# Minutes of the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency April 11, 2022

Due to COVID-19, the meeting of the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency held on Monday, April 11, 2022 was livestreamed via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order by Trent Trahan, Chairperson, at 12:06 p.m. via GoToMeeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trent Trahan, Chairperson

David Hoover, Vice Chairperson

Michael Zurlo, Secretary Mark Leta, Assistant Secretary Joey Trombley, Member John VanNatten, Member

ABSENT: Keith Defayette, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Toni Moffat, Executive Assistant

STAFF PRESENT: Molly Ryan, Executive Director

George Cregg, Jr., Esq., Agency Counsel Christopher Canada, Esq., Agency Counsel Dorothy Brunell, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Chun, Esq., DRS, NY Plattsburgh II and NY Mooers VI

Ryan McCune, Northway Solar, LLC (Nexamp Capital, LLC)

T. Trahan stated there was a quorum present.

T. Trahan waived the reading of the notice of the meeting published in the Press Republican on December 16, 2021.

# Approval of the Minutes of the March 21, 2022 Meeting

T. Trahan asked if there were any questions regarding the draft minutes of the March 21, 2022 meeting of the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA). There were none.

On a motion by M. Leta, and seconded by M. Zurlo, it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 CCIDA meeting as presented.

Presentation: Ryan McCune, Northway Solar, LLC

M. Zurlo asked Ryan McCune, Director of Business Development, at Nexamp Capital, LLC to provide an overview of their Project. R. McCune explained that Nexamp Capital, LLC is the sole owner of Northway Solar, LLC. Northway Solar, LLC is the company that is requesting benefits from the CCIDA. The Northway Solar Project will be located in the Town of Peru and is a five megawatt AC/6.5 megawatt DC system. This will be the company's first project in Clinton County; however, they have projects in St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties. There is no energy storage currently proposed for this Project nor will it likely be added in the future. R. McCune outlined the local approvals they have received thus far including a SEQR Negative Declaration which was completed in December 2021, a Decommissioning

Plan approved in February 2022, and an amended Site Plan approved in March 2022. They are awaiting State level approval but it is anticipated they will have this well before the scheduled groundbreaking. R. McCune reviewed the estimated timeline for the Project but emphasized that supply chain issues may impact the schedule. Nexamp plans to finance all construction internally and will monetize tax credits using tax equity financing arrangements. Additional funding from New York State Energy Research and Development (NYSERDA) will be secured under the NY-SUN Project, although the program has not been finalized and no awards have been made. R. McCune explained that in the application, an estimate of .24/watt NYSERDA funding was used. Project completion is estimated for July 2023, at the latest. The total Project cost is \$11,703,195. R. McCune advised that there will be up to 34 construction jobs during the course of construction and they will do their best to work with local electrical, mechanical and civil contractors.

R. McCune advised that the benefits they are seeking total \$754,036, which includes \$320,218 in sales tax benefits. The PILOT agreement includes \$4,000 per megawatt per year for a term of 20 years. M. Zurlo asked C. Canada how these benefits line-up with other solar projects we have benefited previously. C. Canada advised that to-date solar projects have been considered on case-by-case basis. He stated that projects are based on an income model as opposed to a cost of construction model. R. McCune stated that they used the New York State Assessment model when calculating the IDA benefits, which provides a more "apples to apples" comparison for solar projects. R. McCune offered to provide the Board with a copy of the current New York State Assessment Valuation Model. M. Ryan will prepare the cost benefit analysis for review at the May 2022 CCIDA meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### Reports

# Treasurer's Report:

J. Trombley reviewed the March 2022 Treasurer's Report. There were no questions or concerns.

On a motion by M. Zurlo, and seconded by J. VanNatten, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the March 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented by J. Trombley.

#### **Committee Reports**

#### **Governance Committee**

M. Zurlo noted the CCIDA Government Committee met and reviewed the draft Diversity Statement and the Committee is recommending Board approval of same. It was noted that this Diversity Statement will be presented to the Clinton County Capital Resource Committee (CCCRC) and the Clinton Grant Facilitation Corporation (CGFC) for review and approval at their next meetings.

On a motion by M. Leta, and seconded by J. Trombley, it was unanimously carried to approve the Diversity Statement.

#### **Old Business**

# **CCIDA Bank Account Overage Allocation**

M. Ryan advised that a Government Sweep Account is being setup which on a daily basis will automatically move any excess money from the CCIDA checking account into the Government Sweep Account. M. Zurlo agreed to be the deposit signer for this new account on behalf of the CCIDA. Once the new sweep account has been setup, the Money Market account at Saratoga National Bank will be closed and that money will be deposited into the new sweep account.

#### **New Business**

#### NY Plattsburgh II, LLC

M. Zurlo advised that R. Chun of Delaware River Solar made a presentation on the NY Plattsburgh II Project to the Board at the March 21, 2022 meeting.

M. Zurlo asked R. Chun what conversations they have had with the Beekmantown School District. R. Chun advised that the school district is ready to accept the transfer of the property in lieu of PILOT payments. C. Canada confirmed that this Community Host Agreement will be built into the PILOT agreement. J. VanNatten stated that he wanted to disclose to the Board that the land owner involved in this property transaction is a customer of Glens Falls National Bank, however, this does not affect the relationship with the Bank nor with him personally.

#### **Public Hearing Resolution**

The following resolution was offered by M. Leta, seconded by M. Zurlo, to wit:

Resolution No. 04-22-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CLINTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF NY PLATTSBURGH II, LLC.

