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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess  
Secretary  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223-1350

**RE: Case 17-F-0182: Application of Mohawk Solar LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law for Construction of a Solar Electric Generating Facility in the Towns of Canajoharie and Minden, Montgomery County.**

Dear Secretary Burgess:

We represent Mohawk Solar LLC (“Mohawk Solar”) in the above-referenced proceeding. Mohawk Solar LLC (“Mohawk Solar”) is seeking authority from the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the “Siting Board”) to construct a 90.5 megawatt photovoltaic solar electric generating facility in the Towns of Minden and Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York (the “Facility”) under Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law (“PSL”). Pursuant to PSL § 164 and 16 NYCRR § 1000.6, Mohawk Solar hereby files its Application with the Siting Board for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need authorizing construction and operation of the Facility. Along with service of the Application, Mohawk Solar has filed a check for \$90,500 in intervenor funding under separate cover with the Department of Public Service.

The Application conforms to the requirements in 16 NYCRR Part 1001, PSL § 164, and the executed stipulations between the parties. The Application includes, among other things, a description of the Facility, an overview of the environmental, economic, and other benefits of the Facility, the results of the studies conducted pursuant to the Preliminary Scoping Statement to determine whether construction and operation of the Facility will result in any significant environmental or health impacts, and proposed measures to minimize environmental impacts, to the extent necessary.

The Application is accompanied by the testimony of each expert witness whom Mohawk Solar intends to offer at the hearing. Consistent with the requirements in 16 NYCRR § 1000.6 (c) (1), the pre-filed testimony includes the qualifications of each witness and identifies the portions of the Application for which the witness is responsible and/or will offer support. Copies of the pre-filed testimony are included with this filing as Attachment 1.

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1000.6 (c) (2), the service list showing that a copy of the application and accompanying documents were served on all those required to be served under 16 NYCRR § 1000.6 (a) is included hereto as Attachment 2. A copy of the affidavit of service will be filed in the proceeding once service is complete.

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1000.6 (c) (3), and in conformance with 16 NYCRR § 1000.7, notice of the filing of the Application was published in the Amsterdam Recorder and Courier Standard Enterprise on May 10, 2019. Copies of the affidavits of publication and the newspaper notice are attached hereto for filing as Attachment 3.<sup>1</sup> In addition, notice of the impending filing of the Application was provided to all stakeholders, each member of the State Legislature in whose district any portion of the Facility is proposed to be located, and all persons who filed a statement with the Secretary of the Siting Board requesting to receive notices concerning the Facility. Copies of those correspondences and affidavits of service are included in Attachment 4.<sup>2</sup> Notice of the Application was also uploaded to Mohawk Solar's project website, which is available at <http://www.avangridrenewables.us/libraries.html> (Navigate to the following pages once on the site: "About Us" – "Renewables in Your Community" – "Mohawk Solar (NY)" [scroll to the bottom of the page]).

Consistent with the requirements in 16 NYCRR § 1000.6 (c) (4), under separate cover simultaneously filed with the Application, Mohawk Solar requests confidential and/or trade secret protection for certain information contained in the Application.

Finally, as required in 16 NYCRR § 1000.6 (c) (5), below are the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of Mohawk Solar and its attorneys:

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that although Mohawk Solar's May 10th newspaper notice was published at least three days before filing the Application, and therefore in full compliance with 16 NYCRR § 1000.7, Mohawk Solar also provided additional newspaper notice in the Amsterdam Recorder and Courier Standard Enterprise on May 31, 2019. A copy of that additional newspaper notice is also included in Attachment 3.

<sup>2</sup> Simultaneously with the filing of the Application, Mohawk Solar also provided additional correspondence to all stakeholders informing them of the filing of the Application and where to locate and/or review a copy.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions related to this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Active Parties