The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency held their board meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2021 in the board room at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, NY and virtually via zoom.

Present: David Converse, Chair

Zoom: Paul Warneck, John Jennings, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., Lisa L'Huillier

Excused: W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson

Absent: None

#### Also Present -

**Zoom:** Matthew Moses, Esq., Rob Aiken, Justin Miller, Esq., John O'Driscoll, Thomas Iorizzo, Christine Powers, Kelly Stokes, Karen D'Antonio, Genevieve Trigg, Esq., Alex Curlin, Dallas Manson, Craig Fox from the Watertown Daily Times, and Keir Chapman from 7/News

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

- I. Call to Order: Chairman Converse called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- II. Privilege of the Floor: Mr. Converse invited guests to speak. No one spoke.
- III. Minutes: Minutes of the regular meeting held April 1, 2021 and the special meeting held April 15, 2021 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Ms. L'Huillier, seconded by Mr. Jennings. All in favor. Carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Aliasso reviewed the financials for the period ending April 30, 2021. Mr. Aliasso asked about the electric expenses at 146 Arsenal Street since they were over \$5,000 last month and 0 for the current month. Mr. Eaton said it is a timing issue. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Mr. Jennings. 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.
  - i. Resolution No. 05.06.2021.01 for TherARTpy (Suzette Robertson) Mr. Aliasso said the loan application checked all the boxes and fits the micro program. He said that it was a well written and thought-out business plan. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Warneck to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Jennings. All in favor. Carried.

#### VI. Unfinished Business:

- 1. 146 Arsenal Street Building/YMCA Project Mr. Zembiec said this item was already discussed in the JCLDC board meeting earlier today.
- 2. NYS REDI Program Mr. Zembiec said there are 64 projects in Jefferson County. He said staff sent out a letter requesting information but noted that only 25 have been returned. He said half of the participants that have responded indicated that their projects are already started or completed. Mr. Zembiec said that he has been working on designing a program to help the participants meet their local match where applicable.

Mr. Zembiec suggested offering sales tax abatement for those that qualify and pay a fee of 10% of the sales tax savings rather than the standard 25%. Mr. Converse said that we should help the participants in any way we can. Mr. Aliasso said it makes sense to help tourism. Mr. Warneck agreed.

A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Mr. Warneck to allow staff to design a program that will provide 10% of the sales tax savings to qualified participants. All in favor. Carried.

3. **Draft UTEP** – Mr. Zembiec said a meeting between the IDA Loan Review and LDC Energy committees will be set up to discuss the current draft UTEP. Mr. Zembiec said that he will distribute the most recent draft for review and comment prior to the meeting.

Loan Review meeting date – Mr. Zembiec said that Mr. Warneck is the IDA board representative on the WICLDC Board which meets the same day as the IDA Loan Review Committee (last Tuesday of each month). He asked if there would be any conflicts if the IDA Loan Review monthly meeting was moved to the last Wednesday of each month. There were no objections.

**4.** Acquisition for turning lane at Corporate Park – Mr. Zembiec reported that the acquisition was closed recently. He said that he will be working with the County Highway Dept. as well as DOT. He said the project is scheduled to start late summer/early fall.

## Other -

**CCIP Rail Project** - Mr. Zembiec reported that the CCIP rail project is complete. He said that the Watertown Local Development Corporation and Renzi Bros. will reimburse us. He said that Attorney Russell needs to complete the final land swap.

\$500,000 Dormitory Authority Grant – Mr. Zembiec said that the grant has been on hold for the last several years; however, he was notified recently that the process was now moving forward. He and Mr. Converse needed to complete the grantee questionnaire to proceed. He said that Convalt Energy/DigiCollect will take over the utility construction with National Grid once they obtain the land at the Airport Park. The JCIDA is getting the process started.

**Hounsfield Sewer Project** – Mr. Zembiec said that there is a funding gap in the sewer project near the Watertown International Airport. Mr. Zembiec asked board members to consider a \$1 million loan at 0% interest. Mr. Warneck said he needs more time to consider it. Mr. Converse agreed and said that they can explore it and get more detail before a decision is made.

### VII. New Business:

1. Local Labor Discussion – Mr. Zembiec introduced John O'Driscoll (IBEW Local 910) and Thomas Iorizzo (Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters). Mr. O'Driscoll provided a brief background about his career and his union. He said they manage their own benefit funds and work with union and non-union members. He said that they take good care of their members which carries on into retirement. He asked the board to consider using strong labor language which will give them a chance.

Mr. Iorizzo asked the board to consider apprenticeship language with a graduation rate of 30% as well as strong labor language. He also encouraged working with local schools and BOCES to given them the opportunity. He said they are well trained. Mr. Iorizzo also suggested the board require the reporting of total man hours on a project, which the developer can breakdown per category.

Mr. Zembiec said other counties are using different approaches. Mr. O'Driscoll asked who enforces the policies. Mr. Zembiec said that the IDA has the authority to claw back. Mr. Aliasso said the cost benefit analysis could change if the applicant doesn't follow through.

Mr. Iorizzo said certified payrolls could provide some checks and balances. He also said that local material should be included. Mr. Iorizzo said that the board could consider providing an incentive to the applicant for using local on the job union or non-union.

Mr. Zembiec said he will look into what other IDA's are doing. Attorney Miller said that these are good policy considerations. He said that Monroe County has a good policy which provides flexibility. He noted that someone would have to monitor labor or a monitoring company can be hired and the IDA would pass the cost along to the developer.

Mr. Aiken said that he is surprised to hear that some projects are not using local materials because he feels like there would be a cost savings.

Genevieve Trigg joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Mr. O'Driscoll said that they recruit heavily at Fort Drum. He said that there is a generational change which has caused them to provide training during the day versus evening hours. Mr. Iorizzo said that the doors are open to minorities and women. He said they work with the DOL and BOCES.

#### VIII. Counsel:

# **Attorney Moses:**

Attorney Moses said that the ASA Clayton NY Solar I LLC (Omni Navitas) project was purchased by AMP Solar Development Inc. and is now under control of AMP; therefore, AMP has now stepped into the shoes of Omni. He said the project should close during the month of June. Mr. Zembiec asked if AMP should refresh or confirm the projections and certifications in the ASA application. Attorney Moses said yes.