WHEREAS, County of Clinton 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 225 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-f 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 manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

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

WHEREAS, NY Plattsburgh II, LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 24-27 acre portion of an approximately 48.8 acre parcel of land located at 12 Benny Blake Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 220.-4-36) in the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York (such portion being hereinafter referred to as the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 5MW AC solar photovoltaic electricity generating facility, including, but not limited to, racking, modules, inverters, transformers, electrical wiring and system components (all said improvements being collectively referred to as the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") all of the foregoing to constitute a solar energy generating facility to be owned and operated by the Company (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter 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 potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, prior to the Agency providing any "financial assistance" (as defined in the Act) of more than \$100,000 to any project, the Agency, among other things, must hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to said project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to provide for compliance with the provisions of Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project;

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

Section 1. The Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency, after consultation with the members of the Agency and Agency Counsel, (A) to establish the time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the Project (the "Public Hearing"); (B) to cause the Public Hearing to be held in a city, town or village where the Project Facility is or is to be located, and to cause notice of such Public Hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice or notices of such Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the governmental units where the Project Facility is or is to be located, such notice or notices to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; (C) to cause notice of the Public Hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; (D) to conduct such Public Hearing; (E) to cause a report of the Public Hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing (the "Report") to be prepared; and (F) to cause a copy of the Report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

Section 2. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and/or Executive Director of the Agency is 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. All action taken by the Executive Director of the Agency in connection with the Public Hearing with respect to the Project prior to the date of this resolution is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. 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:

Trent Trahan	VOTING	YES
David Hoover	VOTING	YES
Michael E. Zurlo	VOTING	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	EXCUSED
Mark Leta	VOTING	YES
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES
Joey Trombley	VOTING	YES

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

# **SEQR Resolution**

The following resolution was offered by D. Hoover, seconded by J. Trombley, to wit:

Resolution No. 04-22-02

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE DETERMINATION BY THE TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH PLANNING BOARD, AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE NY PLATTSBURGH II, LLC PROJECT.

WHEREAS, County of Clinton 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 225 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-f 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 manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

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

WHEREAS, NY Plattsburgh II, LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 24-27 acre portion of an approximately 48.8 acre parcel of

land located at 12 Benny Blake Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 220.4-36) in the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York (such portion being hereinafter referred to as the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 5MW AC solar photovoltaic electricity generating facility, including, but not limited to, racking, modules, inverters, transformers, electrical wiring and system components (all said improvements being collectively referred to as the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") all of the foregoing to constitute a solar energy generating facility to be owned and operated by the Company (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter 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 potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility 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 (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency has been informed that (1) the Town of Plattsburgh Planning Board (the "Planning Board") was designated to act as "lead agency" with respect to the Project, and (2) the Planning Board issued a Determination of Non Significance on January 13, 2022 (the "Negative Declaration"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, determining that the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project Facility will not have a "significant effect on the environment"; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is an "involved agency" with respect to the Project and the Agency now desires to concur in the determination by the Planning Board, as "lead agency" with respect to the Project, to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Negative Declaration and to indicate whether the Agency has any information to suggest that the Planning Board was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA and, therefore, that no environmental impact statement need be prepared with respect to the Project;

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

Section 1. The Agency has received copies of, and has reviewed, the Application, the completed environmental assessment form and the Negative Declaration (collectively, the "Reviewed Documents") and, based upon said Reviewed Documents, the Agency hereby ratifies and concurs in the designation of the Planning Board as "lead agency" with respect to the Project under SEQRA (as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA).

Section 2. The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Planning Board was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to the SEQRA and, therefore, that environmental impact statement need not be prepared with respect to the Project (as such quoted phrase is used in SEQRA).

Section 3. The members of the Agency are hereby directed to notify the Planning Board of the concurrence by the Agency that the Planning Board shall be the "lead agency" with respect to the Project, and to further indicate to the Planning Board that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Planning Board was incorrect in its determinations contained in the Negative Declaration.

<u>Section 4</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:

Trent Trahan	VOTING	YES
David Hoover	VOTING	YES
Michael E. Zurlo	VOTING	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	EXCUSED
Mark Leta	VOTING	YES
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES
Joey Trombley	VOTING	YES

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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# EXHIBIT A

# NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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

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Reasons Supporting This Determination.
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- in 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, direction, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.

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#### **PILOT Deviation Notice Resolution**

The following resolution was offered by J. VanNatten, seconded by M. Zurlo, to wit:

Resolution No. 04-22-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES INFORMING THEM OF A PROPOSED DEVIATION FROM THE AGENCY'S UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED NY PLATTSBURGH II, LLC PROJECT.

WHEREAS, County of Clinton 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 225 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-f 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 manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

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

WHEREAS, NY Plattsburgh II, LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 24-27 acre portion of an approximately 48.8 acre parcel of land located at 12 Benny Blake Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 220.4-36) in the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York (such portion being hereinafter referred to as the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 5MW AC solar photovoltaic electricity generating facility, including, but not limited to, racking, modules, inverters, transformers, electrical wiring and system components (all said improvements being collectively referred to as the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery and equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") all of the foregoing to constitute a solar energy generating facility to be owned and operated by the Company (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter 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 potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Application, the Company made a request to the Agency (the "Pilot Request") that the Agency deviate from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "Policy") by providing for payment in lieu of taxes being based on the generating capacity of the Project Facility expressed in a dollar per MWAC calculations; and

WHEREAS, the Policy provides that, for a facility similar to the Project Facility, payments in lieu of taxes will normally be determined as follows: the Company would have the benefit of a 50% abatement in real property taxes on the Facility and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property pursuant to the New York Real Property Tax Law (collectively with the Facility, the "Improvements") in year one of the payment in lieu of tax agreement with a five percent per year increase over the term of the ten year payment in lieu of tax agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act and the Policy, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the Policy, the Agency must give the chief executive officers of the County and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is located (collectively, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") no fewer than thirty (30) days prior written notice of the proposed deviation from the Policy and the reasons therefor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 856(15) of the Act, unless otherwise agreed by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, payments in lieu of taxes must be allocated among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in proportion to the amount of real property tax and other taxes which would have been received by each Affected Tax Jurisdiction had the Project Facility not been tax exempt due to the status of the Agency;

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

Section 1. Having considered both the Application and the Pilot Request, the Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency to send a written notice to the chief executive officers of each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions informing them that the Agency is considering a proposed deviation from its uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the Project and the reasons therefore (in substantially the form of the draft of said letter attached hereto as Exhibit A), and soliciting any comments that such Affected Tax Jurisdictions may have with respect to said proposed deviation.

