NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION

Hecate Energy Columbia County 1 LLC ("Applicant") hereby provides notice that it intends to file an Application pursuant to Article VIII of the New York State Public Service Law (formerly New York State Executive Law Section 94c) ("Article VIII") to construct a major solar energy facility. The Applicant hereby provides notice that on or about December 23, 2024 the Applicant will file its Application with the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission ("the Office" or "ORES"). A Notice of In-Person Community Meeting/Open House and Notice of Intent to File an Application was published on March 13 and 14, 2024, and the In-Person Community Meeting/Open House was held on April 3, 2024.

The major renewable energy facility permitting process has been implemented by rules enacted by ORES and establishes a review process with uniform standards and conditions for all major renewable energy projects. The uniform standards and conditions are available at 16 NYCRR Subpart 1100-6 and https://ores.ny.gov/regulations. This notice is being provided in accordance with 16 NYCRR § 1100-1.6(c).

The Shepherd's Run Solar Farm ("Project") is a proposed solar-powered electric generation project consisting of 42 megawatts ("MW") of solar electrical generation to be located in the Town of Copake, Columbia County, New York. The Project will include photovoltaic ("PV") solar panels and their rack/support systems; direct current ("DC") cables; the inverters, with their support platforms, control electronics, and step-up transformers; alternating current ("AC") medium-voltage collector circuits; fencing and gates; access roads; temporary laydown/construction support areas; a medium voltage-to-transmission voltage collection substation, with associated equipment and fenced areas; and a point of interconnection ("POI") with the Craryville 115 kV substation owned by New York State Electric and Gas Corporation.

Information regarding Local Agency Account Funds:

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR Subpart 1100-5, upon filing the Application, the Applicant will provide funding to be disbursed by the Office to local agencies and potential community intervenors to help defray expenses, including attorneys and consultants, associated with participating in the Article VIII process. Within thirty (30) days of the date of filing the Application, any local agency or potential community intervenor seeking funding from the local agency account must submit a request for initial funding to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting at c/o OGS Mailroom, Empire State Plaza, 240 State Street, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, Attention: Request for Local Agency Account Funding.

Designated Contact Person:

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This notice and the Application (once filed), as well as other information about the Project, will be available on the Applicant's Project-specific website: <u>http://www.shepherdsrunsolar.com/.</u>