

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC
GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 17-F-0599 - Application of East Point Energy Center, LLC, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of a Solar Electric Generating Facility in the Town of Sharon, Schoharie County.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING

(Issued January 31, 2020)

On September 26, 2019, East Point Energy Center, LLC ("East Point"), a wholly owned, indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, filed an Application seeking authority to construct a 50-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar electric generating facility, to be located on approximately 350 acres of private land in the Town of Sharon, Schoharie County (the Project). The Project would consist of commercial-scale arrays of solar PV generating panels connected by underground, and possibly overhead, electric collection lines that would generate electricity supplied to the State's bulk electric transmission system. The Project would interconnect with the existing Sharon-Marshville 69-kV transmission line, which is owned by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, doing business as National Grid. Pursuant to a November 22, 2019 letter from the Chair of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the "Siting Board Chair") identifying deficiencies in the Application, East Point filed a Supplement to its Application on December 23, 2019 and a Second Supplement on January 27, 2020.

On January 30, 2020, the Siting Board Chair determined that East Point's Application, as supplemented, complies with the Siting Board's filing requirements.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an opportunity for public education and comments will be provided in this case as follows:

Date: **March 19, 2020**

Location: **Sharon Springs Firehouse
137 Beechwood Road
Sharon Springs, NY 13459**

Time: **Informational Forum:
5:00 p.m.
Public Statement Hearing:
6:00 p.m.**

At the Informational Forum, the Examiners will provide an overview of the Siting Board's certification process and the Developer will present a brief summary of the proposed project. Maps of the proposed project area will be available for viewing. Members of the public will then have an opportunity to pose questions about the process and the certificate application pending before the Siting Board.

At the Public Statement Hearing, any person wishing to provide a public statement must complete a request card, and the Examiners will use the request cards to call each person who has requested to provide a statement on the record. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker as necessary to afford all attendees an opportunity to be heard. Lengthy comments may be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this case.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711.

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

The application may be reviewed online at the Siting Board web page (<http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard>), by following the link to "Projects Under Review," on the left side of the page, and clicking on the link for Applications Deemed Compliant. Many libraries offer free internet service.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Siting Board. Comments should refer to "Case 17-F-0599." Comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding.

Internet or Mail: Go to the Department of Public Service website, www.dps.ny.gov, click on "Search" at the top of the page, enter "17-F-0599" into the "Search by Case Number" field, then click on the "Post Comments" box at the top right of the page. Alternatively, comments may be emailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or may be mailed or delivered to Secretary Phillips, New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Siting Board and may be read on the website by searching by the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may call the Department of Public Service's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24-hours a day. These calls are not transcribed but a summary is provided to the presiding Examiners, who will report to the Siting Board.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary