

Case 20-F-0597
Garnet Energy Center, LLC
200-Megawatt Photovoltaic Solar Generation Project with 20-Megawatt of
Energy Storage Town of Conquest, Cayuga County, New York

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

Garnet Energy Center, LLC (“Garnet”) proposes to construct the Garnet Energy Center (“Project”), under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (“PSL”). This notice announces that on or about February 8, 2021, Garnet will file proposed stipulations, pursuant to 16 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations (“NYCRR”) § 1000.5(j), as to the scope and methodology of studies to be conducted in support of the Article 10 Application, which will be filed at a later date. Beginning as of the date that the proposed stipulations are actually filed, there will be a 21-day public comment period on the Project’s proposed stipulations before interested parties may execute them. Any person may submit comments during that period on the Department of Public Service website, as provided below.

The Project is a 200-megawatt photovoltaic solar energy generating facility with 20 megawatts of energy storage comprised of commercial-scale solar arrays, access roads, buried (and possibly overhead) electric collection lines, energy storage, a Project collection substation, and electrical interconnection facilities proposed on approximately 2,000 acres in the Town of Conquest, Cayuga County, New York (“Project Area”), of which Project components and solar panels will be installed on approximately 1,300 acres. The Project components will include solar photovoltaic panel arrays, connected by underground (and possibly overhead) collection lines, that will generate electricity to be delivered into New York State’s transmission system via interconnections to an existing transmission line owned by the New York Power Authority adjacent to the Project Area. The Project is proposed to be constructed on leased and/or purchased, private land.

The Project will not produce air emissions or have certain other impacts associated with traditional fossil-fueled generating facilities. The Project will advance New York State’s renewable energy and carbon emissions reductions goals.

On September 17, 2020, Garnet filed its Preliminary Scoping Statement (“PSS”), and parties subsequently submitted comments thereon. On November 23, 2020, Garnet responded to the comments on its PSS. On November 25, 2020, the Examiners in this proceeding ruled that Garnet could begin its stipulation process. Garnet then served notice of the commencement of the stipulation process on December 3, 2020.

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1000.5(j)(2), this notice serves as a summary of the Project’s proposed stipulations, which were developed through consultations between Garnet and the New York State Department of Public Service (“DPS”), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Town of Conquest and Rural Preservation and Net Conservation Benefit Coalition. Other potential parties in this proceeding may join these stipulations.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, during the 21-day public comment period, any person may submit comments on the Project's proposed stipulations by serving such comments on Garnet via email (Sam Laniado: sml@readlaniado.com or via mail or delivery to Read and Laniado, LLP, 25 Eagle Street, Albany, New York 12207) and then by filing a copy with the Secretary to the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Hon. Michelle L. Phillips: secretary@dps.ny.gov or 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350) referencing Case 20-F-0043.

Persons wishing to receive all notices concerning the proposed facility can subscribe to the service list for this case by filing a request with Secretary Phillips (secretary@dps.ny.gov). Persons can search under Case 20-F-0043 in the Document and Matter Management System on the Department of Public Service website (www.dps.ny.gov) in order to access documents concerning the proposed facility.

The Project's proposed stipulations address the studies generally provided in the exhibits required to be included in its Article 10 Application pursuant to 16 NYCRR Part 1001.

The Project's proposed stipulations set forth potential agreements between parties on the methodology and scope of studies for the following Article 10 Application exhibits: Exhibit 1: General Requirements; Exhibit 2: Overview and Summary of Public Involvement; Exhibit 3: Location of Facilities; Exhibit 4: Land Use; Exhibit 5: Electric System Effects; Exhibit 8: Electric System Production Modeling; Exhibit 9: Applicable Reasonable and Available Alternatives; Exhibit 10: Consistency with Energy Planning Objectives; Exhibit 11: Preliminary Design Drawings; Exhibit 12: Construction; Exhibit 13: Real Property; Exhibit 14: Cost of Facilities; Exhibit 15: Public Health and Safety; Exhibit 16: Pollution Control Facilities; Exhibit 17: Air Emissions; Exhibit 18: Safety and Security; Exhibit 19: Noise and Vibration; Exhibit 20: Cultural Resources; Exhibit 21: Geology, Seismology, and Soils; Exhibit 22: Terrestrial Ecology and Wetlands; Exhibit 23: Water Resources and Aquatic Ecology; Exhibit 24: Visual; Exhibit 25: Effect on Transportation; Exhibit 26: Effect on Communication; Exhibit 27: Socioeconomic Effects; Exhibit 28: Environmental Justice; Exhibit 29: Site Restoration and Decommissioning; Exhibit 31: Local Laws and Ordinances; Exhibit 32: State Laws and Regulations; Exhibit 33: Other Applications and Filings; Exhibit 34: Electric Interconnection; Exhibit 35: Electric and Magnetic Field; and Exhibit 40: Telecommunications Interconnection.

The Project's proposed stipulations include, but are not limited to, the scope and types of studies to be conducted; the content and analysis for each exhibit and/or study; the types of maps, drawings, or explanations to be provided; the methodologies to be used in performing studies; the data to be collected and compared in studies; impact avoidance and mitigation measures; the type and extent of agency consultations needed before submitting the Application; and the information required to be provided in the Application in compliance with the Article 10 regulations.

The Project's proposed stipulations are available on the DPS website, www.dps.ny.gov, in the "What's Trending" section, under "Generation Siting," via the "Garnet Energy Center" link. Or, the Project's proposed stipulations are accessible at this proceeding's direct link: <http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterSeq=61792&MNO=20-F-0043>

In addition, hard copies of the Project's proposed stipulations will also be available at the following local document repositories:

- Town of Conquest Town Hall, 1289 Fuller Road, Port Byron, NY 13140
- Port Byron Library, 12 Sponable Drive, Port Byron, NY 13140