Agency Consent Resolution No. 05.06.2021.02 (ASA Clayton NY Solar I LLC – AMP Solar Development Inc.) – 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 – Yea, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Absent, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Absent, Ms. L'Huillier – Yea. Carried.

Attorney Moses said the Nexamp tax exemption resolutions confirm that the projects are compliant with the UTEP. He said that the authorizing resolutions authorize the straight lease transactions. He said the projects may close by the end of May or early June.

# Butterville Road Solar, LLC

- 2. Tax Exemption Resolution No. 05.06.2021.03 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 Yea, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Absent, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Absent, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- 3. Authorizing Resolution No. 05.06.2021.04 A motion was made by Ms. L'Huillier to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Jennings. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Yea, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Absent, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Absent, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.

## LeRay Jackson Solar, LLC

- 1. Tax Exemption Resolution No. 05.06.2021.05 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 Yea, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Absent, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Absent, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- **2. Authorizing Resolution No. 05.06.2021.06** A motion was made by Mr. Warneck to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Jennings. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Yea, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Absent, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Absent, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.

## Pamelia Solar, LLC

- 1. Tax Exemption Resolution No. 05.06.2021.07 A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Jennings. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Yea, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Absent, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Absent, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- 2. Authorizing Resolution No. 05.06.2021.08 A motion was made by Mr. Warneck to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Jennings. Roll call was taken. Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Yea, Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Walldroff Absent, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Absent, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.

# Waddingham Road Solar, LLC

- 1. Tax Exemption Resolution No. 05.06.2021.09 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 Absent, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Absent, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.
- 2. Authorizing Resolution No. 05.06.2021.10 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 Absent, Mr. Warneck Yea, Mr. Johnson Absent, Ms. L'Huillier Yea. Carried.

Mr. Converse noted that staff, counsel and board/committee members did a lot of work ahead of time for these projects.

### **Attorney Miller:**

1. Initial Project Resolution No. 05.06.2021.11 for NY 18144 Game Farm, LLC – Attorney Miller said the standard application was vetted. He said the resolution accepts the application as complete and authorizes the public hearing to be scheduled. Mr. Zembiec noted that he has asked the applicant for more detail on project costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Jennings. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Absent, Ms. L'Huillier – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Absent, Mr. Warneck – Yea. Carried.

Mr. Warneck asked Attorney Miller if his office is tracking the proposed gas tax by the state. Attorney Miller said he can look into it and report back.

Executive Session – At 10:03 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to enter an executive session to discuss the possible acquisition of property, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. All in favor. Carried. Board Members (including JCLDC Board Member), Staff and Attorney Miller remained.

At 10:18 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to leave executive session, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. All in favor. Carried.

Other – Mr. Zembiec said that he has been invited to a Town of Watertown Planning Board work session on June 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss zoning in the Corporate Park.

**IX. Adjournment:** With no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Warneck, seconded by Mr. Jennings. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Sampson

# JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Resolution Number 05.06.2021.01

# RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING A MICRO ENTERPRISE LOAN TO Suzette Robertson – TherARTpy

WHEREAS, Suzette Robertson requested by application to this Agency a Micro Enterprise Loan in the amount of Ten Thousand One Hundred Two Dollars (\$10,102.00) for startup costs for an arts and crafts business to be created in Alexandria Bay, NY, and

WHEREAS, Staff reviewed this request and recommended approval of a loan in the amount of \$10,102 for a five-year amortization with a rate of 5%. The owner/operator will be the sole employee at this time. Collateral will be a first position on the assets of the business and a personal guarantee of Suzette Robertson, and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021 the Loan Review Committee of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency reviewed this request and recommended approval of the loan and terms to the full Board of Directors, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency that it herein approved the request for a Ten Thousand One Hundred Two Dollar (\$10,102.00) loan to Suzette Robertson for TherARTpy with all terms and conditions as set forth in this Resolution, and be it further,

**RESOLVED,** that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and/or Chief Executive Officer are authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

David J. Zembiec

CEO

# AGENCY CONSENT 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 May 6, 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 Converse, John Jennings, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., Paul Warneck, Lisa

L'Huillier

ABSENT:

W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Matthew Moses, Esq., Justin Miller, Esq., Rob Aiken, John O'Driscoll, Thomas Iorizzo, Kelly Stokes, Dallas Manson, and Keir Chapman from 7 News

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

Resolution No. 05.06.2021.02

RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENTING TO CHANGE IN CONTROL OF ASA CLAYTON NY SOLAR I LLC (THE "COMPANY").

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, install, and equip one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, installed, and equipped, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency on or about July 7, 2020, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in a certain parcel of land located in the Town of Clayton, to wit: tax parcel 41.00-2-5.1, 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 1.25 megawatts (the "Facility") to be operated by the Company (the Land and the Facility collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; 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 adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations", and together with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the members of the Agency adopted a resolution on September 10, 2020 (the "Environmental Resolution") by which the Agency determined (A) that the Project constitutes a "Type I Action" pursuant to SEQRA, (B) that the Town of Clayton Planning Board, acting as lead agency, conducted a coordinated review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA and issued negative declaration, determining that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and that, although the Agency was not included as an involved agency in the review conducted by the Town of Clayton Planning Board, the members of the Agency reviewed the record of proceedings before the Town of Clayton Planning Board and the full environmental assessment form and concurred with the Town of Clayton Planning Board's determination, (C) that the Project will not have a "significant adverse impact on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA and, therefore, that no environmental impact statement need be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Preliminary Inducement Resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 10, 2020, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the Project and the contemplated Financial Assistance (the "Public Hearing") to be mailed on October 2, 2020 to the chief executive officers of the county, town and school district in which the Project is to be located, (B) caused notices of the Public Hearing to be published on October 2, 2020, in the Watertown Daily Times, a newspaper of general circulation available to

