The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency held their board meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2021 in the board room at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, NY and virtually via zoom.

Present: David Converse, Chair, W. Edward Walldroff

Zoom: Paul Warneck, William Johnson, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., Lisa L'Huillier

Excused: John Jennings

Absent: None

#### Also Present -

**Zoom:** Matthew Moses, Esq., Rob Aiken, Justin Miller, Esq., Genevieve Trigg, Esq., Alex Curlin, Dallas Manson, Craig Fox from the Watertown Daily Times

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Staff Present: David Zembiec, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Marshall Weir

I. Call to Order: Chairman Converse called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

II. Privilege of the Floor: Mr. Converse invited guests to speak. No one spoke.

- III. Minutes: Minutes of the regular meeting held March 4, 2021 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. Carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Aliasso reviewed the financials for the period ending March 31, 2021. Mr. Aliasso asked about the status of the Sandwich Bar. Mr. Eaton said that he spoke to Jamie Hubbard who indicated she and Jessica Williams had legally separated; therefore, Ms. Hubbard has assumed responsibility for the loan. Mr. Warneck asked if there were personal guarantees on both partners. Mr. Eaton said yes and indicated that he won't release Ms. Williams unless approved by the board, but indicated that it wouldn't be his recommendation. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. Carried.

### V. Committee Reports:

a. Loan Review Committee – Mr. Aliasso said the committee held a joint meeting with the JCLDC Alternative Energy Committee. He reviewed the minutes. He said the joint committee reviewed four Nexamp projects. He asked Mr. Eaton for his updated summary for Butterville. Mr. Eaton said he will send it out.

#### VI. Unfinished Business:

1. 146 Arsenal Street Building – Mr. Zembiec said the project is moving ahead. He indicated that the project has been reviewed by the County Planning Board and will be reviewed by the City Planning Board on April 6<sup>th</sup> with final site plan approval from the Watertown City Council expected on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Warneck asked when the closing will occur. Mr. Zembiec said that the closing will be scheduled when the required permits and approvals are in place.

#### 2. YMCA Project -

- a. Resolution No. 04.01.2021.01 to lease certain additional property to the Watertown Family YMCA A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to discuss the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Warneck. Mr. Converse said the YMCA board approved leasing the additional property at 146 Arsenal Street. Mr. Warneck asked if we will be out of the building when the project closes. Mr. Zembiec said yes but indicated that we will remain the landlord for 30 years and noted that the YMCA will be responsible for all of the common area maintenance costs. He said we need to get the rest of the furniture out. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- 3. NYS REDI Program Mr. Zembiec indicated that Mr. Weir recently sent a mailing to the recipients; two responds have been received so far. He said that he is working with Attorney Miller and may have more information for next month's meeting.
- 4. **Draft UTEP** Mr. Zembiec said UTEP revisions were discussed last month at the joint JCLDC Alternative Energy/JCIDA Loan Review committee meeting. He said that some of the revisions address ag land and solar projects. He said it will be brought back to the committee for further review and will then be sent to the full board.

#### VII. New Business:

 Engage Harris Beach PLLC – Mr. Zembiec said that agency staff has worked with Justin Miller over the years and indicated that the firm specializes in economic development. A motion to ratify approval of engaging Harris Beach PLLC for general legal counsel was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. Carried.

#### VIII. Counsel:

#### **Attorney Moses:**

#### Butterville Road Solar, LLC

1. Environmental Resolution No. 04.01.2021.02 – A motion was made by Mr. Warneck to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Aliasso. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Absent, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L'Huillier – Yea. Carried.

- 2. Preliminary Inducement Resolution No. 04.01.2021.03 A motion was made by Mr. Warneck to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- 3. Preliminary Agreement A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Warneck. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.

#### LeRay Jackson Solar, LLC

- 1. Environmental Resolution No. 04.01.2021.04 A motion was made by Ms. L'Huillier to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- 2. Preliminary Inducement Resolution No. 04.01.2021.05 A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- 3. Preliminary Agreement A motion was made by Mr. Warneck to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.

