

July 20, 2017

RESOLUTION #__ (2017) – Lead Agency Designation and Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance – Ellis Tract Community Solar Project

Cl ____ offered the following resolution and asked for its adoption:

WHEREAS,

A. The proposed action involves the construction of eight 2 MW and two 1MW solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays for generation of energy and sale under the community distributed generation program. Solar arrays consist of PV modules mounted on metal racks anchored using helical ground screws. The arrays will be fenced in and gravel access drives will be constructed to access each site. Each site will contain an electric transformer mounted on a cement pad. The 10 fenced arrays will encompass approximately 110 acres of the total of approximately 294 acre that are contained in Tax Parcels 56.-5-19.2, 56.-5-31, 57.-1-6, 57.-1-7.1, 67.-1-3, 67.-1-7.2, 67.-1-4 located along Turkey Hill, Stevenson and Dodge Roads. The owner of the parcels is Cornell University and the applicant is SUN8 PDC LLC, and

B. The proposed project, which requires Special Use Permits and site plan approvals from the Town Board of the Town of Dryden; subdivision approval from the Town Planning Director; and an area variance or area variances from the Town Zoning Board of Appeals, is a Type 1 action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), 6 NYCRR Part 617, and

C. A Full Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1 was submitted by the applicant, along with application materials, and

D. The Town Planning Department, on behalf of the Town Board, distributed a Lead Agency concurrence letter to potential involved and interested agencies on March 17, 2017, and received no objections to the Town of Dryden Town Board serving as Lead Agency on this matter, and

E. The Town Board has reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 prepared by the applicant, revised and dated 7-9-2017, as amended by 7-17-17 errata tracking sheet to include Planning Director’s subdivision approval in Section B.d., and Parts 2 and 3, prepared by town’s consultant TG Miller and Planning staff,

F. A public hearing having been held on July 20, 2017

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town of Dryden Town Board hereby establishes itself as lead agency to coordinate the environmental review of the proposed actions, as described above, and
2. The Town Board of the Town of Dryden, based upon (i) its thorough review of the EAF, Part 1 and 2, and any and all other documents prepared and submitted with respect to this proposed action and future construction activities, and its environmental review, (ii) its thorough review of the potential relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, including the criteria identified in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and (iii) its review of the EAF, Part 3, including the reasons noted thereon (which reasons are incorporated herein as if set forth at length), hereby makes a negative determination of environmental significance (“Negative Declaration”) in accordance with SEQRA for the above referenced proposed action, and determines that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required, and

3. The Responsible Officer of the Town Board of the Town of Dryden is hereby authorized and directed to complete and sign as required the determination of significance, confirming the foregoing Negative Declaration, which fully completed and signed EAF and determination of significance shall be incorporated by reference in this Resolution.

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Roll Call Vote

C1 Servoss
C1 Lavine
C1 Cipolla-Dennis
C1 Lamb
Supv Leifer