Section 2. 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:

Trent Trahan	VOTING	YES
David Hoover	VOTING	YES
Michael E. Zurlo	VOTING	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	EXCUSED
Mark Leta	VOTING	YES
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES
Joey Trombley	VOTING	YES

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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#### **DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### PROPOSED FORM OF PILOT DEVIATION LETTER

# COUNTY OF CLINTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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April , 2022

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Ed Marin, School Board President Beekmantown Central School District 37 Eagle Way West Chazy, New York 12992

RE: Proposed Deviation from Uniform Tax Exemption Policy by County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency in connection with its Proposed NY Plattsburgh II, LLC Project

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is delivered to you pursuant to Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law.

In March, 2022, County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") received an application (the "Application") from NY Plattsburgh II, LLC (the "Company"), which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project to consist of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 24-27 acre portion of an approximately 48.8 acre parcel of land located at 12 Benny Blake Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 220.-4-36) in the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 5MW AC solar photovoltaic electricity generating facility, including, but not limited to, racking, modules, inverters, transformers, electrical wiring and system components (all said improvements being collectively referred to as the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition

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The purpose of this letter is to inform you of such Pilot Request and that the Agency is considering whether to grant the Pilot Request and to approve a Proposed Pilot Agreement conforming to the terms of the Pilot Request. The Agency expects to consider whether to approve the terms of the Proposed Pilot Agreement at its meeting scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., local time at the offices of the Agency located at 137 Margaret Street, Suite 209 in the City of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York (the "Meeting"). This letter is forwarded to you for purposes of complying with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, which requires a thirty (30) day notice prior to the Agency taking final action with respect to the Proposed Pilot Agreement (if said Proposed Pilot Agreement may deviate from the provisions of the Policy).

The Agency considered the following factors in considering the proposed deviation:

- 1. The nature of the Project: Solar farm.
- 2. The present use of the property: Undeveloped.
- 3. The economic condition of the area at the time of the request of the Company and the economic multiplying effect that the Project will have on the area: The Project is located in the Town of Plattsburgh. The Project would continue to facilitate productive use of the Land, advancing the North Country Regional Economic Development Council's Strategic Plan to import dollars by building the region's green energy economy. Since households who sign up for power produced by the array will receive a 10% discount in energy costs, additional dollars will remain in the regional economy, generating resulting multiplier benefits.

4. The extent to which the Project will create or retain permanent, private sector jobs and the number of jobs to be created or retained and the salary range of such jobs: No permanent, private sector jobs. Anticipated 35 construction jobs with an average of \$40,000 per construction job.
5. The estimated value of new tax exemptions to be provided: Sales tax exemption: \$192,400 and mortgage recording tax exemption: \$41,175. The projected total property tax exemption, assuming a \$ assessment based upon total construction cost, would be \$ It is anticipated that the actual assessed value will be lower, lowering the actual property tax exemption amount.
6. The economic impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on affected tax jurisdictions: The economic impact of the Proposed PILOT Agreement is positive, since the underlying value of the Land will likely be largely unaffected and additional revenue will be generated through the Proposed PILOT Agreement. Since the Project is only financially feasible with the Proposed PILOT Agreement in place, the additional benefit of significant special district tax revenue will also accrue to the community's fire and emergency medical services districts.
7. The impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on existing and proposed businesses and economic development projects in the vicinity: It is anticipated that the Project will require the continuing services of local landscape contractors, generating an increase in activity in the local economy.
8. The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Proposed Pilot Agreement: \$9,985,000
9. The effect of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on the environment: The Town of Plattsburgh Planning Board has determined that the Project will not have a significant impact on the environment.
10. Project Timing: completion anticipated by December, 2022.
11. The extent to which the Proposed Pilot Agreement will require the provision of additional services including, but not limited to, additional educational, transportation, police, emergency medical or fire services: None anticipated.
12. Anticipated tax revenues/Host Community Benefit Agreements: \$ per year, not including full special district taxes. (Note: If the Company negotiates Host Community Benefit Agreements (HCBA) with each of the taxing jurisdictions, the amount due under the Proposed Pilot Agreement will be reduced by the amount of the HCBA annual payments.)
13. The extent to which the Proposed Pilot Agreement will provide a benefit (economic or otherwise) not otherwise available within the municipality in which the Project Facility is located: (a) compatible development in an underdeveloped area of Clinton County; (b) contributes to achievement of the Agency's goal of increasing alternative energy development in Clinton County; (c) contributes to New York State goal of development of 50% power from

represents significant new revenue for these critical public services.

alternative sources; and (d) an additional public benefit will be the fees paid to special districts; this

The Agency will consider the Proposed Pilot Agreement (and the proposed deviation from the Policy) at the Meeting. The Agency would welcome any written comments that you might have on this proposed deviation from the Policy. In accordance with Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law, prior to taking final action at the Meeting, the Agency will review and respond to any written comments received from any affected tax jurisdiction with respect to the proposed deviation. The Agency will also allow any representative of any affected tax jurisdiction present at the Meeting to address the Agency regarding the proposed deviation.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above telephone number.

Sincerely yours,

Molly F. Ryan Executive Director

#### NY Mooers VI, LLC

R. Chun advised that the NY Mooers VI, LLC Project is moving forward. M. Zurlo asked if DRS has had any conversations with the Town of Mooers or the Northeastern Clinton Central School District regarding this Project. R. Chun advised that they have spoken with the Town of Mooers but have not had any conversations with the school district. There have been no changes to the Project since it was first presented in 2020 and this is the sixth in a series of Projects in the area.

## Final SEQR Resolution

The following resolution was offered by M. Leta, seconded by J. VanNatten, to wit:

Resolution No. 04-22-04

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE DETERMINATION BY THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE TOWN OF MOOERS TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE NY MOOERS VI, LLC PROPOSED PROJECT.

