# Minutes of the Meeting of the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency October 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by T. Trahan, Chairperson, at 12:25 p.m., at the offices of the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency, 190 Banker Road, Suite 500, Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Members Present:

Trent Trahan, Chairperson

Keith Defayette, Treasurer and CFO

Michael Zurlo, Secretary

Kim Murray, Assistant Secretary

Mark Leta, Member John VanNatten, Member

Excused:

David Hoover, Vice Chairperson

Others Present:

Melissa McManus, Executive Director George Cregg, Esq., Agency Counsel Barbara Shute, Recording Secretary

T. Trahan declared that a *quorum* was present.

T. Trahan waived the reading of the notice of the meeting published in the *Press-Republican* on December 26, 2016.

## Approval of the Minutes:

T. Trahan waived the reading of the minutes of the September 11, 2017 annual meeting. He asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the draft minutes and there were none.

On a motion by J. VanNatten, seconded by M. Zurlo, it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 annual meeting, as presented.

Public Comment: None

## Treasurer's Report:

K. Defayette reviewed the Treasurer's Report for September 2017. There were no questions or concerns from the board.

On a motion by J. VanNatten, seconded by K. Murray, it was unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by K. Defayette.

# Committee Reports:

K. Defayette stated that the Finance Committee met to review the proposed 2018 budget. The committee is recommending Board approval to post the proposed budget to PARIS.

#### Old Business:

1. Delaware River Solar – Project #4

M. McManus noted that the public hearing was held on September 20, 2017 in the Town of Mooers. There was one attendee, Gerald LaValley, from the Town of Mooers, and he is in favor of the project.

At this time, the members are being asked to approve the public hearing transcript and to consider the following resolutions for DRS Mooers IV, LLC:

- Pilot Deviation Approval Resolution #10-17-01
- Approving Resolution #10-17-02

# Public Hearing Transcript

On a motion by M. Zurlo, seconded by J. VanNatten, it was unanimously carried to approve the public hearing transcript as presented.

# PILOT Deviation Approval Resolution

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

## Resolution No. 10-17-01

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 IV, 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 July, 2017, NY Mooers IV, LLC, a New York 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 11 acre portion of an approximately 207.7 acre parcel of land located on 297 Boas Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 58.-1-9) in the Hamlet of Mooers Forks in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 2MW AC 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 14, 2017 (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 August 24, 2017 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 August 24, 2017 at the Mooers Town Hall in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York and on the Agency's website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on August 31, 2017 in the Press Republican, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of Hamlet of Mooers Forks in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on September 20, 2017 at 2:00 o'clock p.m., local time at the Mooers Town Hall Meeting Room, 2508 Route 11 in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York, 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 14, 2017 (the "SEQR Resolution"), the Agency (A) concurred in the determination that the Town of Mooers (the "Town") is the "lead agency" with respect to SEQRA and (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Town dated April 17, 2017 (the "Negative Declaration"), in which the Town determined that the Project to be an "unlisted action" and will not have a "significant environmental impact on the environment" and accordingly, that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA); 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, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption 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 Agency's uniform tax exemption 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, as the Executive Director reported that the Pilot Request had been well received by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, on August 14, 2017, the members of the Agency adopted a resolution (the "Pilot Deviation Notice Letter") which authorized the Executive Director to notify the Affected Tax Jurisdictions of the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy in connection with the Project, which proposed deviation is outlined in the letter dated August 24, 2017 (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 Agency's uniform tax exemption 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 Agency's uniform tax exemption 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 Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the terms of the approved deviation to be as described in the attached Pilot Deviation Letter.

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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 (or Vice Chairperson) of the Agency, the Chairperson (or Vice Chairperson) 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 (or Vice Chairperson), the execution thereof by the Chairperson (or Vice Chairperson) 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.

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

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

| Trent Trahan     | VOTING | YES     |
|------------------|--------|---------|
| David Hoover     | VOTING | EXCUSED |
| Michael E. Zurlo | VOTING | YES     |
| Keith Defayette  | VOTING | YES     |
| Kim Murray       | VOTING | YES     |
| Mark Leta        | VOTING | ABSTAIN |
| John VanNatten   | VOTING | YES     |

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

# Approving Resolution

The following resolution was offered by K. Defayette, seconded by K. Murray, to wit:

Resolution No. 10-17-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR A PROJECT FOR NY MOOERS IV, 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")

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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 July, 2017, NY Mooers IV, LLC, a New York 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 11 acre portion of an approximately 207.7 acre parcel of land located on 297 Boas Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 58.-1-9) in the Hamlet of Mooers Forks in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 2MW AC 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 14, 2017 (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 August 24, 2017 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 August 24, 2017 at the Mooers Town Hall in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York and on the Agency's website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on August 31, 2017 in the Press Republican, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of Hamlet of Mooers Forks in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on September 20, 2017 at 2:00 o'clock p.m., local time at the Mooers Town Hall Meeting Room, 2508 Route 11 in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York, 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 14, 2017 (the "SEQR Resolution"), the Agency (A) concurred in the determination that the Town of Mooers (the "Town") is the "lead agency" with respect to SEQRA and (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Town dated April 17, 2017 (the "Negative Declaration"), in which the Town determined that the Project to be an "unlisted action" and will not have a "significant environmental impact on the environment" and accordingly, that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project (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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on August 14, 2017 (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 scheduled to be held on October 16, 2017. The Executive Director of the Agency caused a letter dated August 24, 2017 (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, at its meeting on October 16, 2017, 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 October 16, 2017 (the "Pilot Deviation Approval Resolution"), the members of the Agency determined to deviate from the Agency's uniform tax exemption 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 project benefits agreement (the "Uniform Project Benefits 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"); and (J) various certificates relating to the Project (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 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.

