## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO NEW YORK GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §859-a ON PROPOSED PROJECT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a of the New York General Municipal Law will be held by the County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 7th day of October 2020 in connection with the following matter:

Duke Energy Renewables Solar, LLC, a limited liability company(the "Company") has submitted an application to the Agency requesting that the Agency consider providing financial assistance to a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition, construction and operation of a 15.0 MW DC solar power generation array (the "Improvements") on lands owned by Thomas Krywosa located at 1918 State Route 12D in the Town of Leyden, Lewis County, New York (Tax Map No. 403.00-01-07.100) and on the lands or Nancy Wheelock located at 1719 State Route 12D in the Town of Leyden, Lewis County, New York (Tax Map No. 403.00-01-11.000) with the Point of Interconnect located at the northeast corner of the Krywosa parcel consisting in total of approximately 72 acres of the 173 acre site (the "Land") for the purpose of operating a solar energy facility and (B) the acquisition and installation of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property in, upon and around the Improvements and the Land (the "Equipment"; and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"), and (C) paying certain costs and expenses incidental to those activities (the costs associated with items A and B above being hereinafter collectively referred to as "Project Costs"); and

The Company has requested that the Agency consider undertaking and assisting the Project as follows: (A) the installation, maintenance and operation of the Project; (B) the granting of certain financial assistance in the form of exemptions from real property taxes and sales tax (the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (or sub-lease) of the Land and the Facility by the Company (and/or the owner of the Land) to the Agency pursuant to a lease agreement; the acquisition by the Agency of an interest in the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company; and the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company (and/or the owner of the Land) pursuant to a sublease agreement.

The Company will be the operator of the Project Facility.

The Agency has not made a decision with respect to the undertaking of the Project or the granting of the Financial Assistance.

A hearing will be held in the town impacted by this project on October 7, 3:00 PM local time, at the offices of the Town of Leyden, 6606 School Road, Boonville, New York, 13309.

The Agency will at the above-stated time and place hear all persons with views in favor of or opposed to the Project and/or the Financial Assistance. A copy of the Company's application including a cost/benefit analysis is available at the office of the Agency for review by interested persons.

The meeting will be conducted by videoconference. Individuals wishing to participate by videoconference should contact the Agency at 315-376-3014 for participation sign-on information.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak the number of individuals allowed to enter the meeting room at one time will be strictly limited in order to maximize social distance.

Individuals desiring to submit comments are encouraged to submit comments in writing to the Office of the Town Clerk in advance of the meeting. Individuals who are not feeling well, who are showing symptoms of COVID-19, or who are members of a population particularly susceptible to COVID-19 should not attend the meeting.

Any written comments received will be made a part of the recording of the hearing.

COUNTY OF LEWIS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Dated: September 14, 2020