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Via Electronic Filing

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary
New York State Board on Electric Generation
Siting and the Environment
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

RE: Case 19-F-0366: Application of Trelina Solar Energy Center, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 to Develop, Construct and Operate a Solar Generating Facility with a Maximum Generating Capability of 80 MW in the Town of Waterloo, Seneca County.

Dear Secretary Phillips:

We represent Trelina Solar Energy Center, LLC (“Trelina Solar”) in the above-referenced proceeding. On May 21, 2020, after consultation with Department of Public Service Staff in light of restrictions on public gatherings due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Trelina Solar filed a supplement to its Public Involvement Program Plan (“PIP Plan”) informing interested parties and members of the public that it would be mailing updated project information materials to the Stakeholder List and all property owners within the Project’s two-mile Study Area instead of holding in-person open houses as originally intended by Trelina Solar. The public was invited to submit comments on the updated project information. Accordingly, enclosed for filing, please find Trelina Solar’s responses to questions received from members of the public. The questions and responses will also be posted on the Project website located at <https://www.trelinasolarenergycenter.com/>.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions related to this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

Trelina Solar Energy Center Stakeholder Questions and Trelina Responses

Q: Your materials made mention of "Land Agreements" with local farmers. Will you be purchasing any property for this project or is the "Land Agreement" the only method you will be using to occupy property?

A: The land for the Trelina Solar Energy Center (the “project”) will be located on property leased or purchased from private landowners. Through these land agreements, the project will support the local agricultural economy by infusing revenue into local farms and diversifying their income.

Q: Will the tax assessments on the properties you have "Land Agreements" with experience any change based on your occupancy of the land?

A: Any changes in tax liabilities, including for the assessments related to the land utilized by the project, will be the responsibility of the project owner.

Q: How will the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement be structured, how many payments over 30 years will there be, and how much will they be?

A: The Trelina Solar Energy Center (the “project”) intends to discuss a potential PILOT agreement with the local jurisdictions, including the Town of Waterloo, and the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency.

Q: You mention the PILOT revenue will be used for investing in infrastructure and additional services and resources for residents, but will any of the PILOT revenue be used to reduce our property taxes?

A: Revenue attributable to the Trelina Solar Energy Center may be used as local municipalities see fit. Local officials will determine how to best manage and utilize revenue derived from the project.