



Agriculture and Markets

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RICHARD A. BALL
Commissioner

April 30, 2021

Candace Rossi, Project Manager
NYSERDA, NY-Sun
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203

RE: Final Notice of Intent to Undertake an Action within an Agricultural District, Norbut Solar Farms, Enfield Solar Development, Parcel 2 in the Town of Enfield, Thompkins County Agricultural District No. 2

Dear Ms. Rossi:

I have determined that the enclosed Final Notice of Intent, filed with this Department by NYSERDA, for the advance of public funds for the construction of a 5.0 MW solar array, in the Town of Enfield, located in Thompkins County Agricultural District No. 2, is complete.

The Final Notice has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation, the Advisory Council on Agriculture, and the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. In consultation with them, the Commissioner shall review the proposed action during the next thirty-five (35) day period commencing April 30, 2021 and make an initial determination whether the action will have an unreasonably adverse effect on the continuing viability of a farm enterprise, or enterprises within the district and state environmental plans, policies and objectives. Furthermore, the Department will be exploring acceptable mitigation options for the proposed project during the next thirty (30) days.

Please be advised that the Department's acceptance as complete of the Final Notice of Intent for the proposed action does not authorize commencement of the project. In order to comply with the provisions of Section 305(4), no funds may be advanced to construct the facility or to acquire land within the district until the Notice process has been completed as set forth in Section 305(4).

Please do not hesitate to contact me, at (518) 357-3186 if you have any questions regarding your Notice filing.

Sincerely,

Andy Steiner
Senior Environmental Analyst

cc: John Fleming, Chair, Thompkins County AFPB
Stephanie Redmond, Supervisor, Town of Enfield
Jonathan Stone, Norbut Solar Farms

File: 21/062-NOI



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Mr. McCrea Burnham
New York State DEC
Division of Lands and Forests
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233-6500

RE: Final Notice of Intent to Undertake an Action within an Agricultural District, Norbut Solar Farms, Enfield Solar Development, Parcel 2 in the Town of Enfield, Thompkins County Agricultural District No. 2

Dear Mr. Burnham:

I have determined that the enclosed Final Notice of Intent, filed with this Department by NYSERDA, for the advance of public funds for the construction of a 5.0 MW solar array, in the Town of Enfield, located in Thompkins County Agricultural District No. 2, is complete.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Agriculture and Markets Law, Section 305(4), I am forwarding a copy of the Final Notice for your review and comment on the effect of the proposed action on state environmental plans policies and objectives.

Pursuant to Section 305(4), the statutory review period is thirty-five (35) days. As such, I would appreciate your response by May 30, 2021. Should no response be received by this date, I will assume that you have found that the proposed action would not have an unreasonably adverse effect upon state environmental plans, policies and objectives.

Sincerely,

Andy Steiner
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John Fleming, Chair
Tompkins County AFPB
c/o CCE of Tompkins County
615 Willow Avenue
Ithaca, NY 14850

RE: Final Notice of Intent to Undertake an Action within an Agricultural District, Norbut Solar Farms, Enfield Solar Development, Parcel 2 in the Town of Enfield, Thompkins County Agricultural District No. 2

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I have determined that the enclosed Final Notice of Intent, filed with this Department by NYSERDA, for the advance of public funds for the construction of a 5.0 MW solar array, in the Town of Enfield, located in Tompkins County Agricultural District No. 2, is complete.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Agriculture and Markets Law, Section 305(4), I am forwarding a copy of the Final Notice for your review and comment on the effect of the proposed action on state environmental plans policies and objectives.

Pursuant to Section 305(4), the statutory review period is thirty-five (35) days. As such, I would appreciate your response by May 30, 2021. Should no response be received by this date, I will assume that you have found that the proposed action would not have an unreasonably adverse effect upon state environmental plans, policies and objectives.

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ACA – NOI Reviewers

RE: Final Notice of Intent to Undertake an Action within an Agricultural District, Norbut Solar Farms, Enfield Solar Development, Parcel 2 in the Town of Enfield, Thompkins County Agricultural District No. 2

Dear ACA Reviewers:

I have determined that the enclosed Final Notice of Intent, filed with this Department by NYSERDA, for the advance of public funds for the construction of a 5.0 MW solar array, in the Town of Enfield, located in Thompkins County Agricultural District No. 2, is complete.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Agriculture and Markets Law, Section 305(4), I am forwarding a copy of the Final Notice for your review and comment on the effect of the proposed action on state environmental plans policies and objectives.

Pursuant to Section 305(4), the statutory review period is thirty-five (35) days. As such, I would appreciate your response by May 30, 2021. Should no response be received by this date, I will assume that you have found that the proposed action would not have an unreasonably adverse effect upon state environmental plans, policies and objectives.

Sincerely,

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Dear Landowner:

Under the Agricultural Districts Law, certain public entities are required to file a Preliminary and Final Notice of Intent with the Department of Agriculture and Markets and the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board prior to the acquisition of property or the advance of funds for the installation of water and sewer mains within a State certified agricultural district.

I have determined that the enclosed Final Notice of Intent, filed with this Department by NYSERDA, for the advance of public funds for the construction of a 5.0 MW solar array, in the Town of Enfield, located in Thompkins County Agricultural District No. 2, is complete.

The Notice process sets forth certain limitations on the exercise of eminent domain and other public acquisitions and identifies a process whereby the proposed project can be examined with regard to its impact on agricultural enterprises in the affected district(s). The Notice filing contains a description of the proposed action, the agricultural setting and the types of agricultural enterprises that may be affected by the project, the short and long-term impacts on agriculture, an examination of alternatives, a discussion of mitigation measures proposed to minimize adverse impacts on farm enterprises, a list of affected property owners, and other information.

A copy of this letter and a copy of the Preliminary and Final Notice of Intent is being sent to you as potentially affected landowners that have been identified as being within the agricultural district and affected by the proposed action. If you would like to provide comments to the Department with regard to the above-referenced project, please contact me at (518) 357-3186, or submit your comments in writing. You may also want to contact John Fleming, Chair, Thompkins County AFPB, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850.

We must receive your comments on or before May 30, 2021 so they may be considered in our Notice review process. Should no response be received by this date, I will assume that you do not have any comments and/or observations regarding the proposed action.

Sincerely,

Andy Steiner
Senior Environmental Analyst

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cc: John Fleming, Chair, Thompkins County AFPB

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