

**STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
OFFICE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SITING AND
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION
NOTICE OF CHANGE OF VENUE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

Applicant: Rock District Solar, LLC, c/o Greenbacker Renewable Energy Company, LLC
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Facility Location: Towns of Carlisle and Seward, Schoharie County

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ORES Permit Application No.: 23-00033

Facility Description: Applicant applied to the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (Office or ORES) for a permit pursuant to Public Service Law article VIII to construct and operate a 20-megawatt (MW) solar energy facility located in the Towns of Carlisle and Seward, Schoharie County.

Prior Combined Notice of Availability of Draft Permit Conditions, Public Comment Period and Public Comment Hearing, and Commencement of Issues Determination Procedure:

Applicant filed the application with the Office on April 18, 2023. A notice of complete application was issued on June 10, 2024 (see <https://ores.ny.gov/permit-applications>, click on Project Permit Application Number 23-00033).

ORES staff published draft permit conditions on August 2, 2024. The draft permit conditions may be accessed at <https://ores.ny.gov/permit-applications>, click on Project Permit Application Number 23-00033.

On August 5, 2024, the ORES Office of Hearings issued a combined notice of availability of draft permit conditions, public comment period and public comment hearing, and commencement of issues determination procedure (Combined Notice). The Combined Notice scheduled a public comment hearing pursuant to 16 NYCRR part 1100 to hear and receive unsworn comments from the public to be held at the State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill (SUNY Cobleskill). The Combined Notice also established a deadline of October 11, 2024, for the filing of written public comments and other deadlines for the issues determination procedure. The Combined Notice and instructions on how to file written public comments and participate in the issues determination procedure may be accessed at <https://ores.ny.gov/permit-applications> (click on Project DMM Matter Number 23-00033, item no. 83).

Notice of Change of Venue for Public Comment Hearing: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to this Notice of Change of Venue for Public Comment Hearing, the public comment hearing to hear and receive unsworn comments from the public will now be held at the **Quality Inn & Suites, 160 Holiday Way, Schoharie, NY 12157 on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

All persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies who may be affected by the facility are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the application and the draft permit conditions. Lengthy comments will not be accepted and instead should be submitted in writing. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written comments. To ensure that all interested persons have an opportunity to speak, the Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) may limit the time available for oral comments to three (3) minutes per person. The public comment hearing will be transcribed for inclusion in the administrative record.

The hearing location is reasonably accessible to persons with a mobility impairment. Interpreter services shall be made available to deaf persons, and English language translator services shall also be made available, at no charge for either service, upon written request to Chief ALJ James T. McClymonds, Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, (518) 473-4590, hearings@ores.ny.gov. All requests must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 25, 2024. In the event that the in-person public comment hearing needs to be canceled, rescheduled, postponed, or conducted virtually, notification of any change will be available at the ORES website at <https://ores.ny.gov>.

Document Availability: Copies of all application materials and draft permit conditions are available for inspection at the Office's Albany office during normal business hours: Contact the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, W.A. Harriman Campus, Building 9, 4th Floor, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12227, (518) 473-4590, hearings@ores.ny.gov.

Electronic copies are available at <https://ores.ny.gov/permit-applications>, click on Project Permit Application Number 23-00033.

Copies of all application materials are also available at:

Town of Carlisle Town Hall - 541 Crommie Road, Carlisle, NY 12031

Town of Seward Town Hall - 795 Lowe Road, Suite 1, Cobleskill, NY 12043

Community Library - 110 Union Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043

Statutory and Regulatory Provisions: The application is being processed and this proceeding is being conducted according to Public Service Law article VIII and 16 NYCRR part 1100. Any questions about filing requirements or other hearing procedures may be addressed to Chief ALJ James T. McClymonds by telephone at (518) 473-4583.

James T. McClymonds
Chief Administrative Law Judge
August 28, 2024
Albany, New York