

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) and SolarCity Corporation have completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with a proposed five megawatt solar photovoltaic generating system planned for installation at North Central State Airport (SFZ). The proposed solar project includes the construction of a solar array system built on existing turf areas at the airport as well as in forested areas located east of the terminal building to be cleared to accommodate solar arrays. This document provides the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with the information necessary to determine whether impacts associated with the proposed solar project have the potential to contribute to cumulative impacts to the environment. Based on this determination, the FAA will either issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or the agency will require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to further analyze the proposed project and associated impacts.

The Draft EA will be posted for review on RIAC's website:

<http://www.pvdairport.com/corporate/environment/environmental-assessment>; will be available at the East Smithfield Public Library, 50 Esmond Street, Smithfield, RI 02917 and the Lincoln Public Library, 145 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI 02865; and by calling 401-691-2000. Public comments must be received in writing or via email by 5 pm Monday October 31, 2016. Public comments will be included in the Final EA and submitted to the FAA for review and consideration. Forward comments to:

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