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residents of the County of Jefferson, (C) conducted the Public Hearing virtually via Zoom on October 13, 2020 at 10:00 A.M., local time from the Agency offices located at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, New York, and (D) prepared a report of the Public Hearing which fairly summarized the views presented at said Public Hearing and distributed same to members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Tax Exemption Resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on October 1, 2020 (the "Tax Exemption Resolution"), the Agency determined that the granting of the proposed Financial Assistance, taking into account the provisions of the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP") and the County of Jefferson's request for indemnification by the Company of the local share of any sales and use taxes rendered exempt by the Financial Assistance, would not represent a deviation from its UTEP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Authorizing Resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on October 15, 2020 (the "Authorizing Resolution", and together with the Environmental Resolution, the Preliminary Inducement Resolution, and the Tax Exemption Resolution, the "Agency Resolutions"), the Agency granted the Financial Assistance and authorized entry by the Agency into a straight-lease transaction with the Company to implement the Financial Assistance (the "Straight-Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, Omni Navitas Holdings, LLC ("Omni") was the entity that presented the Application and pursued the Agency Resolutions with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, as of February 12, 2021, ASA IX Borrower NY LLC ("Member") is the sole owner of the Company, and the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of ASA Clayton NY Solar I LLC, dated effective as of February 12, 2021, lists AMP Solar Development Inc. ("Amp") as the manager of the Company; and

WHEREAS, Amp, and not Omni, intends to continue development of the Project and has requested that the Agency consent to change in control of the Company and its pursuit of the Financial Assistance on behalf of the Company and the Member.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. For purposes of the Project, the Agency consents to the change in control of the Company and the Member's interest in the Company, to Amp's pursuit of the Financial Assistance on behalf of the Company and the Member, and to Amp's closing with the Agency of the Straight-Lease Transaction on behalf of the Company and the Member.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Agency Resolutions have not been altered, modified, or amended and remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3**. 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>
<u>John Jennings</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Robert E. Aliasso	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<b>ABSENT</b>
<u>Paul Warneck</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
William Johnson	VOTING	<u>ABSENT</u>
<u>Lisa L'Huillier</u>	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 Chairman of 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 May 6, 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 May, 2021.

David J. Converse, Chairman

#### TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

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

PRESENT:

David Converse, John Jennings, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., Paul Warneck,

Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT:

W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Matthew Moses, Esq., Justin Miller, Esq., Rob Aiken, John O'Driscoll, Thomas Iorizzo, Kelly Stokes, Dallas Manson, and Keir Chapman from 7 News

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

Resolution No. 05.06.2021.03

RESOLUTION DETERMINING CONFORMITY OF PLANNED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY FOR A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR BUTTERVILLE ROAD SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY").

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

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

WHEREAS, the Company submitted 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 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**, as one of those procedural requirements the Agency must evaluate and determine whether the proposed Financial Assistance would represent a deviation from its

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Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP"), taking into account the payment in-lieu of tax ("PILOT") agreement's planned declining payment schedule.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has determined that the granting of the proposed Financial Assistance, taking into account the provisions of its UTEP, would not represent a deviation from its UTEP.

<u>Section 2</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 3.** 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>
<u>John Jennings</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Robert E. Aliasso	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<u>ABSENT</u>
<u>Paul Warneck</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
<u>William Johnson</u>	VOTING	<u>ABSENT</u>
<u>Lisa L'Huillier</u>	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 May 6, 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 WLTNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this day of May, 2021.

David I. Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer

## **AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

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

PRESENT: David Converse, John Jennings, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., Paul Warneck, Lisa

L'Huillier

ABSENT: W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Matthew Moses, Esq., Justin Miller, Esq., Rob Aiken, John O'Driscoll, Thomas Iorizzo, Kelly Stokes, Dallas Manson, and Keir Chapman from 7 News

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

# Resolution No. 05.06.2021.04

RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD A STRAIGHT-LEASE TRANSACTION WITH BUTTERVILLE ROAD SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A SOLAR-POWERED ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF HENDERSON.

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, install, and equip one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, installed, and equipped, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted 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 adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations", and together with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the members of the Agency adopted a resolution on April 1, 2021 (the "Environmental Resolution") by which the Agency determined (A) that the Project constitutes a "Type I Action" pursuant to SEQRA, (B)

that the Town of Henderson Planning Board, acting as lead agency, conducted an environmental review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA, which review did not include the Agency as an involved agency, and issued a negative declaration, determining that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and that the members of the Agency reviewed the record of proceedings before the Town of Henderson Planning Board and the full environmental assessment form and concurred with the Town of Henderson Planning Board's determination, and (C) that the Project will not have a "significant adverse impact on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA and, therefore, that no environmental impact statement need be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Preliminary Inducement Resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on April 1, 2021, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the Project and the contemplated Financial Assistance (the "Public Hearing") to be mailed on April 5, 2021 to the chief executive officers of the county, town and school district in which the Project is to be located, (B) caused notices of the Public Hearing to be published on April 7, 2021, in the Watertown Daily Times, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the County of Jefferson, (C) conducted the Public Hearing virtually via Zoom on April 21, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., local time from the Agency offices located at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, New York, and (D) prepared a report of the Public Hearing which fairly summarized the views presented at said Public Hearing and distributed same to members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Tax Exemption Resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on May 6, 2021 (the "Tax Exemption Resolution"), the Agency determined that the granting of the proposed Financial Assistance, taking into account the provisions of the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP"), would not represent a deviation from its UTEP; and

WHEREAS, in order to consummate the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance, the Agency proposes to enter into the following documents with the Company (collectively, the "Agency Documents"): (A) a certain company lease agreement (and a memorandum thereof) by and between the Company, as landlord, and the Agency, as tenant, pursuant to which the Company will lease to the Agency the Project Facility (the "Company Lease"); (B) a certain bill of sale from the Company to the Agency pursuant to which the Agency will acquire an interest in machinery, equipment, and personal property related to the Project Facility (the "Bill of Sale"); (C) a certain lease and project agreement (and a memorandum thereof) by and between the Agency, as sublessor, and the Company, as sublessee, pursuant to which the Agency will sublease the Project Facility and machinery, equipment, and personal property related to the Project Facility back to the Company (the "Agency Lease"); (D) a certain agreement for payments in lieu of tax ("PILOT") by and between the Agency and the Company with respect to the Project Facility (the "PILOT Agreement"); and (E) various other documents and certificates relating to the Project (together with the Agency Documents, the "Closing Documents"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency will file with the assessor and mail to the chief executive officers of each "affected tax jurisdiction" (within the meaning of such quoted term in

Section 854(16) of the Act) a copy of a New York State Board of Real Property Services Form RP-412-a (the form required to be filed by the Agency in order for the Agency to obtain a real property tax exemption with respect to the Project Facility under Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law) relating to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the Financial Assistance that the Agency is authorizing with respect to the Project.

