## **60-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION**

Sugar Maple Solar, LLC is proposing to construct a major solar electric generating facility under Article VIII of the New York State Public Service Law (Article VIII). This notice announces that on or about **December 1, 2024**, Sugar Maple Solar will file an Application with the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (ORES or the Office), pursuant to Article VIII seeking a Siting Permit from the Office authorizing the construction and operation of the Project. The Article VIII process has been implemented by rules enacted by the Office and establishes a review process with uniform standards and conditions for all renewable energy projects. The uniform standards and conditions are available at 16 NYCRR 1100-6 and www.ores.ny.gov/regulations.

The Sugar Maple Solar Project is a utility-scale solar energy generation facility with a generating capacity of approximately 125 megawatts (MW), including a battery energy storage facility with a storage capacity of 20 MW, in the Town of Wilna, Jefferson County, and the Town of Croghan, Lewis County, New York (Project). The Project will span approximately 1,500 acres and plans to connect to to the Black River to Taylorville and N. Carthage to Taylorville 115kV lines. The Project is anticipated to positively impact both the environment and the local economy by reducing carbon dioxide emissions by an estimated 162,000 metric tons each year – the equivalent of taking approximately 34,000 cars off the road – and producing significant tax revenue and other economic benefits for the area. The Facility will include but is not limited to, solar panels, access roads, substation, inverters, transformers, electrical collection lines, gen-tie line, battery storage, and temporary construction staging and storage areas.

For more information about the Project please visit the Project website at <u>https://www.aes.com/sugar-maple-solar-project</u> or contact Sugar Maple Solar at:

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Upon filing the Application, Sugar Maple Solar will provide funding in the amount of \$125,000 to be deposited into a local agency account to be made available to local agencies and potential community intervenors for the purpose of contributing to a complete record leading to an informed permit decision as to the appropriateness of the site and the facility, and for local agencies, shall include the use of funds to determine whether a proposed facility is designed to be sited, constructed and operated in compliance with applicable local laws and regulations. 16 NYCRR 1100-5.1

Any local agency or potential community intervenor shall submit a request for initial funding <u>within thirty (30)</u> <u>days of the date of application filing</u> and such requests can be made to:

<u>general@ores.ny.gov</u> OR by mail to:

Attention: Request for Local Agency Account Funding Office of Renewable Energy Siting Empire State Plaza 240 State Street P-1 South, J Dock Albany, NY 12242