NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law, as amended, (the "<u>ACT</u>") will be held by the **Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency**, having an address at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, New York 13601, (the "<u>Agency</u>") on February 24, 2021, at 9:30 o'clock A.M. local time, via Zoom Video Conference from the Agency's office in connection with the project described below. Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency and New York State restrictions on large meetings and gatherings, and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 202 issued in March 2020, as extended from time to time, suspending the Open Meetings Law, the Public Hearing will be held electronically via a Zoom Video Conference that will be open for the public to attend instead of an in-person public hearing held in the Town of Champion. Members of the public may attend the Project by using the following link or phone number:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84355250468?pwd=R0t4VjRPdGJBZDJrL2JQYVVjKytDdz09 [Meeting ID: 843 5525 0468; Password: 011440; Telephone: (929) 205-6099]. Comments regarding the Project also may be submitted to the Agency in writing or electronically at dzembiec@jcida.com.

NY USLE Carthage SR26 A LLC (the "Company") submitted an application to the Agency on or about November 2, 2020 and subsequently amended same (as amended, the "IDA Application") requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in a portion of a certain parcel of land located in the Town of Champion, to wit: tax parcel 76.00-2-42.1, Jefferson County, New York (the "Land"), and (2) construction, installation and equipping on the Land of a solar-powered electric generating facility, including all related equipment and improvements, with a total planned alternating current output capacity of 5.0 megawatts (the "Facility") to be operated by the Company (the Land and the Facility collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency. The Company will be the operator of the Project Facility.

The Agency will follow all procedures required by its Uniform Tax Exemption Policy with respect to the contemplated Financial Assistance. A copy of the Application is on file with the Agency and is available to the public by contacting the Agency at the above referenced address.

The Agency will, at said time, hear all persons with views on, and receive all written materials with respect to the proposed grant of Financial Assistance, or the location or nature of the Project.

Dated: February 13, 2021 JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: s/David J. Zembiec
David J. Zembiec
Chief Executive Officer