#### Pamelia Solar, LLC

- Environmental Resolution No. 04.01.2021.06 A motion was made by Mr. Walldroff to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- Preliminary Inducement Resolution No. 04.01.2021.07 A motion was made by Ms.
   L'Huillier to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Warneck. Roll call was taken.
   Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- 4. Preliminary Agreement A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Warneck. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.

#### Waddingham Road Solar, LLC

- Environmental Resolution No. 04.01.2021.08 A motion was made by Mr. Walldroff to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- 2. Preliminary Inducement Resolution No. 04.01.2021.09 A motion was made by Mr. Walldroff to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Warneck. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- 5. Preliminary Agreement A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.

Executive Session – At 9:22 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to enter an executive session to discuss the possible acquisition of property and possible litigation, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. All in favor. Carried. Board Members (including JCLDC Board Member), Staff and Attorney Miller remained.

At 10:13 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to leave executive session, seconded by Mr. Walldroff. All in favor. Carried.

#### **Purchase Land**

A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to accept an offer for the agency to purchase additional land from Onondaga Development for \$143,500 to create a turning lane into the Jefferson County Corporate Park, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor carried.

It was noted that the construction will be completed by the Jefferson County Highway Department for which the agency will reimburse the material costs. The NYS DOT will retain ownership of the land after the project is completed. Part of the project will be covered by the Industrial Access Program grant which has a remaining balance of \$400,000.

**IX.** Adjournment: With no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Sampson

### JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION No. 04.01.2021.01

# To Lease Certain Additional Property To the Watertown Family YMCA

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (JCIDA) is the owner of certain real property at 146 Arsenal Street, Watertown, NY, more particularly identified as tax map parcel 7-02-102.001; and

WHEREAS, the JCIDA and the Watertown Family YMCA (YMCA) previously executed a ground lease, dated March 16, 2021, in which the JCIDA agreed to lease that property to the YMCA, except a portion of approximately 14,320 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the JCIDA and YMCA agree that the YMCA should be the JCIDA's sole tenant at said property; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the JCIDA hereby agrees to lease the remining portion of the subject property, of approximately 14,320 square feet, to the YMCA with the following conditions:

- 1. The YMCA will pay the sum of \$75,000.00 to the JCIDA, amortized as a ten-year no interest loan, with monthly payments of \$625.00 commencing at the beginning of the sixth year after project completion;
- 2. The YMCA, as sole tenant, will be responsible for all common area maintenance costs;
- 3. The outside generator and fuel tank will be included in all references to the YMCA's right to the property as provided in the ground lease; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the above agreed-upon conditions will be incorporated into an amendment to the March 16, 2021 ground lease agreement between the JCIDA and YMCA. The Chief Executive Officer or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Agency.

David J. Converse

Chairman

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION**

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 800 Starbuck Avenue in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York on April 1, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

David J. Converse, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, Paul

Warneck, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT:

John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Rob Aiken, Matthew Moses, Esq., Genevieve Trigg, Esq., Dallas Manson, Alex Curlin, Justin Miller, Esq., Craig Fox

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Warneck, seconded by Mr. Aliasso, to wit:

#### Resolution No. 04.01.2021.02

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR BUTTERVILLE ROAD SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound

commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company presented an application for financial assistance to the Agency on or about March 17, 2021 (as amended from time to time, the "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 Henderson, to wit: tax parcel 106.00-2-34.1, 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 0.799 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 mortgage recording 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; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the "SEQR Act"), ECL Section 8-0101, et seq., and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations", and together with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, undertaking the Project is an Action as defined by SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Henderson Planning Board (the "Town"), acting as lead agency, conducted an environmental review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA, and although the Agency was not included as an involved agency in the review conducted by the Town, the Agency received and reviewed a complete copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form reviewed by the Town and of the environmental review proceedings conducted by the Town (collectively, the "EAF"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency and has been provided to the members of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has considered the Project and the EAF, together with the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, and such further information as is available to the Agency; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Agency has reviewed the classifications of actions contained in the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proceedings conducted by the Town and the EAF and concurs with the findings of the Town that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Project is a Type I Action pursuant to SEQRA.