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

**Section 1.** The Agency, based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, hereby finds and determines that:

- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act;
- (B) The Project constitutes a "project," as such term is defined in the Act;
- (C) The Project site is located entirely within the boundaries of Jefferson County, New York;
- (D) The completion of the Project will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State to another area in the State and will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of any occupant of the Project Facility located in the State;
- (E) The Project Facility does not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project;
- (F) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will promote the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of Jefferson County, New York and the State and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act;
- (G) The Agency has reviewed the Public Hearing Report and has fully considered all comments contained therein;
- (H) The Agency has assessed all material information included in connection with the Application necessary to afford a reasonable basis for the decision by the Agency to provide the Financial Assistance for the Project as described herein;

- (I) The Agency has prepared a written cost-benefit analysis identifying the estimated value of any tax exemption to be provided, the amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Project, and the extent to which the Project will provide additional sources of revenue for municipalities and school districts, and any other public benefits that might occur as a result of the Project;
- (J) The Project should receive the contemplated Financial Assistance; and
- (K) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to enter into the Agency Documents.

**Section 2.** In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to and is hereby authorized to: (A) proceed with the Project; (B) acquire a leasehold interest in the Project Facility from the Company pursuant to the Company Lease; (C) acquire an interest in the machinery, equipment, and personal property related to the Project from the Company pursuant to the Bill of Sale; (D) acquire, construct, install, and equip the Project Facility, or cause the Project Facility to be acquired, installed, constructed, and equipped; (E) lease the Project Facility and machinery, equipment, and personal property related to the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Agency Lease, which the Agency further determines constitutes a "Project Agreement" within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 859-a; (F) grant to the Company the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project; (G) enter into a PILOT agreement containing payment amounts set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto, to be distributed to the affected tax jurisdictions in proportion to their respective shares of the combined tax rate as such shares may change from time to time over the term of the PILOT agreement; and (H) do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment of the foregoing, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to the foregoing are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

<u>Section 3</u>. The Agency is hereby authorized to appoint, and hereby appoints, the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency to acquire, construct, install, and equip the Project Facility as described in the Agency Documents, and to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

**Section 4.** The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, with the assistance of Agency counsel, are authorized to negotiate and approve the form and substance of the Agency Documents.

## Section 5.

(A) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agency Documents, and, where appropriate, the

Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same, all in the forms thereof as the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, or Deputy Chief Executive Officer shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, or Deputy Chief Executive Officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(B) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives of the Agency (as defined in and pursuant to the Agency Lease).

**Section 6.** The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Agency Documents, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Agency Documents binding upon the Agency.

# **Section 7**. 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	<u>YEA</u>
Robert E. Aliasso	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<b>ABSENT</b>
Paul Warneck	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
William Johnson	VOTING	<b>ABSENT</b>
<u>Lisa L'Huillier</u>	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 May 6, 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 May, 2021.

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David J. Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit A

PILOT Payments

Year	PILOT Payment
	(\$)
1	5,798.45
2	5,684.75
3	5,573.29
4	5,464.01
5	5,356.87
6	5,251.83
7	5,148.86
8 .	5,047.90
9	4,948.92
10	4,851.88
11	4,756.75
12	4,663.48
13	4,572.04
14	4,482.39
15	4,394.50

## TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

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

Resolution No. 05.06.2021.05

RESOLUTION DETERMINING CONFORMITY OF PLANNED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY FOR A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR LERAY JACKSON SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY").

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, install, and equip one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, installed, and equipped, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted 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

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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 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**, as one of those procedural requirements the Agency must evaluate and determine whether the proposed Financial Assistance would represent a deviation from its

Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP"), taking into account the payment in-lieu of tax ("PILOT") agreement's planned declining payment schedule.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has determined that the granting of the proposed Financial Assistance, taking into account the provisions of its UTEP, would not represent a deviation from its UTEP.

<u>Section 2</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.

<u>Section 3</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	<u>YEA</u>
<u>John Jennings</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
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<u>Lisa L'Huillier</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>

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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 4th day of May, 2021.

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

### Resolution No. 05.06.2021.06

RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD A STRAIGHT-LEASE TRANSACTION WITH LERAY JACKSON SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A SOLAR-POWERED ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF LERAY.

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

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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

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- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act;
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# **Section 7.** 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	<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 May 6, 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.

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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 2th day of May, 2021.

David J. Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer

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Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT:

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FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Matthew Moses, Esq., Justin Miller, Esq., Rob Aiken, John O'Driscoll, Thomas Iorizzo, Kelly Stokes, Dallas Manson, and Keir Chapman from 7 News

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

Resolution No. 05.06.2021.07

RESOLUTION DETERMINING CONFORMITY OF PLANNED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY FOR A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR PAMELIA SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY").

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

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

WHEREAS, the Company submitted 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 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, as one of those procedural requirements the Agency must evaluate and determine whether the proposed Financial Assistance would represent a deviation from its

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Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP"), taking into account the payment in-lieu of tax ("PILOT") agreement's planned declining payment schedule.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has determined that the granting of the proposed Financial Assistance, taking into account the provisions of its UTEP, would not represent a deviation from its UTEP.

<u>Section 2</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 3.** 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:

<u>David J. Converse</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
<u>John Jennings</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Robert E. Aliasso	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
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<u>Lisa L'Huillier</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>

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The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

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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 May, 2021.

David I. Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer

### **AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

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PRESENT: David Converse, John Jennings, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., Paul Warneck, Lisa

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

### Resolution No. 05.06.2021.08

RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD A STRAIGHT-LEASE TRANSACTION WITH PAMELIA SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A SOLAR-POWERED ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF PAMELIA.