WHEREAS, County of Clinton 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 225 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-f 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 and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, in August, 2020, NY Mooers VI, LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 22 - 25 acre parcel of land located on County Route 11 (being a portion of Tax Map No. 43.-1-16.11) in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of up to a 4.484 MWAC community solar photovoltaic facility to include an interconnection line (collectively, the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a solar farm and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the

meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on August 10, 2020 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on November 5, 2020 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on November 2, 2020 on the Agency's website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on November 4, 2020 in The Press Republican, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York, (D) as a result of the ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, and the suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant to Executive Order 202.15, as supplemented, each as issued by Governor Cuomo in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, conducted the Public Hearing on November 19, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. local time, electronically via conference call rather than in person, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Public Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of 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 (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on August 10, 2020 (the "Preliminary SEQR Resolution), the Agency (A) determined (1) to obtain an environmental assessment form relating to the Project (an "EAF") from the Company, to review the EAF with counsel to the Agency, and prepare proceedings to allow the Agency to comply with the requirements of SEQRA that apply to the Project, and (2) to investigate the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project and (B) authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to contact all other "involved agencies" for the purpose of ascertaining whether such "involved agencies" were interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project and, if so, designating a "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA) and to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, further pursuant to SEQRA, the Agency has been informed that (A) Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Mooers (the "Zoning Board of Appeals") was designated to act as the "lead agency" with respect to the Project and (B) the Zoning Board of Appeals issued a Determination of Non Significance on February 18, 2022 (the "Negative Declaration"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, determining that the Project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is an "involved agency" with respect to the Project and the Agency now desires to concur in the determination by the Zoning Board of Appeals as "lead agency" with respect to

the Project, to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Negative Declaration and to indicate whether the Agency has any information to suggest that the Zoning Board of Appeals was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA and, therefore, that no environmental impact statement need be prepared with respect to the Project;

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

- Section 1. The Agency has received copies of, and has reviewed, the Application, the full environmental assessment form and the Negative Declaration (collectively, the "Reviewed Documents") and, based upon said Reviewed Documents, the Agency hereby ratifies and concurs in the designation of the Zoning Board of Appeals as "lead agency" with respect to the Project under SEQRA (as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA).
- Section 2. The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Zoning Board of Appeals was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to the SEQRA and, therefore, that environmental impact statement need not be prepared with respect to the Project (as such quoted phrase is used in SEQRA).
- Section 3. The members of the Agency are hereby directed to notify the Zoning Board of Appeals of the concurrence by the Agency that the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be the "lead agency" with respect to the Project, and to further indicate to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Zoning Board of Appeals was incorrect in its determinations contained in the Negative Declaration.

<u>Section 4</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:

Trent Trahan	VOTING	YES
David Hoover	VOTING	YES
Michael E. Zurlo	VOTING	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	EXCUSED
Mark Leta	VOTING	YES
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES
Joey Trombley	VOTING	YES

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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# EXHIBIT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

	Apency Use Only [[[Applicable]
Project: Date:	
Full Environmental Assessment Form  Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project is and  Determination of Significance  Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must comp in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need 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 the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that thave a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the 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 consiste or extent of an impact.	impacts  Deter Part 3 for every question of explain why a particular statement to further assess the proposed action will not lead agency can complete its ders factors such as severity,
<ul> <li>Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, pro occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequenceur.</li> <li>The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.</li> <li>Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, rest environmental impact.</li> <li>Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.</li> </ul>	ences if the impact were to  moderate to large or where alt in a significant adverse
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The Delaware River Solar, LLC Solar Farm, on the westerty at e.g. of U.S. Route 11 in the Town of Moders, part not result in a significant environmental impact. The design firm, with submittal to and the coordination with the Army plan to mitigate any possible situation in regards to the environment	

FEAF 2019

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

✓ Part 2

Part 3

Unlisted

SEQR Status

Type | Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project:  $\[ \ensuremath{ \frac{1}{2}} \]$  Part 1

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support in Army Corps of Engineers review letter	formation
and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Mooers	e conclusion of the
A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, the statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.	erefore, an environmental impact
B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, the substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead	at impact will be avoided or agency:
There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, the declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED ac	herefore, this conditioned negative tions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).
C. This Project may result in one or more significant edverse impacts on the environment statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explain macts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.	nt, and an environmental impact ore alternatives to avoid or reduce those
Name of Action: Detaware River Solar Proposed Solar Farm Site Plan 2021	
Name of Lead Agency: Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Mocess	
Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: John Gordon	
Title of Responsible Officer: Chairman	
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:	Date: 2/18/33
Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)	Date:
For Further Information:	
Contact Person: Jason Poulin - Code Enforcement Officer Town of moders	
Address: 2508 Route 11, PO Box 242, Mooers, NY 12958	
Felophone Number: \$18-578-2529	
E-mail: moderscodes@modersny.com;	
For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent t	to:
Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally local Other involved agencies (if any)  Applicant (if any)	ated (e.g., Town / City / Village of)
Environmental Notice Bulletin: http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html	

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# **PILOT Deviation Approving Resolution**

The following resolution was offered by D. Hoover, seconded by M. Leta, to wit:

Resolution No. 04-22-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEVIATION FROM THE AGENCY'S UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO BY THE AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED NY MOOERS VI, LLC PROJECT.