Section 2. Although the Town, as lead agency, conducted an environmental review pursuant to SEQRA and did not include the Agency as an involved agency, the Agency has reviewed the environmental review conducted by the Town and concurs with the findings of the Town. Accordingly, the Agency hereby adopts as its own the Town's environmental review and findings, and determines that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

<u>Section 3.</u> A Negative Declaration of significant adverse environmental impact shall be prepared, filed, published and distributed in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.12.

<u>Section 4.</u> Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
John Jennings	VOTING	ABSENT
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Paul Warneck	VOTING	YEA
William Johnson	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

## STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

ss.:

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 1, 2021, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this /S/ day of April, 2021.

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David J. Zembiec

Chief Executive Officer

#### PRELIMINARY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

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The following resolution was offered by Mr. Warneck, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier, to wit:

#### Resolution No. 04.01.2021.03

RESOLUTION TAKING PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR BUTTERVILLE ROAD SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound

commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company presented an application for financial assistance to the Agency on or about March 17, 2021 (as amended from time to time, the "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 Henderson, to wit: tax parcel 106.00-2-34.1, 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 0.799 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 mortgage recording 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; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to undertake the Project in Jefferson County, New York, (B) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and (C) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Jefferson County, New York by undertaking the Project in Jefferson County, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on April 1, 2021 (the

"Environmental Resolution"), the Agency has determined that the Project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and, therefore, that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, any approval of the Project contained herein is contingent upon a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following satisfaction of the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act that relate to the Project; and

WHEREAS, although the resolution authorizing the Project has not yet been drafted for approval by the Agency, a preliminary agreement (the "Preliminary Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has reviewed the Application and based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application and at this meeting and, based thereon, the Agency hereby accepts the Application and makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:
  - (A) The Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act; and
  - (B) The completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and
  - (C) The Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project; and
  - (D) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project, through the granting of the various tax exemptions described in Section 2(E) of this Resolution, will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and
  - (E) Upon compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Agency would then be authorized under the Act to undertake the Project in order to promote the

job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living.

**Section 2.** If, following full compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the public hearing requirements set forth in Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance with respect thereto and the Company complies with all conditions set forth in the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire a leasehold interest in the Project Facility from the Company pursuant to a lease agreement to be negotiated between the Agency and the Company (the "Company Lease"); (B) acquire an interest in machinery, equipment and personal property related to the Project Facility pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency (the "Bill of Sale") or otherwise; (C) construct, install and equip the Project Facility on the Land; (D) sublease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to a leaseback agreement (hereinafter the "Agency Lease", and together with the Company Lease and the Bill of Sale, the "Conveyance Documents") between the Agency and the Company whereby the Company will be obligated, among other things, to pay all costs incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and/or the Project Facility, including all costs of operation and maintenance, all taxes and other governmental charges, any required payments in lieu of taxes, the administrative fee of the Agency, and the reasonable fees and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the Agency with respect to or in connection with the Project and/or the Project Facility, and (E) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, including exemptions from mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes), subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT Payments") with respect to the Project Facility, all as contemplated by the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 3. If the Agency adopts the Future Resolution, the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project as contemplated by Section 2 of this Resolution, shall be subject to: (A) the determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of SEQRA that relate to the Project have been fulfilled; (B) execution and delivery by the Company of the Preliminary Agreement, which sets forth certain conditions for the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and satisfaction by the Company of all the terms and conditions of the Preliminary Agreement applicable to the Company; (C) agreement by the Agency and the Company on mutually acceptable terms for the Conveyance Documents; (D) agreement between the Company and the Agency as to payment by the Company of PILOT Payments with respect to the Project Facility, together with the administrative fee of the Agency with respect to the Project; (E) a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act have been complied with; and (F) the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy or if any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project

is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency must follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(b) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

Section 4. The form, terms and substance of the Preliminary Agreement (in substantially the form presented to this meeting and attached hereto) are in all respects approved, and any of the First Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, or Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver said Preliminary Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, said Preliminary Agreement to be substantially in the form presented to this meeting, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting.

Section 5. From and after the execution and delivery of the Preliminary Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Preliminary Agreement as executed.