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, install, and equip one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, installed, and equipped, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted 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 adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations", and together with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the members of the Agency adopted a resolution on April 1, 2021 (the "Environmental Resolution") by which the Agency determined (A) that the Project constitutes a "Type I Action" pursuant to SEQRA, (B)

that the Town of Pamelia Planning Board, acting as lead agency, conducted an environmental review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA, which review did not include the Agency as an involved agency, and issued a negative declaration, determining that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and that the members of the Agency reviewed the record of proceedings before the Town of Pamelia Planning Board and the full environmental assessment form and concurred with the Town of Pamelia Planning Board's determination, and (C) that the Project will not have a "significant adverse impact on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA and, therefore, that no environmental impact statement need be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Preliminary Inducement Resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on April 1, 2021, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the Project and the contemplated Financial Assistance (the "Public Hearing") to be mailed on April 5, 2021 to the chief executive officers of the county, town and school district in which the Project is to be located, (B) caused notices of the Public Hearing to be published on April 7, 2021, in the Watertown Daily Times, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the County of Jefferson, (C) conducted the Public Hearing virtually via Zoom on April 21, 2021 at 9:30 A.M., local time from the Agency offices located at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, New York, and (D) prepared a report of the Public Hearing which fairly summarized the views presented at said Public Hearing and distributed same to members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Tax Exemption Resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on May 6, 2021 (the "Tax Exemption Resolution"), the Agency determined that the granting of the proposed Financial Assistance, taking into account the provisions of the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP"), would not represent a deviation from its UTEP; and

WHEREAS, in order to consummate the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance, the Agency proposes to enter into the following documents with the Company (collectively, the "Agency Documents"): (A) a certain company lease agreement (and a memorandum thereof) by and between the Company, as landlord, and the Agency, as tenant, pursuant to which the Company will lease to the Agency the Project Facility (the "Company Lease"); (B) a certain bill of sale from the Company to the Agency pursuant to which the Agency will acquire an interest in machinery, equipment, and personal property related to the Project Facility (the "Bill of Sale"); (C) a certain lease and project agreement (and a memorandum thereof) by and between the Agency, as sublessor, and the Company, as sublessee, pursuant to which the Agency will sublease the Project Facility and machinery, equipment, and personal property related to the Project Facility back to the Company (the "Agency Lease"); (D) a certain agreement for payments in lieu of tax ("PILOT") by and between the Agency and the Company with respect to the Project Facility (the "PILOT Agreement"); and (E) various other documents and certificates relating to the Project (together with the Agency Documents, the "Closing Documents"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency will file with the assessor and mail to the chief executive officers of each "affected tax jurisdiction" (within the meaning of such quoted term in

Section 854(16) of the Act) a copy of a New York State Board of Real Property Services Form RP-412-a (the form required to be filed by the Agency in order for the Agency to obtain a real property tax exemption with respect to the Project Facility under Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law) relating to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the Financial Assistance that the Agency is authorizing with respect to the Project.

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

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

PRESENT:

David Converse, John Jennings, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., Paul Warneck,

Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT:

W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Matthew Moses, Esq., Justin Miller, Esq., Rob Aiken, John O'Driscoll, Thomas Iorizzo, Kelly Stokes, Dallas Manson, and Keir Chapman from 7 News

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

Resolution No. 05.06.2021.09

RESOLUTION DETERMINING CONFORMITY OF PLANNED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY FOR A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR WADDINGHAM ROAD SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY").

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, install, and equip one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, installed, and equipped, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted 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 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, as one of those procedural requirements the Agency must evaluate and determine whether the proposed Financial Assistance would represent a deviation from its

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Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP"), taking into account the payment in-lieu of tax ("PILOT") agreement's planned declining payment schedule.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. The Agency has determined that the granting of the proposed Financial Assistance, taking into account the provisions of its UTEP, would not represent a deviation from its UTEP.

<u>Section 2</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 3.** 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:

VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
VOTING	<b>ABSENT</b>
VOTING	<b>YEA</b>
VOTING	<u>ABSENT</u>
VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
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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 May 6, 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 6th day of May, 2021.

David J. Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer

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### **AUTHORIZING 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 May 6, 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 Converse, John Jennings, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., Paul Warneck, Lisa

L'Huillier

ABSENT: W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Matthew Moses, Esq., Justin Miller, Esq., Rob Aiken, John O'Driscoll, Thomas Iorizzo, Kelly Stokes, Dallas Manson, and Keir Chapman from 7 News

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

### Resolution No. 05.06.2021.10

RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD A STRAIGHT-LEASE TRANSACTION WITH WADDINGHAM ROAD SOLAR, LLC (THE "COMPANY") FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A SOLAR-POWERED ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF LERAY.

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, install, and equip one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, installed, and equipped, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted 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 adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations", and together with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the members of the Agency adopted a resolution on April 1, 2021 (the "Environmental Resolution") by which the Agency determined (A) that the Project constitutes a "Type I Action" pursuant to SEQRA, (B)

that the Town of LeRay Planning Board, acting as lead agency, conducted an environmental review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA, which review did not include the Agency as an involved agency, and issued a negative declaration, determining that the Project will not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and that the members of the Agency reviewed the record of proceedings before the Town of LeRay Planning Board and the full environmental assessment form and concurred with the Town of LeRay Planning Board's determination, and (C) that the Project will not have a "significant adverse impact on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA and, therefore, that no environmental impact statement need be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Preliminary Inducement Resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on April 1, 2021, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the Project and the contemplated Financial Assistance (the "Public Hearing") to be mailed on April 5, 2021 to the chief executive officers of the county, town and school district in which the Project is to be located, (B) caused notices of the Public Hearing to be published on April 7, 2021, in the Watertown Daily Times, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the County of Jefferson, (C) conducted the Public Hearing virtually via Zoom on April 21, 2021 at 9:45 A.M., local time from the Agency offices located at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, New York, and (D) prepared a report of the Public Hearing which fairly summarized the views presented at said Public Hearing and distributed same to members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Tax Exemption Resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on May 6, 2021 (the "Tax Exemption Resolution"), the Agency determined that the granting of the proposed Financial Assistance, taking into account the provisions of the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP"), would not represent a deviation from its UTEP; and

