ccrenew.com/projects/oxbow/> or contact us at:

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