**Section 6.** Swartz Moses PLLC ("Agency Counsel") is hereby appointed counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Agency Counsel is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

<u>Section 7</u>. The Agency hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, after consultation with Agency Counsel, (A) to establish a time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project Facility and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said public hearing to be held in the city, town or village where the Project Facility will be located, unless alternate arrangements are permitted or required by Executive Order; (B) to cause notice of such public hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units where the Project Facility is to be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act and to be published no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for such public hearing; (C) to cause notice of said public hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for said public hearing: (D) to conduct such public hearing; and (E) to cause a report of said public hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said public hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

<u>Section 8</u>. The First Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
John Jennings	VOTING	<b>ABSENT</b>
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Paul Warneck	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
William Johnson	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

# STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF JEFFERSON ) ss.:

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 1, 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this / day of April, 2021.

David J. Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer

#### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 800 Starbuck Avenue in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York on April 1, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

David J. Converse, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, Paul

Warneck, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT:

John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Rob Aiken, Matthew Moses, Esq., Genevieve Trigg, Esq., Dallas Manson, Alex Curlin, Justin Miller, Esq., Craig Fox

The following resolution was offered by Ms. L'Huillier, seconded by Mr. Walldroff, to wit:

Resolution No. 04.01.2021.04

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR LERAY JACKSON SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and

economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company presented an application for financial assistance to the Agency on or about March 17, 2021 (as amended from time to time, the "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 LeRay, to wit: tax parcel 54.00-3-40.1, 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 mortgage recording 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; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the "SEQR Act"), ECL Section 8-0101, et seq., and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations", and together with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, undertaking the Project is an Action as defined by SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of LeRay Planning Board (the "Town"), acting as lead agency, conducted an environmental review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA, and although the Agency was not included as an involved agency in the review conducted by the Town, the Agency received and reviewed a complete copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form reviewed by the Town and of the environmental review proceedings conducted by the Town (collectively, the "EAF"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency and has been provided to the members of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has considered the Project and the EAF, together with the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, and such further information as is available to the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the classifications of actions contained in the Regulations; and

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WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proceedings conducted by the Town and the EAF and concurs with the findings of the Town that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Project is a Type I Action pursuant to SEQRA.

Section 2. Although the Town, as lead agency, conducted an environmental review pursuant to SEQRA and did not include the Agency as an involved agency, the Agency has reviewed the environmental review conducted by the Town and concurs with the findings of the Town. Accordingly, the Agency hereby adopts as its own the Town's environmental review and findings, and determines that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

<u>Section 3.</u> A Negative Declaration of significant adverse environmental impact shall be prepared, filed, published and distributed in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.12.

Section 4. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

<u>Section 5.</u> This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
John Jennings	VOTING	ABSENT
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	YEA
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Paul Warneck	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
William Johnson	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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STATE OF NEW YORK	)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON	) ss.:

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 1, 2021, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 1st day of April, 2021.

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David J. Zembiec

Chief Executive Officer

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#### PRELIMINARY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 800 Starbuck Avenue in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York on April 1, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

David J. Converse, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, Paul

Warneck, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT:

John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Rob Aiken, Matthew Moses, Esq., Genevieve Trigg, Esq., Dallas Manson, Alex Curlin, Justin Miller, Esq., Craig Fox

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to wit:

#### Resolution No. 04.01.2021.05

RESOLUTION TAKING PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR LERAY JACKSON SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound

commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company presented an application for financial assistance to the Agency on or about March 17, 2021 (as amended from time to time, the "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 LeRay, to wit: tax parcel 54.00-3-40.1, 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 mortgage recording 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; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to undertake the Project in Jefferson County, New York, (B) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and (C) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Jefferson County, New York by undertaking the Project in Jefferson County, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on April 1, 2021 (the

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"Environmental Resolution"), the Agency has determined that the Project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and, therefore, that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, any approval of the Project contained herein is contingent upon a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following satisfaction of the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act that relate to the Project; and

WHEREAS, although the resolution authorizing the Project has not yet been drafted for approval by the Agency, a preliminary agreement (the "Preliminary Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has reviewed the Application and based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application and at this meeting and, based thereon, the Agency hereby accepts the Application and makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:
  - (A) The Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act; and
  - (B) The completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and
  - (C) The Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project; and
  - (D) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project, through the granting of the various tax exemptions described in Section 2(E) of this Resolution, will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and
  - (E) Upon compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Agency would then be authorized under the Act to undertake the Project in order to promote the

job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living.

