

October 5, 2017

Mr. Jason Leifer, Supervisor
Town Board of The Town of Dryden
93 East Main Street
Dryden, NY 13053

Re: *Dryden Road Solar Farm – Delaware River Solar, LLC.
Parcel #47.-1-7.3, Town of Dryden, Tompkins County, NY
Chazen Project # 81622.20*

Dear Mr. Leifer:

On behalf of the applicant, Delaware River Solar, LLC, The Chazen Companies (Chazen) is pleased to submit to the Town documents supporting a Site Plan and Special Use Permit application. Delaware River Solar is seeking to develop, install, and operate two community solar photovoltaic facilities, with a combined capacity of 3.75 mega-watts AC, at the above noted site. The facilities will interconnect with the local electrical grid owned by New York State Electric Gas Corporation (NYSEG). The energy generated from the proposed facility would be distributed to NYSEG for daily electrical use by NYSEG's customers and directly benefit customers enrolled in the Community Solar Program. The project will consist of the installation of a solar cell array, protective fencing, and electrical equipment.

Please note that this is the second application Delaware River Solar has submitted for the subject parcel. The initial application, dated July 10, 2017, was submitted with one 1.75 mega-watt AC facility. Dryden Code Enforcement Officer, David Sprout, provided preliminary notes on the initial application. The enclosed information addressed those preliminary notes as follows:

1. *Cover letter/project introduction: incorrectly addressed to the Planning Board Chair and the Planning Board instead of the Town Board.*

Response: This letter is addressed to the Town Supervisor and Town Board.

2. *SWPPP: incorrectly states that the project site is not located within a regulated MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer system) community. The Town of Dryden is an MS4 community.*

Response: The SWPPP has been revised as required.

3. *General Permit Sheet 1: complete.*

Response: Noted. The enclosed General Permit Sheet has been revised to reflect the project revision to two photovoltaic facilities.

4. *Owner Acknowledgment Letter: incorrectly identifies the Planning Board as the review board.*

Response: The letter has been revised to identify the Town Board as the review board.

5. *SUP Worksheet: complete (See Planning Department Notes below).*

Response: Noted. The enclosed SUP Worksheet has been revised to reflect the project revision to two photovoltaic facilities.

6. *Notice of Ground Disturbance: complete, according to the Town's A, B, C Soils Map, question ten (10) response should be 'yes'.*

Response: Chazen acknowledges the response would be 'yes' using the Town's Soils Map. However, the form states question ten (10) should be completed per the Tompkins County Soils Survey which identifies a majority of the site as Hydrologic Soil Group D.

7. *Agricultural Data Statement: complete.*

Response: Noted. The enclosed Agricultural Data Statement has been revised to reflect the project revision to two photovoltaic facilities.

8. *July 5 Project Summary: appears to be quite robust, however, Delaware River Solar, LLC (DRS) states that the project summary is only preliminary, not intended to describe all relevant information.*

Response: The Project Summary is only preliminary in the sense that it is subject to final approval by NYSEG. Final approval will occur subsequent to Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval by the Town.

9. *Decommissioning Plan: provided*

Response: Noted.

10. *Decommissioning Agreement: provided (attorney review)*

Response: Noted.

11. *SEQR: Part 1 of the full environmental assessment form is provided, documents included with part 1: an orthophoto tax map, a wetland & stream map, a land use map, a soils map, a DEC environmental resource map, a cultural resource map, a scenic/aesthetic resource map, and a topographic survey.*

- (1). *Government Approvals, 1B – applicant misidentifies the Planning Board as the approval agency.*

Response: Section B has been revised to identify the Town Board as the approval agency.

- (2). *Project Details, section D1(gii) – height of largest structure is 9', contrary to the Project Summary document which indicates that arrays will be approximately 8' and that all onsite structures will be limited to no more than 8' (solar panels are structures per Town Zoning Law).*

Response: Section D1 (gii) has been corrected to identify the largest structure as 8' tall.

- (3). *Project Operations, section D2f – the 'no' response should be 'yes' and D2f(i) should be completed.*

Response: The 'yes' response has been checked, and D2f(i) identifies mobile sources of air emissions during construction only. There are no sources of emissions during operations.

- (4). *Project Operations, section D2r – the 'no' response should be 'yes' and D2r (i, ii, iii) should be completed.*

Response: The 'yes' response has been checked, and D2r(i, ii, iii) have been completed to identify sources of construction waste. The operation of the facilities does not generate solid waste.

- (5). *Land uses, section E1b – current forested acreage listed is zero (0), after project completion 1.6 acres of forest is indicated. Is the proposed vegetative screening a forest?*

Response: Section E1b has been revised to remove references to forested areas.

With this letter, we are requesting placement on the agenda for the October 26 meeting of the Planning Board. Please refer to the following attachments for more information:

- Attachment A: General Permit Application Form
- Attachment B: Owner Acknowledgment Letter
- Attachment C: Special Use Permit Worksheet
- Attachment D: Notice of Ground Disturbance Form
- Attachment E: Agricultural Data Statement
- Attachment F: Project Summary – 1.75 MW AC and 2 MW AC Community Solar Facility
- Attachment G: Draft Decommissioning Plan and Agreement
- Attachment H: Viewshed Study
- Attachment I: Wetland Review – North County Ecological Services, Inc.
- Attachment J: Full Environmental Assessment Form – Part 1
- Attachment K: Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- Attachment L: Site Plan Set
- Attachment M: Topographic and Boundary Survey – Kaatskill Mountain Surveyors
- Attachment N: Glare Assessment (to be provided under separate cover)
- Attachment O: Visual Simulations (to be provided under separate cover)

Sincerely,



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