WHEREAS, County of Clinton 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 225 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-f 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 manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

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

WHEREAS, in August, 2020, NY Mooers VI, LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 22 - 25 acre parcel of land located on County Route 11 (being a portion of Tax Map No. 43.-1-16.11) in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County. New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of up to a 4.484 MWAC community solar photovoltaic facility to include an interconnection line (collectively, the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a solar farm and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on August 10, 2020 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on November 5, 2020 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on November 2, 2020 on the Agency's website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on November 4, 2020 in The Press Republican, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York, (D) as a result of the ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, and the suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant to Executive Order 202.15, as supplemented, each as issued by Governor Cuomo in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, conducted the Public Hearing on November 19, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. local time, electronically via conference call rather than in person, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Public Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of 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 (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on August 10, 2020 (the "Preliminary SEQR Resolution), the Agency (A) determined (1) to obtain an environmental assessment form relating to the Project (an "EAF") from the Company, to review the EAF with counsel to the Agency, and prepare proceedings to allow the Agency to comply with the requirements of SEQRA that apply to the Project, and (2) to investigate the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project and (B) authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to contact all other "involved agencies" for the purpose of ascertaining whether such "involved agencies" were interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project and, if so, designating a "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA) and to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, further pursuant to SEQRA, by resolution adopted by the Agency on April 11, 2022 (the "Final SEQR Resolution"), the Agency (A) concurred in the determination that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Mooers (the "Zoning Board of Appeals") is the "lead agency" with respect to SEQRA and (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Zoning Board of Appeals dated February 18, 2022 (the "Negative Declaration"), in which the Zoning Board of Appeals determined that the Project to be an "Unlisted action" and determining that the Project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Project, the Company has requested that the Agency deviate from its uniform tax exemption policy (the "Policy") with respect to the terms of the proposed payment in lieu of tax agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Project Facility; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the Policy, the Agency must give the chief executive officers of the County and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is located (collectively, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") written notice of the proposed deviation from the Policy and the reasons therefor no fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the Agency at which the members of the Agency shall consider whether to approve such proposed deviation; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020, the members of the Agency adopted a resolution (the "Resolution Authorizing the Pilot Deviation Letter"), which authorized the Executive Director to notify the Affected Tax Jurisdictions of the proposed deviation from the Policy in connection with the Project, which proposed deviation is outlined in the letter dated November 2, 2020 (the "Pilot Deviation Letter"), a copy of which Pilot Deviation Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, by the Pilot Deviation Letter the Executive Director notified the chief executive officers of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions of the proposed deviation from the Policy and further notified said chief executive officers that the members of the Agency would consider whether to approve such proposed deviation at this meeting;

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

- Section 1. The Agency hereby finds and determines as follows:
- (A) The Agency has considered any and all responses from the Affected Tax Jurisdictions to the Pilot Deviation Letter.
- (B) The Agency has reviewed and responded to all written comments received from any Affected Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the proposed deviation.
- (C) The Agency has given all representatives from an Affected Tax Jurisdictions in attendance at this meeting the opportunity to address the members of the Agency regarding the proposed deviation.
- Section 2. Based upon (A) the findings and determinations in Section 1 above, (B) any comments received at the Public Hearing, (C) input received at this meeting from the Affected Tax Jurisdictions with respect to the proposed deviation, (D) the Agency's knowledge of the Project, (E) the recommendations of Agency staff, and (F) such further investigation of the Project and the effect of the proposed deviation as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency hereby determines to deviate from the Policy with respect to the terms of the proposed payment in lieu of tax agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Project Facility for the reasons set forth in the Pilot Deviation Letter. Based upon the aforementioned, the Agency hereby approves a deviation from the Policy, the terms of the approved deviation to be as described in the attached Pilot Deviation Letter.
- Section 3. Upon preparation by counsel to the Agency of a payment in lieu of tax agreement with respect to the Project Facility reflecting the terms of this resolution (the "Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") and approval of same by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Executive Director of the Agency, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, 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 such form as is approved by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Executive Director, the execution thereof by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Executive Director to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.
- Section 4. 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 Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, 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 Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement binding upon the Agency.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Trent Trahan	VOTING	YES
David Hoover	VOTING	YES
Michael E. Zurlo	VOTING	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	EXCUSED
Mark Leta	VOTING	YES
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES
Joey Trombley	VOTING	YES

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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# EXHIBIT A

# PILOT DEVIATION LETTER

-SEE ATTACHED-



Renee McFarlin Executive Director 137 Margaret Street, Suite 208 Plattsburgh, NY 12901 renee.mcfarlin@clintoncountygov.com 518.565.4627 908.337.0390 518.565.4616

#### November 2, 2020

Hon. Mark R. Henry, Chairperson Clinton County Legislature Clinton County Government Center 137 Margaret Street, Suite 208 Plattsburgh, New York 12901

Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator Clinton County Government Center 137 Margaret Street, Suite 208 Plattsburgh, New York 12901

Jeff Menard, Supervisor Town of Mooers 2508 Route 11 Mooers, New York 12958 Robb J. Garrand, Superintendent Northeastern Clinton Central School District 103 Route 276 Champlain, New York 12919

Stephen Southwick, Board President Northeastern Clinton Central School District 103 Route 276 Champlain, New York 12919

RE: Proposed

Proposed Deviation from Uniform Tax Exemption Policy by County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency in connection with its Proposed NY Mooers VI, LLC Project

#### Dear Gentlemen:

This letter is delivered to you pursuant to Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law.

In August, 2020, County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") received an application (the "Application") from NY Mooers VI, LLC (the "Company"), requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project to consist of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 22 - 25 acre parcel of land located on County Route 11 (being a portion of Tax Map No. 43.-1-16.11) in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of up to a 4.484 MWAC community solar photovoltaic facility to include an interconnection line (collectively, the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a solar farm and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

Hon. Mark R. Henry, Chairperson Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator Jeff Menard, Supervisor Robb J. Garrand, Superintendent Stephen Southwick, School Board President November 2, 2020 Page 2

In connection with the Application, the Company has made a request to the Agency enter into a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "Proposed Pilot Agreement") which terms would deviate from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "Policy"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are defined in the Policy.

The Agency has previously approved NY Mooers I, LLC, NY Mooers II, LLC, NY Mooers III, LLC and NY Mooers IV, LLC projects (respectively, the "Mooers I Project", the "Mooers II Project" and the "Mooers IV Project") similar to the Mooers VI Project.