<u>Section 2</u>. If, following full compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the public hearing requirements set forth in Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance with respect thereto and the Company complies with all conditions set forth in the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire a leasehold interest in the Project Facility from the Company pursuant to a lease agreement to be negotiated between the Agency and the Company (the "Company Lease"); (B) acquire an interest in machinery, equipment and personal property related to the Project Facility pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency (the "Bill of Sale") or otherwise; (C) construct, install and equip the Project Facility on the Land; (D) sublease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to a leaseback agreement (hereinafter the "Agency Lease", and together with the Company Lease and the Bill of Sale, the "Conveyance Documents") between the Agency and the Company whereby the Company will be obligated, among other things, to pay all costs incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and/or the Project Facility, including all costs of operation and maintenance, all taxes and other governmental charges, any required payments in lieu of taxes, the administrative fee of the Agency, and the reasonable fees and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the Agency with respect to or in connection with the Project and/or the Project Facility, and (E) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, including exemptions from mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes), subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT Payments") with respect to the Project Facility, all as contemplated by the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 3. If the Agency adopts the Future Resolution, the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project as contemplated by Section 2 of this Resolution, shall be subject to: (A) the determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of SEQRA that relate to the Project have been fulfilled; (B) execution and delivery by the Company of the Preliminary Agreement, which sets forth certain conditions for the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and satisfaction by the Company of all the terms and conditions of the Preliminary Agreement applicable to the Company; (C) agreement by the Agency and the Company on mutually acceptable terms for the Conveyance Documents; (D) agreement between the Company and the Agency as to payment by the Company of PILOT Payments with respect to the Project Facility, together with the administrative fee of the Agency with respect to the Project; (E) a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act have been complied with; and (F) the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy or if any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project

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is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency must follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(b) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

Section 4. The form, terms and substance of the Preliminary Agreement (in substantially the form presented to this meeting and attached hereto) are in all respects approved, and any of the First Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, or Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver said Preliminary Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, said Preliminary Agreement to be substantially in the form presented to this meeting, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting.

<u>Section 5</u>. From and after the execution and delivery of the Preliminary Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Preliminary Agreement as executed.

<u>Section 6</u>. Swartz Moses PLLC ("Agency Counsel") is hereby appointed counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Agency Counsel is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

<u>Section 7</u>. The Agency hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, after consultation with Agency Counsel, (A) to establish a time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project Facility and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said public hearing to be held in the city, town or village where the Project Facility will be located, unless alternate arrangements are permitted or required by Executive Order; (B) to cause notice of such public hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units where the Project Facility is to be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act and to be published no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for such public hearing; (C) to cause notice of said public hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for said public hearing; (D) to conduct such public hearing; and (E) to cause a report of said public hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said public hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

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<u>Section 8</u>. The First Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
John Jennings	VOTING	ABSENT
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	YEA
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Paul Warneck	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
William Johnson	VOTING	YEA
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>

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The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

# STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF JEFFERSON ) ss.:

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 1, 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this \( \frac{147}{257} \) day of April, 2021.

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David J. Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer

#### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 800 Starbuck Avenue in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York on April 1, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

David J. Converse, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, Paul

Warneck, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT:

John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Rob Aiken, Matthew Moses, Esq., Genevieve Trigg, Esq., Dallas Manson, Alex Curlin, Justin Miller, Esq., Craig Fox

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Walldroff, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to wit:

Resolution No. 04.01.2021.06

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR PAMELIA SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and

economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company presented an application for financial assistance to the Agency on or about March 17, 2021 (as amended from time to time, the "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 Pamelia, to wit: tax parcels 64.19-1-1.2 and 64.19-1-1.31, 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 mortgage recording 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; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the "SEQR Act"), ECL Section 8-0101, et seq., and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations", and together with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, undertaking the Project is an Action as defined by SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pamelia Planning Board (the "Town"), acting as lead agency, conducted an environmental review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA, and although the Agency was not included as an involved agency in the review conducted by the Town, the Agency received and reviewed a complete copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form reviewed by the Town and of the environmental review proceedings conducted by the Town (collectively, the "EAF"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency and has been provided to the members of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has considered the Project and the EAF, together with the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, and such further information as is available to the Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has reviewed the classifications of actions contained in the Regulations; and

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WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proceedings conducted by the Town and the EAF and concurs with the findings of the Town that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Project is a Type I Action pursuant to SEQRA.