#### <u>Section 3</u>. 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 \$4,121,707;
- (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) (1) 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 (2) 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 exemption 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, as described on Exhibit B attached hereto; 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) secure the Loan by entering into the Mortgage; and (H) 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.

- <u>Section 6</u>. 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.
- <u>Section 7</u>. The Chairperson (or Vice Chairperson) of the Agency, with the assistance of Agency Counsel and/or Special Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and approve the form and substance of the Agency Documents.
- Section 8. (A) The Chairperson (or Vice Chairperson) 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 (or Vice Chairperson) shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairperson (or Vice Chairperson) to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.
  - (B) The Chairperson (or Vice Chairperson) 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:

| Trent Trahan     | VOTING | YES     |
|------------------|--------|---------|
| David Hoover     | VOTING | EXCUSED |
| Michael E. Zurlo | VOTING | YES     |
| Keith Defayette  | VOTING | YES     |
| Kim Murray       | VOTING | YES     |
| Mark Leta        | VOTING | ABSTAIN |
| John VanNatten   | VOTING | YES     |

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

### 2. Saranac Power Partners

M. Mc Manus requested Agency approval of a resolution authorizing staff to send the required notice to the taxing jurisdictions regarding SPP's request for a Fifth Amendment to their PILOT. This notice is required to allow the Agency to take action on the SPP request in December.

Resolution Authorizing PILOT Deviation Letter

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

Resolution No. 10-17-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO (A) 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 AND (B) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE SARANAC POWER PARTNERS, L.P. PROJECT.

WHEREAS, County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of 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, 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, on or about December 29, 1992 (the "Closing Date"), the Agency entered into an installment sale agreement dated as of December 29, 1992 (the "Installment Sale Agreement") between the Agency and Saranac Power Partners, L.P. (the "Company") and other related documents for the purpose of undertaking the following project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company: (A) (1) the acquisition of fee title to, leasehold interests in and certain easements to various parcels of real property located in the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 240MW natural gas-fired cogeneration facility and related transmission lines and electrical energy interconnection facilities (the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation of various machinery and equipment (the "Equipment") (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 sales taxes, real estate transfer taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes (the "Financial Assistance");and (C) the sale of the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Installment Sale Agreement; and

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WHEREAS, on or about December 29, 1992, the Agency acquired various interests in the Land pursuant to various conveyance documents executed on or about December 29, 1992 from the Company to the Agency; and

WHEREAS, simultaneously with the execution and delivery of the Installment Sale Agreement, (A) the Company and the Agency executed and delivered a payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of December 29, 1992 (the "Original Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement", and sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Existing Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") by and among the Agency, the Company and The Development Corporation Clinton County, New York (f/k/a Clinton County Area Development Corp.), as agent (the "Pilot Mortgage Agent") for the Agency and the "Taxing Entities" (as such term is defined in the Original Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement), pursuant to which the Company agreed to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility to the Clinton County Treasurer (the "Treasurer") for distribution to the appropriate Taxing Entities entitled to same pursuant to the provisions of the Existing Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, (B) the Agency filed with the assessor and mail to the chief executive officer of each "affected tax jurisdiction" (within the meaning of such quoted term in Section 854(16) of the Act) a copy of a New York State Board of Real Property Services Form 412-a (the form required to be filed by the Agency in order for the Agency to obtain a real property tax exemption with respect to the Project Facility under Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law) (the "Real Property Tax Exemption Form") relating to the Project Facility and the Existing Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, and (C) the Company and the Agency executed and delivered a pilot mortgage dated as of December 29, 1992 (the "Original Pilot Mortgage", and sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Existing Pilot Mortgage") from the Agency and the Company, as mortgagor, and the Pilot Mortgage Agent, as mortgagee (the "Pilot Mortgagee"), pursuant to which the Company and the Agency agreed to grant to the Pilot Mortgagee a mortgage lien on the Project Facility as security for, among other things, the obligation of the Company to make all payments and all other obligations of the Company for the benefit of the Agency and the Taxing Entities under the Original Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement (the Installment Sale Agreement, the Original Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, the Real Property Tax Exemption Form and the Original Pilot Mortgage being sometimes collectively referred to as the "Basic Documents"); and