WHEREAS, in order to consummate the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance, the Agency proposes to enter into the following documents with the Company (collectively, the "Agency Documents"): (A) a certain company lease agreement (and a memorandum thereof) by and between the Company, as landlord, and the Agency, as tenant, pursuant to which the Company will lease to the Agency the Project Facility (the "Company Lease"); (B) a certain bill of sale from the Company to the Agency pursuant to which the Agency will acquire an interest in machinery, equipment, and personal property related to the Project Facility (the "Bill of Sale"); (C) a certain lease and project agreement (and a memorandum thereof) by and between the Agency, as sublessor, and the Company, as sublessee, pursuant to which the Agency will sublease the Project Facility and machinery, equipment, and personal property related to the Project Facility back to the Company (the "Agency Lease"); (D) a certain agreement for payments in lieu of tax ("PILOT") by and between the Agency and the Company with respect to the Project Facility (the "PILOT Agreement"); and (E) various other documents and certificates relating to the Project (together with the Agency Documents, the "Closing Documents"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency will file with the assessor and mail to the chief executive officers of each "affected tax jurisdiction" (within the meaning of such quoted term in

Section 854(16) of the Act) a copy of a New York State Board of Real Property Services Form RP-412-a (the form required to be filed by the Agency in order for the Agency to obtain a real property tax exemption with respect to the Project Facility under Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law) relating to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the Financial Assistance that the Agency is authorizing with respect to the Project.

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

**Section 1.** The Agency, based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, hereby finds and determines that:

- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act;
- (B) The Project constitutes a "project," as such term is defined in the Act;
- (C) The Project site is located entirely within the boundaries of Jefferson County, New York;
- (D) The completion of the Project will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State to another area in the State and will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of any occupant of the Project Facility located in the State;
- (E) The Project Facility does not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project;
- (F) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will promote the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of Jefferson County, New York and the State and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act;
- (G) The Agency has reviewed the Public Hearing Report and has fully considered all comments contained therein;
- (H) The Agency has assessed all material information included in connection with the Application necessary to afford a reasonable basis for the decision by the Agency to provide the Financial Assistance for the Project as described herein;

- (I) The Agency has prepared a written cost-benefit analysis identifying the estimated value of any tax exemption to be provided, the amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Project, and the extent to which the Project will provide additional sources of revenue for municipalities and school districts, and any other public benefits that might occur as a result of the Project;
- (J) The Project should receive the contemplated Financial Assistance; and
- (K) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to enter into the Agency Documents.

**Section 2.** In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to and is hereby authorized to: (A) proceed with the Project; (B) acquire a leasehold interest in the Project Facility from the Company pursuant to the Company Lease; (C) acquire an interest in the machinery, equipment, and personal property related to the Project from the Company pursuant to the Bill of Sale; (D) acquire, construct, install, and equip the Project Facility, or cause the Project Facility to be acquired, installed, constructed, and equipped; (E) lease the Project Facility and machinery, equipment, and personal property related to the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Agency Lease, which the Agency further determines constitutes a "Project Agreement" within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 859-a; (F) grant to the Company the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project; (G) enter into a PILOT agreement containing payment amounts set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto, to be distributed to the affected tax jurisdictions in proportion to their respective shares of the combined tax rate as such shares may change from time to time over the term of the PILOT agreement; and (H) do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment of the foregoing, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to the foregoing are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

<u>Section 3</u>. The Agency is hereby authorized to appoint, and hereby appoints, the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency to acquire, construct, install, and equip the Project Facility as described in the Agency Documents, and to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, with the assistance of Agency counsel, are authorized to negotiate and approve the form and substance of the Agency Documents.

### Section 5.

(A) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agency Documents, and, where appropriate, the

Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same, all in the forms thereof as the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, or Deputy Chief Executive Officer shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, or Deputy Chief Executive Officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(B) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives of the Agency (as defined in and pursuant to the Agency Lease).

**Section 6.** The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Agency Documents, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Agency Documents binding upon the Agency.

**Section 7**. 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:

<u>David J. Converse</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
<u>John Jennings</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Robert E. Aliasso	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<u>ABSENT</u>
<u>Paul Warneck</u>	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
<u>William Johnson</u>	VOTING	<b>ABSENT</b>
<u>Lisa L'Huillier</u>	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 May 6, 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 6th day of May, 2021.

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David J. Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit A

PILOT Payments

Year	PILOT Payment
	(\$)
1	29,028.53
2	28,459.35
3	27,901.32
4	27,354.23
5	26,817.88
6	26,292.04
7	25,776.51
8	25,271.08
9	24,775.57
10	24,289.78
11	23,813.51
12	23,346.58
13	22,888.80
14	22,440.00
15	22,000.00

### INITIAL PROJECT RESOLUTION

(NY 18144 Game Farm, LLC Project)

A regular meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency convened on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 05.06.2021.11

RESOLUTION OF THE **JEFFERSON** COUNTY **INDUSTRIAL** DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) **ACCEPTING** AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY NY 18144 GAME FARM, LLC WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS DESCRIBED BELOW); (ii) AUTHORIZING THE SCHEDULING AND CONDUCT OF A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGENCY; (iv) ADOPTING **FINDINGS** WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT ("SEQRA"); AND (v) AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York, as amended (hereinafter collectively called the "Act"), the JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property for the purpose of, among other things, acquiring, constructing and equipping industrial, manufacturing and commercial facilities as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, NY 18144 GAME FARM, LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 28 acres of real property located at 18144 Game Farm Road in the Town of Brownville, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 73.00-1-47.1); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 5MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and (iv) entering into a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the "Straight Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency desires to schedule and conduct a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") relating to the Project and the proposed financial assistance contemplated by the Agency (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"), such Financial Assistance to include a partial real property tax abatement through the execution of an agreement with the Agency regarding payments in lieu of real property taxes to be made for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto at 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (collectively referred to as "SEQRA"), the Agency must satisfy the applicable requirements set forth in SEQRA, as necessary, prior to making a final determination whether to undertake the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brownville Planning Board (the "Planning Board"), acting as "lead agency" (as such term is defined under SEQRA), previously undertook a "coordinated review" (as such term is defined under SEQRA) of the Project, determined that the Project was a "Type I Action" (as such term is defined under SEQRA) and on August 31, 2020, issued a "negative declaration" (as such term is defined under SEQRA) with respect to the Project (the "Negative Declaration", a copy of which, along with related Environmental Assessment Form, or "EAF"), is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**); and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to (i) accept the Application, (ii) authorize the scheduling and conduct of a public hearing pursuant to and in accordance with the Act, and (iii) negotiate, but not enter into an Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement (the "Agent Agreement"), a Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), a Leaseback Agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), and related documents with the Company.

