

RIVERHEAD SOLAR 2

Suffolk County, New York

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF 94-c TRANSFER APPLICATION

Riverhead Solar 2, LLC (Applicant) will be transferring its Application to construct a major solar electric generating facility from Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (the Office) pursuant to Section 94-c of the New York State Executive Law. This notice announces that on or about December 21, 2020, the Applicant will file a Transfer Application pursuant to 19 NYCRR 900-3.2 seeking a Permit from the Office authorizing the construction and operation of the Facility. Upon the filing of the Transfer Application, the Transfer Application shall be complete in accordance with Section 94-c on the basis that the Application was deemed complete under Article 10.

The Facility is a proposed solar-powered electric generation project consisting of up to 132.8 acres of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels generating up to 36 megawatts (MW) of electricity to be located in the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County. The Facility will include solar panels, access roads, inverters, transformers, electrical collection lines, gen-tie line, and temporary construction staging and storage areas. The Facility will interconnect to the existing point of interconnection Edwards substation, additional equipment will be added to the collection substation to support the interconnection of the Facility.

The Facility is a zero-emission solar energy facility that will assist the State in meeting the goals of the Climate Leadership and Protection Act and State Energy Plan, which includes obtaining 70% of energy generation from renewable sources by 2030 and significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Other positive impacts of the Facility include diversification of energy supplies, new employment opportunities (both temporary construction employment and full-time jobs), and increased revenues to County and local tax bases, payments to the local hospitality industry, and purchase of local supplies and goods. In addition, the Applicant has attempted to minimize impacts to land associated with the Facility by limiting the disturbance to forested lands and wetlands to the maximum extent practicable. However, the construction and operation of the Facility may result in some environmental impacts as more fully described in the Transfer Application, including, but not limited to: impacts on terrestrial ecology and impacts to people, including noise, traffic and visual impacts.

This notice is being provided in accordance with 19 NYCRR 900-1.6(c) and will be published at least three days prior to the filing of the Transfer Application. In addition, a copy of the Transfer Application will be served on the Chief Executive Officer of each municipality in which any portion of the Facility is located, as well as those persons and agencies enumerated in 19 NYCRR 900-1.6(a).

Upon filing the Transfer Application, the Applicant will provide funding to be disbursed by the Office to local agencies and potential community intervenors to help pay expenses, including attorneys and consultants, associated with participating in the 94-c process. Within thirty (30) days of the date of the filing of the Transfer Application any local agency or potential community intervenor seeking funding from the local agency account must submit a request for initial funding to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, at 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12231, Attention: Request for Local Agency Account Funding.

This notice and the Transfer Application will be available at the Project-specific website maintained by the Applicant: <https://riverheadsolar2.spower.com/>.