The Proposed Pilot Agreement, which would utilize the same payment in lieu of taxes structure approved for the Mooers I, II, III and IV Projects, would not provide any abatements for any special assessments levied on the Project Facility. The Proposed Pilot Agreement would be for a term of twenty (20) years and provide that the Company will pay an annual amount of \$5,000/MW or \$22,420, which amount will be divided equally among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, resulting in an annual payment of \$7,473 to each of the three Affected Tax Jurisdictions. Any portion of the \$7,473/MW annual payment in lieu of taxes payment not paid by the Company to each Affected Tax Jurisdiction pursuant to a host community agreement would be payable as a payment in lieu of taxes.

The Policy provides that, for a facility similar to the Project Facility, payments in lieu of taxes will normally be determined as follows: the Company would have the benefit of a 50% abatement in real property taxes on the Facility and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property pursuant to the New York Real Property Tax Law (collectively with the Facility, the "Improvements") in year one of the payment in lieu of tax agreement with a five percent per year increase over the term of the ten year payment in lieu of tax agreement.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of such Pilot Request and that the Agency is considering whether to grant the Pilot Request and to approve a Proposed Pilot Agreement conforming to the terms of the Pilot Request. The Agency expects to consider whether to approve the terms of the Proposed Pilot Agreement at its meeting scheduled for December 14th, 2020 at 12:00 o'clock p.m., local time at the offices of the Agency located at 137 Margaret Street, Suite 209 in the City of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York (the "Meeting"). This letter is forwarded to you for purposes of complying with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, which requires a thirty (30) day notice prior to the Agency taking final action with respect to the Proposed Pilot Agreement (if said Proposed Pilot Agreement may deviate from the provisions of the Policy).

The Agency considered the following factors in considering the proposed deviation:

- The nature of the Project: Solar farm.
- 2. The present use of the property: Field crops.
- 3. The economic condition of the area at the time of the request of the Company and the economic multiplying effect that the Project will have on the area: The Project is located in the Town of Mooers, where agriculture has historically been the primary industry. Like

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many areas in the community, the affected parcel is currently not being farmed due to changes in commodity prices and a reluctance of the next generation to assume operation of the family agricultural business. This Project would facilitate productive use of the parcel, advancing the North Country Regional Economic Development Council's Strategic Plan to import dollars by building the region's green energy economy. Since households who sign up for power produced by the array will receive a 10% discount in energy costs, additional dollars will remain in the regional economy, generating resulting multiplier benefits.

- 4. The extent to which the Project will create or retain permanent, private sector jobs and the number of jobs to be created or retained and the salary range of such jobs: No permanent, private sector jobs. Anticipated 39-50 construction jobs with an average of \$40,000 per construction job.
- 5. The estimated value of new tax exemptions to be provided: Sales Tax Exemption: \$235,000; Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption: \$28,000; Real Property Tax Exemption: \$140,000/year to be replaced by Pilot. Since the Town of Mooers and Northeastern Clinton Central School District did not opt out of Real Property Tax Law Section 487, the tax exemption provided by the Project over the first 15 years would be limited to County of Clinton real property taxes. For Years 16 20, the annual exemption would include the Town of Mooers and Northeastern Central School annual property tax.
- 6. The economic impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on affected tax jurisdictions: The economic impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement is positive, since the underlying value of the parcel will likely be largely unaffected and additional revenue will be generated through the Proposed Pilot Agreement. Since the Project is only financially feasible with the Proposed Pilot Agreement in place, the additional benefit of significant special district tax revenue will also accrue to the community's Fire and EMS districts.
- 7. The impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on existing and proposed businesses and economic development projects in the vicinity: It is anticipated that the Project will require the continuing services of local landscape contractors, generating an increase in activity in the local economy.
- 8. The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Proposed Pilot Agreement: \$9,613,207.
- 9. The effect of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on the environment: The Town of Mooers is the lead agency with respect to the environmental review.
  - 10. Project Timing: completion anticipated by July, 2021.
- 11. The extent to which the Proposed Pilot Agreement will require the provision of additional services including, but not limited to, additional educational, transportation, police, emergency medical or fire services: None anticipated.

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- 12. Anticipated tax Revenues: \$22,420 per year, not including full special district taxes. (Note: If the Company negotiates Host Community Benefit Agreements (HCBA) with each of the taxing jurisdictions, the amount due under the Proposed Pilot Agreement will be reduced by the amount of the HCBA annual payments.)
- 13. The extent to which the Proposed Pilot Agreement will provide a benefit (economic or otherwise) not otherwise available within the municipality in which the Project Facility is located: (a) compatible development in an underdeveloped area of Clinton County; (b) contributes to achievement of the Agency's goal of increasing alternative energy development in Clinton County; (c) contributes to New York State goal of development of 50% power from alternative sources; and (d) an additional public benefit will be the fees paid to special districts; this represents significant new revenue for these critical public services.

The Agency will consider the Proposed Pilot Agreement (and the proposed deviation from the Policy) at the Meeting. The Agency would welcome any written comments that you might have on this proposed deviation from the Policy. In accordance with Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law, prior to taking final action at the Meeting, the Agency will review and respond to any written comments received from any affected tax jurisdiction with respect to the proposed deviation. The Agency will also allow any representative of any affected tax jurisdiction present at the Meeting to address the Agency regarding the proposed deviation.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above telephone number.

Sincerely yours,

Renee McFarlin Executive Director

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# **Approving Resolution**

The following resolution was offered by J. VanNatten, seconded by J. Trombley, to wit:

Resolution No. 04-22-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR A PROJECT FOR NY MOOERS VI, LLC (THE "COMPANY").

