

Notice of Public Information Meeting for Proposed Major Utility Facility

Chestnut Solar, LLC (“Chestnut Solar”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Renewable Energy Corporation, is hosting a public informational meeting on December 6, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Tri-Rivers Career Center, 2222 Marion-Mt. Gilead Road in Marion, OH 43302, in Marion, Ohio, to discuss the proposed solar-powered generation facility referred to as the Chestnut Solar Project (“Project”).

The Project, located in Pleasant Township, Marion County, will be sited on approximately 404 acres and have a rated capacity of up to 68 megawatts (MW) alternating current. The purpose of the Project is to meet demand for clean, cost-effective, renewable energy for the bulk power system that serves Ohio. By generating electricity without releasing pollutants from solar photovoltaic arrays, the Project will support a more diverse national energy portfolio and corresponding clean power initiatives. The Project has been designed for optimal land utilization with minimum impact to the community, environment, and adjacent property owners/residents. If the Ohio Power Siting Board (“Board”) approves this Project, construction is anticipated to begin as early as the second quarter of 2024 and be completed within 18 months, with commercial operations in service by the fourth quarter of 2025.

For more information about the Project, please visit <http://chestnutsolar.com/>. To contact Chestnut Solar with any questions about the Project, please email the development team at ChestnutSolarLLC@gmail.com or call (740) 384-0756. A presentation about the Project, which includes maps, will be posted on the Project website for viewing by the public at their convenience prior to the public information meeting.

To construct, operate, and maintain the Project, Chestnut Solar must submit an Application to the Board to obtain a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. Chestnut Solar anticipates filing its Application before year-end in Case No. 22-0988-EL-BGN. At that point, the Board will review the Application and, if certain legal criteria are met, may approve the Project. Copies of all filings in the proceeding can be viewed at <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=22-988&x=0&y=0>. For more information, the Ohio Power Siting Board can be reached by phone at (866) 270-6772, by email at contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov, or by mail at 180 E. Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215. The following map shows the proposed layout of the Chestnut Solar facility.

