

Attachment B. Public Release of Bid Facility Information

Bid Facility Name:	Hawthorn Solar
Proposer:	Hawthorn Solar, LLC
Technology:	Solar
Proposed Nameplate Capacity (Megawatts):	20 MWac
Location (Town/City and County):	Hoosick, Rensselaer County
NYISO Interconnection Queue Number (if applicable):	832
Interconnecting Utility:	National Grid
NYS PSC Article 10/ORES Case Number (if applicable):	N/A
Located in Agricultural District?	Yes
Bid Facility Website (if applicable):	N/A

General Description of Project (250 words or more):

CS Energy is proposing to construct the Hawthorn Solar Project, a 20 MW-ac photovoltaic single-axis tracker solar power generation project, which will be located in Eastern New York in the Town of Hoosick, Rensselaer County. The project will be sited on approximately 130 acres of a mix of forested and agricultural, and primarily located North of Pine Valley Road and to the East and West of Fords Road in Southwestern Hoosick. The Project is proposing to interconnect to an existing 115 kV National Grid-owned transmission line between the North Troy and Hoosick Substations. The project began the interconnection study process with NYISO and National Grid in Spring of 2021 and has completed all interconnection studies. The project signed an Interconnection Agreement in March, 2023. Hawthorn Solar has received a Negative Declaration and Site Plan Approval from the Town of Hoosick Zoning Board of Appeals.

The initial Site Plan, Area Variance and Full Environmental Assessment Form was submitted on May 1, 2023 to the Hoosick Zoning Board of Appeals. The project went through an eight-month review process of the application materials, including modifications to the site plan, SWPPP and vegetative mitigation measures at the request of the Zoning Board and local residents. The project received a Negative Declaration, Site Plan approval and Area Variance for internal property boundary setbacks on January 2, 2024. Prior to the submission of the site plan application, the project site was assessed for presence of target endangered and threatened species and a wetland delineation by third party environmental scientists.

The project is expected to generate significant local benefits. During construction, the project will employ upwards of 100 construction jobs through direct hires and subcontractors. These construction jobs will generate indirect benefits through hospitality and other services in the local communities. While operating, the project will hire support for the maintenance of the facility and will generate enough clean electricity to power as many as 4,000 NY homes annually. The project will also make direct payments to the local municipalities in the form of PILOT payments. Community engagement is ongoing and will continue throughout the project development lifecycle. To date, this has included attendance at several Zoning and Town Board meetings and conducted a public hearing for the project. Project representatives have also connected directly with project neighbors to discuss the project and options for mitigation. The project is expected to enter construction in late 2024 or early 2025 and construction completion is anticipated in 2026.

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