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On May 27, 2020 Flint Mine Solar LLC filed an application for a "Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need" under Article 10 of the NYS Public Service Commission regulations. This application can be found [here](#), and also [here](#), on the NYPSC's website.

As is required under the NYPSC's Article 10 power plant siting regulations, the sponsors of Flint Mine Solar prepared a Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan in 2018. The Flint Mine Solar PIP Plan, which can be found [here](#), introduces the project to the local community, stakeholders and other interested parties; describes the Article 10 process; outlines future activities related to sharing project information; and establishes how the public can participate in the stakeholder process by asking questions and providing comments.

Flint Mine Solar held its first Project Open House on Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at Pegasus Restaurant in Coxsackie. Two sessions were held, and each included a presentation on the proposed Project, as well as a poster reception and opportunities for the public to meet a 15-member project development team, ask questions, and identify areas of interest to the community.

The sessions were well attended, with over 110 individuals in attendance, not including the Flint Mine Project Team. Participants were able to view posters with information on topics such as environmental impact assessments, project schedule, construction methods; to watch a video simulation showing potential visibility of the project from major thoroughfares in the community; to make written or oral comments at the session, or to receive instructions on filing comments on DMM in the future; and to provide their contact information for future outreach efforts.

Further information on the May 30th Open House, including copies of the poster boards, presentation, invitation list and preliminary project maps valid as of May 30th were filed with the Siting Board on June 22nd, 2018 and can be found at the [above link](#).

Flint Mine Solar held its second Project Open House on Thursday November 8th, 2018, also at Pegasus Restaurant in Coxsackie. On this occasion three presentations were made on the proposed Project (at 12.30pm, 4pm and at 6.30pm); as with the first Open House, there was a poster reception and opportunities for the public to meet eleven members of the project development team, ask questions, and identify areas of interest to the community.

The first members of the public came at 11.45 am and there was constant activity until after 8pm. About 90 individuals were in attendance, not including the Flint Mine Project Team, with the vast majority being residents of Athens and Coxsackie. Participants were again able to view posters on environmental impact assessments, project schedule and construction methods; to make comments or ask questions at the conclusion of the three presentations; to receive instructions on filing comments on DMM in the future; to express interest



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in future employment or business opportunities or provide written comments, and to share their contact information for future outreach efforts.

Further materials from the November 8th Open House, including copies of the poster boards, presentation and preliminary project maps have been made available. These project maps mirrored those in the PSS (see below) and are valid as of November 8th, 2018 (due to the nature of the development and permitting process, these maps are subject to change until the Facility is constructed. The Second Open House Materials were filed with the Siting Board on November 16th, 2018 and can be found [here](#).

As is further detailed in the PIP Plan, the sponsors of the Flint Mine Solar project have endeavored to find a relatively concealed project location, where the low-profile solar electric generating plant will be largely hidden from view from most nearby residential properties, as well as from US Highway 9W, Schoharie Turnpike and the other major thoroughfares in the project area. The sponsors will implement a mitigation plan to minimize impacts on local archaeological resources and wildlife habitats that may exist on some of the former farm fields that are proposed to host this solar photovoltaic project.

In November of 2018 Flint Mine filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement ("PSS") to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the scope and methodology of studies to be conducted in support of a future Article 10 Application. This filing of the PSS kicked off the Article 10 scoping phase, beginning with a 21-day public comment period on the scope and methodology of the studies proposed.

The PSS document, among other things, described and identified the environmental setting in the area where the Facility is proposed, the potential environmental and community impacts from construction and operation of the Facility, and anticipated benefits of the Facility on the environment and local community, as well as on the State's achievement of its renewable energy generation goals.

The PSS also identified and described the environmental studies Flint Mine Solar has conducted during the Article 10 process to assess potential impacts to land uses in the Facility area; public health and safety; ecological resources, protected species and habitats, and water resources; communications, transportation, and utilities; cultural, historical and recreational resources; visual impacts and screening; sound; and impacts on the statewide electrical system, among others.

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