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

- Section 1. The Company has presented an Application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:
- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and
- (B) The Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and
- (C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby creating significant employment opportunities and critical investment in Jefferson County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and

- (D) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries; and
- (E) Based upon a review of the Application, EAF and the Negative Declaration submitted to the Agency, the Agency hereby:
  - (i) consents to and affirms the status of the Planning Board as Lead Agency for review of the Project, within the meaning of, and for all purposes of complying with SEQRA; and
  - (ii) ratifies the proceedings undertaken by the Planning Board pursuant to SEQRA with respect to the construction and equipping of the Project pursuant to SEQRA, including the Negative Declaration; and
  - (iii) Based upon the review by the Agency of the EAF, Negative Declaration and related documents delivered by the Company to the Agency and other representations made by the Company to the Agency in connection with the Project, the Agency hereby finds that (a) the Project will result in no major impacts and, therefore, is one which may not cause significant damage to the environment; (b) the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA); and (c) no "environmental impact statement" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA) need be prepared for this action. This determination constitutes a "negative declaration" (as such quoted terms are defined under SEQRA) for purposes of SEQRA.
- <u>Section 2</u>. The proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency includes a partial real property tax abatement through the execution of an agreement with the Agency regarding payments in lieu of real property taxes to be made for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions.
- Section 3. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and/or the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate the terms of the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement, and related documents; provided, the provisions of the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Agency hereby authorizes the scheduling and conduct a public hearing in compliance with the Act.

<u>Section 5</u>. Harris Beach PLLC, as General and Transaction Counsel for the Agency, is hereby authorized to work with counsel to the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency of all documents necessary to effect the foregoing authorizations.

Section 6. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

<u>Section 7.</u> These Resolutions 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:

Robert E. Aliasso, Jr. [X] [] [ ] [ David J. Converse [X] [] [] [		Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
John Jennings       [ X ] [ ] [ ] [ ]         William W. Johnson       [ ] [ ] [ X ] [ ]         Lisa L'Huillier       [ X ] [ ] [ ] [ ]         W. Edward Walldroff       [ ] [ ] [ X ] [ ]         Paul J. Warneck       [ X ] [ ] [ ] [ ]	David J. Converse John Jennings William W. Johnson Lisa L'Huillier W. Edward Walldroff	[ X ] [ X ] [ ]		[ ] [ ] [ X ] [ X ] [ X ]	

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON	) SS

I, the undersigned (Acting) Chairman of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed extract of minutes of the meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), including the resolution contained therein, held on May 6, 2021, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout 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 modified.

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

David J. Converse, Chairman

[SEAL]

# EXHIBIT A SEQRA MATERIALS

### BARCLAY DAMON

Joseph W. Russell Partner

September 3, 2020

Thomas Voss (thomas.voss@dec.ny.gov)
NYS Department of Conservation
Dulles State Office Building
317 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Re:

Town of Brownville Planning Board Solar Project

Notice of Completion of SEQRA Jefferson County, New York

Dear Mr. Voss:

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Thank you.

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Very truly yours

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JWR: dec Enclosures

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Town of Brownville Planning Board

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NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Peebles Island
PO Box 189
Waterford, NY

Re:

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Full Environmental Assessment Form	
Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts	

	Agency Use Only [If applicable]
Project:	
Date:	

Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency. Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

If the lead agency is a state agency and the action is in any Coastal Area, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

#### Tips for completing Part 2:

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- · Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer "Yes" to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer "No" to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- · Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box "Moderate to large impact may occur."
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general
  question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the "whole action".
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

1. Impact on Land Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1)  If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 2.	□no	) P	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.	E2d	E .	
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f	Ø,	
c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.	E2a	Ø	
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a	Ø	
e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.	D1e	Ø	
f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).	D2e, D2q	ø	
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	B1i	ď	
h. Other impacts:		₽ <sup>′</sup>	

2. Impact on Geological Features  The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhi	bit	,		
access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part 1. E.2.g)	ω.	10	]YES	
If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.				
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur	
a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached:	E2g			
b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark.  Specific feature:	Е3с			
c. Other impacts:				
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3. Impacts on Surface Water  The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1. D.2, E.2.h)  If "Yes", answer questions a - l. If "No", move on to Section 4.				
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur	
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h			
b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b			
c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a			
d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.	E2h			
<ul> <li>The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.</li> </ul>	D2a, D2h			
f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c		□ ·	
g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d			
<ul> <li>The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.</li> </ul>	D2e			
i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h			
. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h			
c. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	D1a, D2d			

1. Other impacts:			
4. Impact on groundwater  The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquit (See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t)  If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.	ÎN O	o [	]YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.	D2c		
<ul> <li>Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer.</li> <li>Cite Source:</li> </ul>	D2c .		
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c		
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2l		
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h		
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E2l		
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c		
h. Other impacts:			
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<ul> <li>5. Impact on Flooding The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. (See Part 1. E.2) If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6.</li> </ul>	MO		YES
17 Tes , unswer questions a - g. 17 Tro , more on to bection of	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i		
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.	E2j		
c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.	E2k		
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e		
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k		
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair,	Ele		