WHEREAS, the Original Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement was amended by a first amendment to payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of March 1, 2009 (the "First Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement"), and further amended pursuant to a second amendment to payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of December 1, 2009 (the "Second Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement"), and further amended pursuant to a third amendment to payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of December 1, 2013 (the "Third Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") and further amended pursuant to a fourth amendment to payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of December 1, 2016 (the "Fourth Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement" and collectively with the First Amendment to the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, the Second Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, the Third Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and the Original Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, the "Existing Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") by and among the Agency, the Company and The Development Corporation Clinton County, New York (f/k/a Clinton County Area Development Corp.), as agent (the "Pilot Mortgage Agent") for the Agency and the "Taxing Entities" (as such term is defined in the Original Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a request dated May 16, 2017 (the "Pilot Request"), which Pilot Request is attached here as Exhibit A, the Company would like to once again amend the Existing Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement to extend the Tolling Term, as defined in the Existing Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, and to reduce the payments due under the Existing Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement (the "Fifth Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement will be a deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, said deviation in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and as outlined by the Executive Director of the Agency at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption 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 Agency's uniform tax exemption 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations" and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency must satisfy the requirements contained in SEQRA prior to making a final determination whether to enter into the Fifth Amendment to Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement (the "Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Agency has examined the Amendment in order to make a determination as to whether the Amendment is subject to SEQRA, and it appears that the Amendment constitutes a Type II action under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, prior to the Agency providing any financial assistance of more than \$100,000 to any project, the Agency, among other things, most hold a public hearing with respect 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 Amendment;

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

- Section 1. Based upon an examination of the Amendment, the Agency hereby determines that the Amendment constitutes a "Type II action" pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(26), and therefor that, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.6(a)(1)(i), the Agency has no further responsibilities under SEQRA with respect to the Amendment.
- Section 2. The Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency, after consultation with the members of the Agency, (A) to establish the time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Amendment, said public hearing to be held in the city, town or village where the Project is or is to be located;

(B) to cause notice of such public hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the governmental units where the Project is or is to be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; (C) to cause notice of said public hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project is or is to be located to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; (D) to conduct such public hearing; and (E) to cause a report of said public hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said public hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

Section 3. Having considered the Company's Pilot Request (A) the Agency will consider the extension of the Tolling Term and the reduction in payments due under the Existing Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, and (B) the Executive Director is hereby authorized to send a written notice to the chief executive officers of each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions (i) informing them that the Agency is considering a proposed deviation, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and as outlined by the Executive Director of the Agency at this meeting, from its uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the Amendment and the reasons therefor and (ii) soliciting any comments that such Affected Tax Jurisdictions may have with respect to said proposed deviation.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Chairman, Vice Chairman 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 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     |
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| David Hoover     | VOTING | EXCUSED |
| Michael E. Zurlo | VOTING | YES     |
| Keith Defayette  | VOTING | YES     |
| Kim Murray       | VOTING | YES     |
| Mark Leta        | VOTING | ABSTAIN |
| John VanNatten   | VOTING | YES     |

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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# New Business:

1. Approve Posting of Proposed Budget for 2018 to PARIS

Based on the Finance Committee's recommendation:

On a motion by J. VanNatten, seconded by K. Murray, it was unanimously carried to approve posting the proposed 2018 budget to PARIS.

2. Consider approval of CCIDA Membership with the North Country Chamber

M. McManus noted that this membership was previously covered by The Development Corporation. Today the members are being asked to consider and approve payment of the annual membership dues in the amount of \$199.

On a motion by J. VanNatten, seconded by K. Murray, it was unanimously carried to approve payment of the annual membership dues for the CCIDA with the North Country Chamber.

# Management Team Reports:

# **Project Monitoring**

M. McManus will begin working on her annual project site visits in the next couple of weeks. She is planning to review the annual audit letter and reporting requirements with the project representatives at that time.

#### Project Status Updates:

Schluter Systems

To date Schluter Systems has been unresponsive to emails from Hodgson Russ regarding the review of draft closing documents.

Delaware River Solar Projects I, II and III

Agency Counsel and project representatives are reviewing the draft closing documents at this time.

• The Development Corporation (TDC) Building #22 Project

The Agency has been notified that this project is on hold indefinitely.

TDC has notified the Agency that they will be submitting an application for a new construction project at the Plattsburgh International Airport for consideration.

Saranac Power Partners

Staff are continuing to work with the taxing jurisdictions re: the proposed 5<sup>th</sup> PILOT Deviation request. The consultant has begun work on the analysis requested by the Agency.

Vermont Green Line and Invenergy

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Both projects are progressing through the permitting process.

Staff met with a representative from the Strand to discuss a possible NCA Bridge Loan.

# South Junction Enterprises

M. McManus was contact by Steve Fisk of South Junction Enterprises. The company is currently operating as a rail served transload facility that specializes in transferring bulk commodities from rail to truck for local distribution. The company is seeking IDA sponsorship for grant to the DOT Rail Freight Program. M. McManus will be meeting with company representatives on October 17, 2017.

G. Cregg noted as a potential area of concern that the NYS Grant Agreements states that the grant recipient has to pay back the grant money if it is not utilized within a specific period of time.

# Executive Directors Report: None

With no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

T. Trahan, Chairperson