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PSC Advances Two Major Renewable Energy Projects

Commission Approves Filings for Solar and Wind Facilities Totaling 380 MWs

Will Provide Clean Energy for Over 95,000 Homes and Create Significant Economic Benefits

ALBANY — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved important petitions for two major renewable energy projects in upstate New York. These wind and solar projects are part of the continuing effort of the Commission to spur the development of clean, renewable energy in New York State. The actions taken today relate to the project developers' economic viability.

"The solar and wind projects being built across our great State are vital to meet the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act's ambitious carbon reduction and clean energy targets to combat climate change," **said Commission Chair Rory M. Christian.** "Each of these projects benefit all New Yorkers by reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, boosting clean-energy investment, creating clean energy jobs, and improving our environment."

New York is on a path to achieving its mandated goal of a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and to reach economy wide carbon neutrality.

The petitions relate to Homer Solar Energy Center, LLC, a 90-megawatt (MW) solar farm in the towns of Homer, Cortlandville, and Solon, Cortland County; and Canisteo Wind Energy, LLC, a 290-MW wind farm in Steuben County. The projects will provide clean energy for more than 95,000 average-sized homes and create significant economic benefits for their host communities and the State.

- Homer Solar: The Commission granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) pursuant to Public Service Law § 68, and a lightened regulatory regime, which will enable the project to provide emission-free, renewable solar energy into the State's energy market.

- Canisteo Wind: The Commission granted a CPCN and a lightened regulatory regime, and granted the developer private construction financing approval totaling up to $800 million.

New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan

New York State's climate agenda calls for an orderly and just transition that creates family-sustaining jobs, continues to foster a green economy across all sectors and ensures that at least 35 percent, with a goal of 40 percent, of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities. Guided by some of the nation’s most aggressive climate and clean energy initiatives, New York is advancing a suite of efforts – including the New York Cap-and-Invest program (NYCI) and other complementary policies – to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 and 85 percent by 2050 from 1990 levels. New York is also on a path to achieving a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and economywide carbon neutrality by mid-century. A cornerstone of this transition is New York's unprecedented clean energy investments, including more than $40 billion in 64 large-scale renewable and transmission projects across the State, $6.8 billion to reduce building emissions, $3.3 billion to scale up solar, nearly $3 billion for clean transportation initiatives and over $2 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. These and other investments are supporting more than 170,000 jobs in New York’s clean energy sector as of 2022 and over 3,000 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, New York also adopted zero-emission vehicle regulations, including requiring all new passenger cars and light-duty trucks sold in the State be zero emission by 2035. Partnerships are continuing to advance New York’s climate action with more than 400 registered and more than 130 certified Climate Smart Communities, nearly 500 Clean Energy Communities, and the State’s largest community air monitoring initiative in 10 disadvantaged communities across the State to help target air pollution and combat climate change.

Today’s decision may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission’s Web site at www.dps.ny.gov and entering Case Numbers 23-E-0412 (Homer Solar) and 23-E-0297 (Canisteo Wind) in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission documents may also be obtained from the Commission’s Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500). If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.

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