g. Other impacts:			
6. Impacts on Air		,	
6. Impacts on Air  The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source.  (See Part 1. D.2.f., D,2,h, D.2.g)  If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", move on to Section 7.	ØN:	0 [	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
<ul> <li>a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above the following levels: <ol> <li>i. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)</li> <li>ii. More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)</li> <li>iii. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs)</li> <li>iv. More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)</li> <li>v. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochloroflourocarbons (HFCs) emissions</li> <li>vi. 43 tons/year or more of methane</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g		
b. The proposed action may generate 10 tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants.	D2g		
c. The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.	D2f, D2g		
d. The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in "a" through "c", above.	D2g		
e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.	D2s		
f. Other impacts:			
7. Impact on Plants and Animals  The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.	mq.)	NO	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
the proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o		
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.			
The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p		
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e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	E3c		
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community.  Source:			
g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.	E2m		
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat.  Habitat type & information source:			
<ul> <li>i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.</li> </ul>	D2q		
j. Other impacts:			
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8. Impact on Agricultural Resources  The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. a If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.	and b.)	NO	YES
	Relevant	No, or	Moderate
	Part I Question(s)	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur
The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	Part I	small impact	to large impact may
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NYS Land Classification System.  b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land	Part I Question(s) E2c, E3b	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur
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9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project are a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.)	nd	40 [	_YES
If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h		
b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b		
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h		
<ul> <li>d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is:</li> <li>i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work</li> <li>ii. Recreational or tourism based activities</li> </ul>	E3h E2q, E1c		
e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h	0	
f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project:  0-1/2 mile ½-3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	Dla, Ela, Dlf, Dlg		
g. Other impacts:			
10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources  The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.)  If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.	No	) [	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on or has been nominated by the NYS Board of Historic Preservation for inclusion on the State or National Register of Historic Places.	E3e		
b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3f		
c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory.	E3g		

d. Other impacts:			
If any of the above (a-d) are answered "Moderate to large impact may e. occur", continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:	0		
<ol> <li>The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.</li> </ol>	E3e, E3g, E3f		
<ol> <li>The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity.</li> </ol>	E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b		
iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or may alter its setting.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3		
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11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation  The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan.  (See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.)	N.	10	YES
If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 12.	1 2	T - <del>2</del> -	1 22 2
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or "ecosystem services", provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p		, 🗆
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q		
c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.	C2a, C2c E1c, E2q		
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c		. 🗆
e. Other impacts:	-		
12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas  The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d)  If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 13.	No	0 [	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d		
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d		
c. Other impacts:			
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13. Impact on Transportation  The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation system  (See Part 1. D.2.j)  If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.	ns.	40	]yes
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j		
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.	D2j		
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j		
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j		
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j		
f. Other impacts:			
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14. Impact on Energy  The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy.  (See Part 1. D.2.k)  If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15.	N	0 🗆	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k		
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a	D1f, D1q, D2k		
commercial or industrial use.			
	D2k		
commercial or industrial use.  c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.  d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed.	D2k D1g		
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d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n		
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a		
f. Other impacts:			
16. Impact on Human Health  The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. a If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.	and h.)	o [	YES
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a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d		
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	Elg, Elh		
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	Elg, Elh		
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easementor deed restriction).	Elg, Elh		
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	Elg, Elh		
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2t		
g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.	D2q, E1f		
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f		
<ol> <li>The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.</li> </ol>	D2r, D2s		
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	Elf, Elg Elh		
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.	E1f, E1g		
. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r		
n. Other impacts:			

17. Consistency with Community Plans	/		
The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans. (See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.)	NO		YES
If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b		
b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2		
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3		
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2		
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure.	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, Elb		
f. The proposed action is located in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j		
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2a		
h. Other:			
19 Consistency with Community Character			
18. Consistency with Community Character  The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.	IZNO		
(See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)	[]		ES.
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	Agency Use Only [IfApplicable]
Project:	
Date :	

# Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts and Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

### Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact
  occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to
  occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where
  there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse
  environmental impact.
- · Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

	Determination	on of Significance -	Type 1 and	Unlisted Actions	
SEQR Status:	Type 1	Unlisted			
Identify portions of	EAF completed for this P.	roject: Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	
					FEAF 2019
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Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information
and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.
B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:
There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).
C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce thos impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.
Name of Action: 5.0 MW ground - mounted solar array
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Title of Responsible Officer: Chain
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Date: 8/31/2020
Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)  Date:
For Further Information:
Contact Person:
Address:
Telephone Number:
E-mail:
For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:
Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of) Other involved agencies (if any) Applicant (if any) Environmental Notice Bulletin: <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html</a>



## TOWN OF BROWNVILLE 16431 Star School House Road Dexter, NY 13634

September 21, 2020

Sky Solar Holdings, Ltd.

Re:

Site Plan and Special Use Permit Application

Brownville Solar Array Project

18144 Game Farm Road, Brownville, New York

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to inform you that at its meeting of September 14, 2020, the Town of Brownville Planning Board unanimously (4-0) approved the Site Plan and Special Use Permit with the conditions provided by the Department of Transportation and the Development Authority of the North Country relative to the construction standards, copies enclosed. A copy of the minutes are also enclosed.

Please advise if you require anything additional.

Gara Beasley, Chairman

Town of Brownville Planning Board

Cc:

Town Attorney

Dan Csaplar, Consultant

**Enclosures** 

TOWN OF BROWNVILLE PLANNING BOARD MEETING SPECIAL MEETING

AUG.31, 2020 5:00 PM TOWN OFFICE, LIMERICK, NY

PRESENT: Gary Beasley. Ron McGregor, Mike Parks, Norm Peckham, Atty. Russell

and June McCartin

ABSENT: Tim Cerow and Mark Kellar

MINUTES: Minutes not available.

CORRESP. None

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. None

#### UNFINISHED

BUSINESS: 1. Ecovue Solar Array

A special meeting was called to review a complete application for Ecovue Solar. The application, represented by Dan Csaplar, project manager, is complete with DANC approval to cross the DANC water line to access the property, an agreement with the Quencers to cross the Quencer property for access and all fees paid. Part I of the EAF is also complete. The board, with Atty. Russell reviewed Part II and Part III of the EAF. With no impact regarding the EAF Ron McGregor motioned for a negative declaration and Mike Parks seconded the motion. Agreed by all. Ron McGregor motioned approval of the complete application and Mike Parks seconded the motion contingent on approval from DANC and DOT

on completion of project as proposed. All agreed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. None

REPORTS:

1. NA

DISCUSSION: 1. NA

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Norm Peckham motioned adjournment at 5:28 PM and Ron McGregor seconded the motion. Agreed.

Next meeting scheduled for 9/14/2020 at 5:00 PM.