

Case 20-F-0048  
Hecate Energy Columbia County 1, LLC  
60-Megawatt Solar Photovoltaic Generation Project  
Town of Copake, Columbia County, New York

**NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS**

Hecate Energy Columbia County 1, LLC (“Hecate Columbia”) proposes to construct the Shepherd’s Run Solar Project (“Project”) under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (“PSL”). This notice announces that on or about January 15, 2020, Hecate Columbia will file proposed stipulations, pursuant to 16 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations (“NYCRR”) § 1000.5(j), as to the scope and methodology of studies to be conducted in support of the Article 10 Application, which will be filed at a later date. There will be a 21-day public comment period on the Project’s proposed stipulations before interested parties may execute them. Any person may submit comments after that period on the Department of Public Service (“DPS”) website, as provided below.

The Project is a 60-megawatt solar photovoltaic electric generating facility comprised of solar panels and related components proposed on approximately 900 acres in the Town of Copake, Columbia County, New York (“Project Area”). The Project components will include solar photovoltaic panel arrays connected by underground, and possibly overhead, collection lines that will generate electricity to be delivered into the New York State Electric and Gas’s transmission system via an interconnection to an existing substation adjacent to the Project Area. The Project is proposed to be constructed on leased and/or purchased, private land.

The Project will safely generate clean, renewable electricity. The Project will also avoid air emissions and other impacts associated with traditional fossil-fueled generating facilities, and advance New York State’s renewable energy and carbon emissions reductions goals.

On August 5, 2020, Hecate Columbia submitted its Preliminary Scoping Statement (“PSS”), and parties subsequently submitted comments thereon. Hecate Columbia responded to comments on its PSS on September 16, 2020. On September 23, 2020, the Examiners in this proceeding ruled that Hecate Columbia could begin its stipulation process. Hecate Columbia served notice of the commencement of the stipulation process on October 1, 2020.

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1000.5(j)(2), this notice serves as a summary of the Project’s proposed stipulations, which were developed by the Applicant after consultation with the Town of Copake and several of its residents, DPS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Sensible Solar for Rural New York, Save Craryville LLC, and Columbia Land Conservancy. Any party in this proceeding may sign one or more of these stipulations. During the 21-day public comment period, any person may submit comments on the Project’s proposed stipulations by serving such comments on Hecate Columbia via email (Tyler W. Wolcott: [tyler@readlaniado.com](mailto:tyler@readlaniado.com)) and filing a copy with the Secretary to the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Hon. Michelle L. Phillips: [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov)) referencing Case 20-F-0048.

The Project's proposed stipulations address the studies generally provided in the exhibits required to be included in its Article 10 Application pursuant to 16 NYCRR Part 1001.

The Project's proposed stipulations set forth potential agreements between the parties on the methodology and scope of studies for the following Article 10 Application exhibits: Exhibit 1: General Requirements; Exhibit 2: Overview and Summary of Public Involvement; Exhibit 3: Location of Facilities; Exhibit 4: Land Use; Exhibit 5: Electric System Effects; Exhibit 8: Electric System Production Modeling; Exhibit 9: Applicable Reasonable and Available Alternatives; Exhibit 10: Consistency with Energy Planning Objectives; Exhibit 11: Preliminary Design Drawings; Exhibit 12: Construction; Exhibit 13: Real Property; Exhibit 14: Cost of Facilities; Exhibit 15: Public Health and Safety; Exhibit 16: Pollution Control Facilities; Exhibit 17: Air Emissions; Exhibit 18: Safety and Security; Exhibit 19: Noise and Vibration; Exhibit 20: Cultural Resources; Exhibit 21: Geology, Seismology, and Soils; Exhibit 22: Terrestrial Ecology and Wetlands; Exhibit 23: Water Resources and Aquatic Ecology; Exhibit 24: Visual; Exhibit 25: Effect on Transportation; Exhibit 26: Effect on Communication; Exhibit 27: Socioeconomic Effects; Exhibit 28: Environmental Justice; Exhibit 29: Site Restoration and Decommissioning; Exhibit 31: Local Laws and Ordinances; Exhibit 32: State Laws and Regulations; Exhibit 33: Other Applications and Filings; Exhibit 34: Electric Interconnection; Exhibit 35: Electric and Magnetic Field; and Exhibit 40: Telecommunications Interconnection.

The Project's proposed stipulations include, but are not limited to, the scope and types of studies to be conducted; the content and analysis for each exhibit and/or study; the types of maps, drawings, or explanations to be provided; the methodologies to be used in performing studies; the data to be collected and compared in studies; impact avoidance and mitigation measures; the type and extent of agency consultations needed before submitting the Application; and the information required to be provided in the Application in compliance with the Article 10 regulations.

The Project's proposed stipulations are available on the Project's website (<http://www.shepherdsrunsolar.com/>). They can also be accessed on the DPS website, [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), by using the "Search" link and searching for Case 20-F-0048. Or, the Project's proposed stipulations are accessible at this proceeding's direct link: <http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=20-F-0048&CaseSearch=Search>.

In addition, hard copies of the Project's proposed stipulations will also be available at the following local document repositories:

- Town of Copake Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Rd, Copake, NY 12516
- Roeliff Jansen Community Library, 9091 State Route 22, Hillsdale, NY 12529