

WHEREAS, New York State has replaced the local home rule review and approval process for the siting of electrical generation projects greater than 25MW, and

WHEREAS, Cypress Creek Renewables is proposing to construct Bear Ridge Solar, a 100 MW solar energy generation facility in the Town of Cambria, and

WHEREAS, the Bear Ridge Solar project represents one of the largest utility-scale solar power plants in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bear Ridge Solar project is expected to be sited on approximately 750 acres of farmland in the Town of Cambria, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets considers utility-scale solar projects to be permanent conversion of agricultural lands, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria is concerned about the impact Bear Ridge Solar will have on local agriculture, and

WHEREAS, New York State Public Service Law § 168(3)(e) requires “that the facility is designed to operate in compliance with applicable state and local laws and regulations issued thereunder concerning, among other matters, the environment, public health and safety, all of which shall be binding upon the applicant”, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cambria’s local zoning laws allow for large-scale and utility-scale solar energy systems in the Industrial Zoning District, and

WHEREAS, almost all of the Bear Ridge Solar project is currently proposed to be located outside of the Town of Cambria’s Industrial Zoning District, and

WHEREAS, Cypress Creek Renewables is currently proposing to locate portions of the Bear Ridge Solar project in the Town of Cambria’s New York State Shovel Ready Certified Site, a site prepared and designated to produce full-time, well paying, technical jobs, and

WHEREAS, Cypress Creek Renewables is aware that Bear Ridge Solar does not comply with Cambria’s local laws, and

WHEREAS, Cypress Creek Renewables has refused to discuss the Town of Cambria’s local zoning laws with members of the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, Cypress Creek Renewables has failed to specify what benefits the Bear Ridge Solar project will bring to the Town of Cambria, now therefore it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambria is opposed to the Bear Ridge Solar project because it does not comply with the Town’s local zoning laws and comprehensive plan, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambria calls upon the Article 10 Siting Board, Governor Andrew Cuomo, and the Department of Public Service to require that the Bear Ridge Solar project comply with the Town of Cambria's local zoning laws and comprehensive plan, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor, Lt. Governor, members of the Article 10 Siting Board, and members of the Western New York Senate and Assembly delegation.