WHEREAS, County of Clinton 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 225 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-f 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, manufacturing and industrial 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 and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, in August, 2020, NY Mooers VI, LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 22 - 25 acre parcel of land located on County Route 11 (being a portion of Tax Map No. 43.-1-16.11) in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of up to a 4.484 MWAC community solar photovoltaic facility to include an interconnection line (collectively, the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a solar farm and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on August 10, 2020 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on November 5, 2020 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be posted on November 2, 2020 on the Agency's website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on November 4, 2020 in The Press Republican, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York, (D) as a result of the ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, and the suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant to Executive Order 202.15, as supplemented, each as issued by Governor Cuomo in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, conducted the Public Hearing on November 19, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. local time, electronically via conference call rather than in person, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Public Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of 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 (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on August 10, 2020 (the "Preliminary SEQR Resolution), the Agency (A) determined (1) to obtain an environmental assessment form relating to the Project (an "EAF") from the Company, to review the EAF with counsel to the Agency, and prepare proceedings to allow the Agency to comply with the requirements of SEQRA that apply to the Project, and (2) to investigate the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project and (B) authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to contact all other "involved agencies" for the purpose of ascertaining whether such "involved agencies" were interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project and, if so, designating a "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA) and to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, further pursuant to SEQRA, by resolution adopted by the Agency on April 11, 2022 (the "Final SEQR Resolution"), the Agency (A) concurred in the determination that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Mooers (the "Zoning Board of Appeals") is the "lead agency" with respect to SEQRA and (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Zoning Board of Appeals dated February 18, 2022 (the "Negative Declaration"), in which the Zoning Board of Appeals determined that the Project to be an "Unlisted action" and determining that the Project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "Policy") provides a standardized method for the determination of payments in lieu of taxes for a facility similar to the Project Facility. In connection with the Application, the Company made a request to the Agency (the "Pilot Request") that the Agency deviate from the Policy with respect to Project Facility. Pursuant to the resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on August 10, 2020 (the "Pilot Deviation Notice Resolution"), the members of the Agency authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to send a notice to the chief executive officers of the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions" (as defined in the Act) pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act, informing said individuals that the Agency had received the Pilot Request and that the members of the Agency would consider said request at a meeting of the members of the Agency. The Executive Director of the Agency caused a letter dated November 2, 2020 (the "Pilot Deviation Notice Letter") to be mailed

to the chief executive officers of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, informing said individuals that the Agency would consider a proposed deviation from the Policy with respect to the payment in lieu of tax agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Project Facility (the "Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") and the reasons for said proposed deviation; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on April 11, 2022 (the "Pilot Deviation Approval Resolution"), the members of the Agency determined to deviate from the Policy with respect to the Project; 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 Clinton County, New York and (B) 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 of New York to another area in the State of New York 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 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 Clinton County, New York by undertaking the Project in Clinton County, New York; and

WHEREAS, in order to consummate the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance described in the notice of the Public Hearing, the Agency proposes to enter into the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Agency Documents"): (A) a certain lease to agency (the "Lease to Agency" or the "Underlying Lease") by and between the Company, as landlord, and the Agency, as tenant, pursuant to which the Company will lease to the Agency a portion of the Land and all improvements now or hereafter located on said portion of the Land (collectively, the "Leased Premises"); (B) a certain license agreement (the "License to Agency" or the "License Agreement") by and between the Company, as licensor, and the Agency, as licensee, pursuant to which the Company will grant to the Agency (1) a license to enter upon the balance of the Land (the "Licensed Premises") for the purpose of undertaking and completing the Project and (2) in the event of an occurrence of an Event of Default by the Company, an additional license to enter upon the Licensed Premises for the purpose of pursuing its remedies under the Lease Agreement (as hereinafter defined); (C) a lease agreement (and a memorandum thereof) (the "Lease Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which, among other things, the Company agrees to undertake the Project as agent of the Agency and the Company further agrees to lease the Project Facility from the Agency and, as rental thereunder, to pay the Agency's administrative fee relating to the Project and to pay all expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project; (D) a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which the Company will agree to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility; (E) a uniform agency project agreement (the "Uniform Agency Project Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company regarding the granting of the financial assistance and the potential recapture of such assistance; (F) a certain recapture agreement (the "Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement") by and between the Company and the Agency, required by the Act, regarding the recovery or recapture of certain sales and use taxes: (G) a sales tax exemption letter (the "Sales Tax Exemption Letter") to ensure the granting of the sales tax exemption which forms a part of the Financial Assistance; (H) a New York State Department of Taxation and Finance form entitled "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agency for Sales Tax Purposes" (the form required to be filed pursuant to Section 874(9) of the Act) (the "Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report") and any additional report to the Commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance concerning the amount of sales tax exemption benefit for the Project (the "Additional Thirty-Day Project Report"); (I) if the Company intends to finance the Project with borrowed money, a mortgage and any other security documents and related documents (collectively, the "Mortgage") from the Agency and the Company to the Company's lender with respect to the Project (the "Lender"), which Mortgage will grant a lien on and security interest in the Project Facility to secure a loan from the Lender to the Company with respect to the Project (the "Loan"); (J) if the Company requests the Agency to appoint a contractor or contractors, as agent(s) of the Agency (each, a "Contractor") (1) a certain agency indemnification agreement (the "Contractor Agency and Indemnification Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Contractor, (2) a certain recapture agreement (the "Contractor Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Contractor, (3) a sales tax exemption letter (the "Contractor Sales Tax Exemption Letter"), and (4) a Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report (the "Contractor Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report") and any additional report to the Commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance concerning the amount of sales tax exemption benefit for the Project (the "Additional Thirty-Day Project Report") (collectively, the "Contractor Documents"); (K) if the Company intends to request the Agency to appoint (1) the Company, as agent of the Agency and (2) a Contractor, as agent(s) of the Agency prior to closing on the Project and the Lease Agreement or Installment Sale Agreement, interim agency and indemnification agreements, interim Section 875 GML recapture agreements, interim sales tax exemption letters and interim thirty-day sales tax reports (collectively, the "Interim Documents") and (L) various certificates relating to the Project (collectively, the "Closing Documents");

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

Section 1. All action taken by the Executive Director of the Agency with respect to the Public Hearing with respect to the Project is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 2. The law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP is hereby appointed Agency Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Agency Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company, counsel to the Agency and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this resolution. Agency Counsel has prepared and submitted an initial draft of the Agency Documents to staff of the Agency.

