

Attachment B. Public Release of Bid Facility Information

Bid Facility Name:	
Proposer:	
Technology:	
Proposed Nameplate Capacity (Megawatts):	
Location (Town/City and County):	
NYISO Interconnection Queue Number (if applicable):	
Interconnecting Utility:	
NYS PSC Article 10/ORES Case Number (if applicable):	
Located in Agricultural District?	
Bid Facility Website (if applicable):	

General Description of Project (250 words or more):

CS Energy is proposing to construct the Somers 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 Fort Edward, Washington County. The project will be sited on approximately 145.9 acres of a mix of forested and agricultural, and is located between Hunter Road and Duer Road, to the East of County Route 46 and West of O'Brien Road in Southwestern Fort Edward. The Project is proposing to interconnect to an existing 115 kV National-Grid-owned transmission line between the Mohican and Battenkill Substations. The project began the interconnection study process with NYISO and National Grid in Spring of 2020 and has completed all interconnection studies. The Project is in the final stages of negotiating a Small Generator Interconnection Agreement (SGIA) among the NYISO and National Grid, and the Project Company. We anticipate the SGIA to be executed in 2024.

The Somers Solar project pursued permitting locally in the Town of Fort Edward, with the Town of Fort Edward Planning Board being the lead agency in the Site Plan Review Process. The Project submitted an initial Site Plan Review Application, Full SEQR Environmental Assessment Form, and all supporting materials in April 2023 to the Town of Fort Edward Planning Board. The project went through a 6-month review process of the application materials, including modifications to the site plan, SWPPP and vegetative mitigation measures at the request of the Planning Board and residents, and received a Negative Declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board on November 8, 2023. The Project also received two Area Variances from the Town of Fort Edward Zoning Board of Appeals on November 29, 2023. Prior to the submission of the site plan application, the project site was assessed for presence of target endangered and threatened species and culturally sensitive resources, and a wetland delineation was conducted 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 Town Board meetings and a public hearing conducted 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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