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Telecommunications Interconnection

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Exhibit 40: Telecommunications Interconnection

This Exhibit will track the requirements of Stipulation 40, dated July 6, 2020, and therefore, the requirements of 16 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) § 1001.40.

40(a) Description of Proposed Telecommunications Interconnection

The Project's electrical output will be transmitted to the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) and New York Power Authority (NYPA) via a 345-kV transmission line connecting the collection substation to the Point of Interconnection (POI) switchyard. The energy generated from the PV arrays will be stepped up from 0.63 kV to 34.5 kV through 3.5 MVA, 0.63/34.5 kV padmount transformers. These transformers will be connected via 12 34.5 kV feeders to a 345/34.5/13.8 kV step-up transformer rated at 311/249/187 MVA. The 345-kV side of the step-up transformer will be connected to a three-breaker ring bus at the POI. The POI is adjacent to the existing NYPA 345-kV transmission line. The Applicant is responsible for transmitting data to the POI. Thereafter, it is the responsibility of the local incumbent utility (NYPA) to pass along that data to NYISO. Data will also be transmitted to the Applicant's Renewables Operations & Control Center (ROCC) which is responsible for the Project critical controls, responding to alarms, and other functions for the safe and reliable operation of the Project.

40(b) Analysis of Telecommunications Capacity

The Applicant is currently coordinating with internet service providers to confirm service lines located within or adjacent to the Project Area. The Applicant intends to establish high speed internet for the Project from the preferred internet service provider and will coordinate with them to have the internet service provider install appropriate telecommunications equipment within the Project Area. The internet service provider will also be responsible for ensuring reliable service capacity is available and conducting any upgrades determined to be necessary at the Project. Communications with NYPA and the public, including emergency responders, will be conducted using the anticipated telecommunications system installed at the Project, or, if that system is down, via mobile telecommunications devices.

40(c) Description of Negotiations and Agreements with Telecommunications Providers

The Applicant anticipates establishing an interconnection agreement with an internet service provider, however, no formal contract has been entered into at the time of this Application. The

Project is currently in the Facilities Study stage of the interconnection process and all details for communications interconnections will be available for submission when that process is concluded.

40(d) Environmental Effects of Telecommunication Interconnection

Environmental effects, anticipated to be within the Project Area, will be minimal and temporary as a result of installation of telecommunication interconnection, typical to providing these services to other uses (such as commercial and residential). This may include minimal temporary ground disturbance if interconnection requires installation of new or replacement utility poles, or small trenches need to be dug in order to extend any existing buried telecommunication lines. Beyond installation of a pole or other small, typical telecommunications equipment, no permanent environmental or ground disturbance is anticipated.