# Section 3. 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;
  - (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 Clinton County, New York;
- (D) It is estimated at the present time that the costs of the planning, development, acquisition, construction, reconstruction and installation of the Project Facility (collectively, the "Project Costs") will be approximately \$9,613,207;
- (E) 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 of New York to another area in the State of New York 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 of New York;

- (F) 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, and accordingly the Project is not prohibited by the provisions of Section 862(2)(a) of the Act, and accordingly the Agency is authorized to provide financial assistance in respect of the Project pursuant to Section 862(2)(a) of the Act;
- (G) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will promote and maintain the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of Clinton County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act;
- (H) The Agency has reviewed the Public Hearing Report and has fully considered all comments contained therein;
- (I) The Project should receive the Financial Assistance in the form of exemptions from sales tax, mortgage recording tax and real property tax based on the description of expected public benefits to occur as a result of this Project, as described on Exhibit A attached hereto and failure by the Company to meet the expected public benefits will result in a recapture event; and
- (J) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to enter into the Agency Documents.
- Section 4. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to: (A) accept the License Agreement; (B) lease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Lease Agreement; (C) acquire, construct and install the Project Facility, or cause the Project Facility to be acquired, installed and constructed; (D) enter into the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; (E) enter into the Uniform Agency Project Agreement; (F) enter into the Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement; (G) enter into the Contractor Documents; (H) enter into the Interim Documents; (I) secure the Loan by entering into the Mortgage; and (J) grant the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project.
- Section 5. The Agency is hereby authorized (A) to acquire a license in the Licensed Premises pursuant to the License Agreement, (B) to acquire a leasehold interest in the Leased Premises pursuant to the Underlying Lease, (C) to acquire title to the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale (the "Bill of Sale to Agency") from the Company to the Agency, and (D) to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisitions are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.
- Section 6. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire, construct and install the Project Facility as described in the Lease Agreement 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 and installation are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.
- Section 7. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Executive Director of the Agency, with the assistance of Agency Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and approve the form and substance of the Agency Documents.
- Section 8. (A) The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Executive Director of the Agency is 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 Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Executive Director shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Executive Director to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

- (B) The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Executive Director of the Agency is hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives of the Agency (as defined in and pursuant to the Lease Agreement).
- Section 9. 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 10. 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:

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The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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#### EXHIBIT A

# DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPECTED PUBLIC BENEFITS

In the discussions had between the Project Beneficiary and the Agency with respect to the Project Beneficiary's request for Financial Assistance from the Agency with respect to the Project, the Project Beneficiary has represented to the Agency that the Project is expected to provide the following benefits to the Agency and/or to the residents of Clinton County, New York (the "Public Benefits"):

Description of Benefit		Applicable to Project (indicate Yes or NO)		Expected Benefit
1.	Retention of existing jobs	☐ Yes	☑ No	N/A
2.	Creation of new permanent jobs	☐ Yes	☑ No	N/A
3.	Estimated value of tax exemptions	☑ Yes	□ No	Mortgage recording tax exemption is estimated at \$38,000, sales tax exemption is estimated at \$235,000 and real property tax exemption is estimated at \$140,000/yr.
4.	Private sector investment	☑ Yes	□ No	Estimate \$9,613,207
5.	Likelihood of project being accomplished in a timely fashion	☑ Yes	□ No	Anticipated completion in a timely manner.
6.	Extent of new revenue provided to local taxing jurisdictions	☑ Yes	□ No	The Project will provide a revenue source to the affected tax jurisdictions in the form of PILOT payments.
7.	Any additional public benefits	☑ Yes	□ No	(a) compatible development in an underdeveloped area of Clinton County; (b) contributes to achievement of the Agency's goal of increasing alternative energy development in Clinton County; (c) contributes to New York State goal of development of 50% power from alternative sources; and (d) an additional public benefit will be the fees paid to special districts; this represents significant new revenue for these critical public services.
8.	Local labor construction jobs	☑ Yes	□ No	The Company anticipates hiring 39-50 construction jobs.
9.	Regional wealth creation (% of sales/customers outside of the County)	□ Yes	☑ No	N/A
10.	Located in a highly	☐ Yes	☑ No	N/A

	distressed census tract			
11.	Alignment with local planning and development efforts	☑ Yes	□ No	The Project is consistent with local planning and development efforts.
12.	Promotes walkable community areas	□ Yes	☑ No	The Project site is not located in an urban setting with sidewalks.
13.	Elimination or reduction of blight	□ Yes	☑ No	The Project site is not located in a blighted area.
14.	Proximity/support of regional tourism attractions/facilities	☐ Yes	☑ No	N/A
15.	Local or County official support	☑ Yes	□ No	The Project has local and County support.
16.	Building or site has historic designation	□ Yes	☑ No	There is no historic designation.
17.	Provides brownfield remediation	□ Yes	☑ No	No brownfields present.

# **CCIDA Credit Card Application**

M. Ryan advised that the CCIDA does not currently have a credit card at its disposal and, in today's world, that makes it difficult to pay membership dues, register for conferences, etc. M. Ryan cited a recent instance where she would be required to use her personal credit card for a \$1,500 transaction for the CCIDA and would receive personal reward points for the purchase. She indicated that, in her mind, this presents some ethical considerations. M. Zurlo advised that any credit card obtained would have to have a governing policy. C. Canada indicated that he would provide the Board with a draft policy. It was agreed that once the draft governing policy is received and reviewed by the Board, a decision will be made whether to move forward to obtain a credit card for use by the CCIDA.

#### **Management Team Reports**

#### **Executive Director's Report**

M. Ryan reviewed highlights from her Executive Director's Report.

#### Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) Update

C. Canada advised that Hodgson Russ sent draft closing documents to CHPE and received their comments back. CHPE has rejected the payment of 100 percent of the CCIDA administration fee upfront. This fee amounts to approximately \$1.3 million dollars. Various payment options were discussed by the Board. On a motion by M. Zurlo, and seconded by D. Hoover, it was decided to require 25 percent of the administration fee be paid by CHPE upon closing. C. Canada will present this proposal in his response to CHPE's comments.

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by M. Leta, and seconded by M. Zurlo, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Trent Trahan, Chairperson