Section 2. Although the Town, as lead agency, conducted an environmental review pursuant to SEQRA and did not include the Agency as an involved agency, the Agency has reviewed the environmental review conducted by the Town and concurs with the findings of the Town. Accordingly, the Agency hereby adopts as its own the Town's environmental review and findings, and determines that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Section 3. A Negative Declaration of significant adverse environmental impact shall be prepared, filed, published and distributed in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.12.

Section 4. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

<u>Section 5.</u> This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
John Jennings	VOTING	<b>ABSENT</b>
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
Paul Warneck	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
William Johnson	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	YEA

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The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF N	EW YORK	)
<b>COUNTY OF</b>	JEFFERSON	) ss.

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 1, 2021, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this /5/day of April, 2021.

David J. Zembiec

Chief Executive Officer

#### PRELIMINARY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 800 Starbuck Avenue in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York on April 1, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

David J. Converse, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, Paul

Warneck, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT:

John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Rob Aiken, Matthew Moses, Esq., Genevieve Trigg, Esq., Dallas Manson, Alex Curlin, Justin Miller, Esq., Craig Fox

The following resolution was offered by Ms. L'Huillier, seconded by Mr. Warneck, to wit:

### Resolution No. 04.01.2021.07

RESOLUTION TAKING PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR PAMELIA SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound

commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company presented an application for financial assistance to the Agency on or about March 17, 2021 (as amended from time to time, the "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 Pamelia, to wit: tax parcels 64.19-1-1.2 and 64.19-1-1.31, 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 mortgage recording 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; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to undertake the Project in Jefferson County, New York, (B) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and (C) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Jefferson County, New York by undertaking the Project in Jefferson County, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on April 1, 2021 (the

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"Environmental Resolution"), the Agency has determined that the Project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and, therefore, that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, any approval of the Project contained herein is contingent upon a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following satisfaction of the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act that relate to the Project; and

WHEREAS, although the resolution authorizing the Project has not yet been drafted for approval by the Agency, a preliminary agreement (the "Preliminary Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has reviewed the Application and based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application and at this meeting and, based thereon, the Agency hereby accepts the Application and makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:
  - (A) The Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act; and
  - (B) The completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and
  - (C) The Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project; and
  - (D) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project, through the granting of the various tax exemptions described in Section 2(E) of this Resolution, will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and
  - (E) Upon compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Agency would then be authorized under the Act to undertake the Project in order to promote the

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job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living.

<u>Section 2</u>. If, following full compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the public hearing requirements set forth in Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance with respect thereto and the Company complies with all conditions set forth in the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire a leasehold interest in the Project Facility from the Company pursuant to a lease agreement to be negotiated between the Agency and the Company (the "Company Lease"); (B) acquire an interest in machinery, equipment and personal property related to the Project Facility pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency (the "Bill of Sale") or otherwise; (C) construct, install and equip the Project Facility on the Land; (D) sublease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to a leaseback agreement (hereinafter the "Agency Lease", and together with the Company Lease and the Bill of Sale, the "Conveyance Documents") between the Agency and the Company whereby the Company will be obligated, among other things, to pay all costs incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and/or the Project Facility, including all costs of operation and maintenance, all taxes and other governmental charges, any required payments in lieu of taxes, the administrative fee of the Agency, and the reasonable fees and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the Agency with respect to or in connection with the Project and/or the Project Facility, and (E) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, including exemptions from mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes), subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT Payments") with respect to the Project Facility, all as contemplated by the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 3. If the Agency adopts the Future Resolution, the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project as contemplated by Section 2 of this Resolution, shall be subject to: (A) the determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of SEQRA that relate to the Project have been fulfilled; (B) execution and delivery by the Company of the Preliminary Agreement, which sets forth certain conditions for the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and satisfaction by the Company of all the terms and conditions of the Preliminary Agreement applicable to the Company; (C) agreement by the Agency and the Company on mutually acceptable terms for the Conveyance Documents; (D) agreement between the Company and the Agency as to payment by the Company of PILOT Payments with respect to the Project Facility, together with the administrative fee of the Agency with respect to the Project; (E) a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act have been complied with; and (F) the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy or if any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project

