

# Clay County, Texas Application for Tax Abatement and other Economic Development Incentives

#### Introduction

#### APPLICATION IN FORMATION

- a) Name, address, principals, and owners of applicant: Hecate Energy Hazel LLC
- b) Does any city or ETJ have jurisdiction and an abatement process? No
- c) Certification: By signing below, the applicant certifies its intent to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
- d) Conflict of interest: No public official (i) has or may have any interest (financial or otherwise) in the success of the Project or (ii) is in any way employed by any person or entity associated with the applicant. Description of project business:

#### Solar Generation Facility

e) A description of the project location (including a plat with precise location and legal description). It must show the detail of all proposed ingress and egress and all County, state and federal roads that might be affected, and the location of any pre-existing structure within one mile of the reinvestment zone or Project:

#### See attached Map and Legal Description

f) Description of project size, scope and footprint (physical showing all anticipated or required zoning and land uses on the site): The applicant plans to develop a 614 MWac solar generation facility. This includes but is not limited to the following improvements: solar modules/panels, tracking equipment, racking and mounting structures, O&M building, substation, inverters boxes, combiner boxes, meteorological equipment, foundations, roadways, paving, fencing, collection system, generation, transmission lines, interconnection facilities, SCADA systems, transformers, fire suppression systems and all necessary ancillary equipment for commercial generation of electricity.

g) The expected fair market value ("FMV") of the Project upon completion showing a separate FMV of the land on which the Project will be located and the added FMV of the facility:

1st year value of Solar Facility-\$363M

FMV of Land will not be affected by the construction of this project but it would remove the special valuation for any land currently valued as "Ag Land" were the improvements would be located.

h) The increase in FMV of the reinvestment zone property when the Project is completed and operational, showing the FMV both before and after the Project is completed:

#### Before Value of Solar Facility - \$0 After Value of Solar Facility - \$363M

- i) Identify any land outside the reinvestment zone property, affected for additional resources such as water, sewer, drainage, roads, easements, pipelines, and electricity (showing route to a transmission line or pipeline): N/A
- j) The number of full-time permanent employees/jobs to be created by the Project when operational:
- k) The salary ranges for permanent employees, including employee benefits, stated separately: \$47,221
- 1) The initial determination of applicable City, County, State, Federal or other jurisdictional entities (such as TCEQ, FDA, DOD) Codes or Requirements, and any Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) impacting the proposed Project: N/A
- m) Expected additional resources required of the County such as water, sewer, drainage, roads, easements, fire, and security: None
- n) Any plans for environmental, historical, anthropological, cultural, and aesthetical impact to the reinvestment zone property and the properties of the immediate neighbors of the Project, the general area of the Project will be an important consideration in approval of abatement agreement: Hecate has conducted extensive environmental, archeological and cultural resource studies of the project site to identify and mitigate any potential impacts to the environment, endangered species, or archeological or cultural resources. Limited potential impacts were identified. Hecate addresses potential impacts by eliminating sensitive areas from the project site, or consulting with relevant state and federal agencies and following recommended best practices for preservation or mitigation if eliminating an area from the project site is impractical.

Any detrimental aesthetic impacts to neighboring properties should be limited due to existing vegetation and the remote location of the project site west of the town of Petrolia.

- o) Anticipated time to complete the Project showing all phases as scheduled: Estimated construction time is 18 months but could vary.
- p) Applicant's requested abatement by percentage, by year: 70% PILOT equivalent
- q) The percentage of local suppliers, contractors, or labor force to be used in the construction of the Project: Hecate will make every effort to use local vendors when available and comparable.
- r) Determination of how proposed affected land and property is currently taxed (FMV or Ag value): Land is currently taxed at the Ag Value and the portion of the land where the potential improvements will be located would be taxed at Market Value once the project breaks ground.
- s) The projected dates for the beginning construction and the beginning of actual operations: The project is anticipated to commence construction in late 2023 or early 2024, and complete construction and begin operations in 2025.
- t) Whether or not the Project will change the tax status of the reinvestment zone land and whether the applicant will pay ad valorem taxes for the land on which the facility is located: Not all of the land in the Reinvestment Zone is part of the project. Only the land parcels that have solar panels on them will change their taxable status. As part of the lease agreement, the applicant will pay the tax difference between the Ag Value and Market Value.
- u) Whether the facility is expected to require connection to an energy source (electric or gas), including generally the route(s) to connect to any existing energy source (electric transmission line or pipeline): The facility will require connection to electric transmission lines owned and operated by Oncor Transmission. The point of interconnection is expected to be on the project site. A short overhead transmission line crossing W Gaines Rd. near the intersection of Doc Johnson Rd. may be required to connect the project to existing transmission lines, but the project site will encompass the properties on both sides of the road at that location, so no right-of-way will be needed from neighboring landowners.
- v) Whether or not securing a connection to an energy source will cause acquiring rights-of-way by eminent domain. (This shall identify all public roads and landowners to be crossed to connect to a transmission line.): No additional right-of-way will be needed, and no land will be acquired by eminent domain. The project site and all related facilities will be located on private land acquired by Hecate for the project. A short overhead transmission line crossing W Gaines Rd. near the intersection of Doc Johnson Rd. may be required to connect the project to existing transmission lines. Hecate will acquire any necessary easements or crossing agreements. Eminent domain will not be used.

### [CERTIFICATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

## does hereby certify that all statements and Brandon Westlake representations made herein are accurate to the best of its knowledge and agree to comply with these terms. By Authorized Representative: 3-10-23 Date Name: Brandon Westlake Title: Auth. Rep. STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CLAY This instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date, by

Notary:

**CERTIFICATION** 

### Exhibit 1 Location of Project

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