

MEMO

To: Ching Wah Chin, Chairman, and the Town of Ossining Planning Board
From: Julia Magliozzo, Ecogy Energy Operations Manager
Project: Maryknoll 75 Ryder Road Solar Project
Date: September 24, 2020
CC: Valerie Monastra, AICP
Kathy Zalantis, Esq., Town of Ossining Planning Board Attorney
John Hamilton, Town of Ossining Building Inspector
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RE: Revised Short Environmental Assessment Form

Ecogy New York II LLC (Ecogy) respectfully submits this Memo in response to the comments received by Ecogy from Valerie Monastra during the Town of Ossining Planning Board meeting held on September 2, 2020 regarding the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) for the solar project at 75 Ryder Road.

The first comment received on the SEAF was a request for more information on question 3b “Total acreage to be physically disturbed?”. To address the comment, a new SEAF is being submitted along with this Memo. The response to question 3b on the SEAF has been corrected from 1.2 acres to 0.06 acres. In the original SEAF submission, “disturbed” was interpreted to mean the entire surface area to be occupied during construction. However, Ecogy has been instructed that physical disturbance refers only to the area being excavated or having the top layer of soil removed during construction. Thus, the total acreage to be physically disturbed is significantly lower than originally expressed. The disturbed area includes the area for foundation posts beneath each solar canopy in the paved parking lots, a trench along the road between the two parking lots, two pad areas to support the new transformers, and a trench along the driveway to the new riser pole at Ryder Road. Most of the disturbed area is the trenching, which will be back-filled once construction is complete. The total surface area to be disturbed during construction is approximately 2,500 square feet or 0.06 acres.

The second comment received was to add “Other” as a land use in question 4 on the SEAF. In the new SEAF submitted with this Memo, the “Other” box has been checked and specified as “Religious”.

Please contact Ecogy if there are any further comments on the SEAF that should be addressed for the Planning Board.