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is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency must follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(b) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

Section 4. The form, terms and substance of the Preliminary Agreement (in substantially the form presented to this meeting and attached hereto) are in all respects approved, and any of the First Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, or Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver said Preliminary Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, said Preliminary Agreement to be substantially in the form presented to this meeting, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting.

Section 5. From and after the execution and delivery of the Preliminary Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Preliminary Agreement as executed.

**Section 6.** Swartz Moses PLLC ("Agency Counsel") is hereby appointed counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Agency Counsel is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

<u>Section 7.</u> The Agency hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, after consultation with Agency Counsel, (A) to establish a time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project Facility and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said public hearing to be held in the city, town or village where the Project Facility will be located, unless alternate arrangements are permitted or required by Executive Order; (B) to cause notice of such public hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units where the Project Facility is to be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act and to be published no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for such public hearing; (C) to cause notice of said public hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for said public hearing; (D) to conduct such public hearing; and (E) to cause a report of said public hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said public hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

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<u>Section 8</u>. The First Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
John Jennings	VOTING	<b>ABSENT</b>
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
Paul Warneck	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
William Johnson	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

# STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF JEFFERSON ) ss.:

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 1, 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this /3 day of April, 2021.

David J. Zenzbiec, Chief Executive Officer

#### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 800 Starbuck Avenue in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York on April 1, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

David J. Converse, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, Paul

Warneck, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT:

John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Rob Aiken, Matthew Moses, Esq., Genevieve Trigg, Esq., Dallas Manson, Alex Curlin, Justin Miller, Esq., Craig Fox

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Walldroff, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to wit:

### Resolution No. 04.01.2021.08

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR WADDINGHAM ROAD SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound

commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company presented an application for financial assistance to the Agency on or about March 17, 2021 (as amended from time to time, the "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 LeRay, to wit: tax parcel 65.00-1-46.41, 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 4.0 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 mortgage recording 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; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the "SEQR Act"), ECL Section 8-0101, et seq., and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations", and together with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, undertaking the Project is an Action as defined by SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of LeRay Planning Board (the "Town"), acting as lead agency, conducted an environmental review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA, and although the Agency was not included as an involved agency in the review conducted by the Town, the Agency received and reviewed a complete copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form reviewed by the Town and of the environmental review proceedings conducted by the Town (collectively, the "EAF"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency and has been provided to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the Project and the EAF, together with the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, and such further information as is available to the Agency; and

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WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the classifications of actions contained in the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proceedings conducted by the Town and the EAF and concurs with the findings of the Town that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Project is a Type I Action pursuant to SEQRA.

Section 2. Although the Town, as lead agency, conducted an environmental review pursuant to SEQRA and did not include the Agency as an involved agency, the Agency has reviewed the environmental review conducted by the Town and concurs with the findings of the Town. Accordingly, the Agency hereby adopts as its own the Town's environmental review and findings, and determines that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

<u>Section 3.</u> A Negative Declaration of significant adverse environmental impact shall be prepared, filed, published and distributed in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.12.

<u>Section 4.</u> Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
John Jennings	VOTING	<b>ABSENT</b>
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	YEA
Paul Warneck	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
William Johnson	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	YEA

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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STATE OF NEW YORK	)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON	) ss.:

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 1, 2021, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 25 day of April, 2021.

