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Re: In the Matter of Hecate Energy Highland 4 LLC's Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a 100 MW Solar-Powered Electric Generating Facility to Be Located in Highland County, Ohio, Case No. 20-1288-EL-BGN/Pre-Application Notification Letter

Dear Ms. White:

This letter is intended to serve as the pre-application notification required by Ohio Admin. Code 4906-3-03(A) with respect to the New Market Solar Farm, a 100 MW solar-powered electric generating facility to be located on approximately 1,116 acres in Clay and Whiteoak Townships in Highland County, Ohio ("New Market Solar" or "Project").

The Project will consist of two separate and distinct facilities: (1) New Market Solar I, a 65 MW facility that will be developed, constructed and operated by Hecate Energy Highland 4 LLC, will occupy 582 acres of the Project Site; and (2) New Market Solar II, a 35 MW facility that will be developed, constructed and operated by Hecate Energy Highland 2, LLC, will occupy 222 acres of the Project site.

Both of these facilities will generate clean, renewable electricity through arrays of ground-mounted photovoltaic ("PV") modules and associated facilities. The electricity will be gathered through separate networks of collection lines and conveyed to a Project substation, which in turn will deliver power to the PJM network through a 345 kV three-breaker ring bus switchyard to be constructed, owned and operated by Dayton Power & Light to be known as its Clay Substation. The purpose of the Project is to provide power to the PJM grid.

The application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need is expected to be filed with the Board in late August 2020. Construction is anticipated to begin with respect to both facilities in early 2021, with completion and the start of commercial operations by the fourth quarter of 2021.

As outlined in the *Motion for Waiver of the Requirement to Conduct a Public Information Meeting "In the Area in Which the Project is Located"* and *Request for Expedited Ruling on the Motion*, which was granted by the Administrative Law Judge on July 29, 2020, the public informational meeting will consist of three steps. These three steps are: (1) preparation of a power point presentation by the Hecate Energy Project team with the details of the Project and the Board's certification process and its posting to the Project website and its distribution as outlined in the *Motion*; (2) preparation of a pre-recorded presentation by Hecate Energy with respect to the information set forth in the power point presentation that is also posted to the Project website; and (3) a live question and answer ("Q&A") session conducted by the Project team to allow the public to ask questions and receive answers regarding the Project.

The power point presentation and pre-recorded session will be posted to the Project website by no later than August 14, 2020. The power point presentation will be included in the notice required by Ohio Admin. Code 4906-3-03(B)(2) and instructions as to how to obtain a hard copy of the presentation will be included in the notice required by Ohio Admin. Code 4906-3-03(B)(1). The live Q&A session is scheduled for August 24, 2020 from 6pm to 7:30pm.

No request for any waiver of the Board's rules applicable to the Project is expected at this time. Please contact the undersigned with any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,



Karen A. Winters

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Summary: Letter of Notification Pre-Application Notification Letter electronically filed by Ms. Karen A. Winters on behalf of Hecate Energy Highland 4 LLC