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David J. Zembiec Chief Executive Officer

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### PRELIMINARY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 800 Starbuck Avenue in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York on April 1, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

David J. Converse, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, Paul

Warneck, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT:

John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Rob Aiken, Matthew Moses, Esq., Genevieve Trigg, Esq., Dallas Manson, Alex Curlin, Justin Miller, Esq., Craig Fox

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Walldroff, seconded by Mr. Warneck, to wit:

### Resolution No. 04.01.2021.09

RESOLUTION TAKING PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR WADDINGHAM ROAD SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound

commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company presented an application for financial assistance to the Agency on or about March 17, 2021 (as amended from time to time, the "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 LeRay, to wit: tax parcel 65.00-1-46.41, 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 4.0 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 mortgage recording 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; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to undertake the Project in Jefferson County, New York, (B) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and (C) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Jefferson County, New York by undertaking the Project in Jefferson County, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on April 1, 2021 (the

"Environmental Resolution"), the Agency has determined that the Project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and, therefore, that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, any approval of the Project contained herein is contingent upon a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following satisfaction of the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act that relate to the Project; and

WHEREAS, although the resolution authorizing the Project has not yet been drafted for approval by the Agency, a preliminary agreement (the "Preliminary Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- <u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has reviewed the Application and based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application and at this meeting and, based thereon, the Agency hereby accepts the Application and makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:
  - (A) The Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act; and
  - (B) The completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and
  - (C) The Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project; and
  - (D) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project, through the granting of the various tax exemptions described in Section 2(E) of this Resolution, will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and
  - (E) Upon compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Agency would then be authorized under the Act to undertake the Project in order to promote the

job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living.

**Section 2.** If, following full compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the public hearing requirements set forth in Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance with respect thereto and the Company complies with all conditions set forth in the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire a leasehold interest in the Project Facility from the Company pursuant to a lease agreement to be negotiated between the Agency and the Company (the "Company Lease"); (B) acquire an interest in machinery, equipment and personal property related to the Project Facility pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency (the "Bill of Sale") or otherwise; (C) construct, install and equip the Project Facility on the Land; (D) sublease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to a leaseback agreement (hereinafter the "Agency Lease", and together with the Company Lease and the Bill of Sale, the "Conveyance Documents") between the Agency and the Company whereby the Company will be obligated, among other things, to pay all costs incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and/or the Project Facility, including all costs of operation and maintenance, all taxes and other governmental charges, any required payments in lieu of taxes, the administrative fee of the Agency, and the reasonable fees and expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the Agency with respect to or in connection with the Project and/or the Project Facility, and (E) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, including exemptions from mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes), subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT Payments") with respect to the Project Facility, all as contemplated by the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 3. If the Agency adopts the Future Resolution, the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project as contemplated by Section 2 of this Resolution, shall be subject to: (A) the determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of SEQRA that relate to the Project have been fulfilled; (B) execution and delivery by the Company of the Preliminary Agreement, which sets forth certain conditions for the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and satisfaction by the Company of all the terms and conditions of the Preliminary Agreement applicable to the Company; (C) agreement by the Agency and the Company on mutually acceptable terms for the Conveyance Documents; (D) agreement between the Company and the Agency as to payment by the Company of PILOT Payments with respect to the Project Facility, together with the administrative fee of the Agency with respect to the Project; (E) a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act have been complied with; and (F) the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy or if any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project

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is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency must follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(b) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

<u>Section 4</u>. The form, terms and substance of the Preliminary Agreement (in substantially the form presented to this meeting and attached hereto) are in all respects approved, and any of the First Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, or Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver said Preliminary Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, said Preliminary Agreement to be substantially in the form presented to this meeting, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting.

<u>Section 5</u>. From and after the execution and delivery of the Preliminary Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Preliminary Agreement as executed.

**Section 6.** Swartz Moses PLLC ("Agency Counsel") is hereby appointed counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Agency Counsel is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 7. The Agency hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, after consultation with Agency Counsel, (A) to establish a time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project Facility and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said public hearing to be held in the city, town or village where the Project Facility will be located, unless alternate arrangements are permitted or required by Executive Order; (B) to cause notice of such public hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units where the Project Facility is to be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act and to be published no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for such public hearing; (C) to cause notice of said public hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for said public hearing; (D) to conduct such public hearing; and (E) to cause a report of said public hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said public hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

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<u>Section 8</u>. The First Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
John Jennings	VOTING	<b>ABSENT</b>
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	YEA
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Paul Warneck	VOTING	YEA
William Johnson	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	<b>YEA</b>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

## STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF JEFFERSON ) ss.:

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on April 1, 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this Agency this Agency this 2021.

David J. Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer