

A regular meeting of Cortland County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the McNeil & Co. Conference Center located at 11 Main Street in the City of Cortland, Cortland County, New York on June 10, 2024 at 12:00 o'clock p.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

Michael McMahon	Chairman
Clinton Brooks	Secretary
Kathleen Burke	Member
Donald Richards	Member

ABSENT:

Stephen Compagni	Vice Chairman
Deborah Hayden	Treasurer
Johanna Ames	Member

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Brendan O'Bryan	Executive Director
Karen Niday	Chief Financial Officer
Eric J. Mulvihill	Community Relations Specialist
John P. Sidd, Esq.	Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Chairman McMahon, seconded by Mr. Brooks, to wit:

Resolution No. 2024-06-10-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF  
DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A STRAIGHT-LEASE  
TRANSACTION FOR A COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR  
CORTLANDVILLE PV, LLC

WHEREAS, Cortland County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 77 of the

1974 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 902 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, pursuant to an application (the "Application") presented to the Agency by Cortlandville PV, LLC (the "Company"), as well as a cost benefit analysis, the members of the Agency, on May 13, 2024, adopted a resolution (the "Preliminary Inducement Resolution") whereby the Agency preliminarily agreed, subject to numerous conditions, to consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a  $\pm$  32.14 acre portion of a  $\pm$  75.78-acre parcel of land (the "Land") located at 3023 Route 215 in the Town of Cortlandville, Cortland County, New York (2) construction of a 5 MW community solar facility consisting of 10,612  $\pm$  photovoltaic panels on single axis trackers, 23 DC to AC inverters, two step-up transformers, and related infrastructure, on the Land (the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of fixtures and equipment comprising the Facility (the "Equipment"), all of the foregoing to constitute a solar photovoltaic facility to be operated by the Company (the Land, Facility and Equipment being 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 taxes, real estate transfer taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property 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 the Preliminary Inducement Resolution the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of 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 Project (the "Public Hearing") to be published on May 17, 2024 in the Cortland Standard, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the County of Cortland, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be mailed on May 20, 2024, together with notice, if any, that the Agency intends to deviate from its uniform tax exemption policy and which included the Agency's Preliminary Inducement Resolution, by certified mail return receipt requested to the chief executive officer of the county and of each city, town, village and school district, as well as the school district clerk, in which the Project is to be located (C) conducted the Public Hearing on May 31, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. local time in the Town Court Room at The Raymond G. Thorpe Municipal Building, 3577 Terrace Road,

Cortland, New York 13045 in the Town of Cortlandville, Cortland County, (D) prepared a report of the Public Hearing which fairly summarized the views presented at said public hearing and distributed same 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"), the members of the Agency adopted a resolution on May 13, 2024 (the "SEQR Resolution") in which the Agency determined that a coordinated SEQRA review of the Project was undertaken by the Town of Cortlandville Planning Board (the "Planning Board") acting as lead agency with the Agency as an involved agency and, therefore, no determination of significance would be issued by the Agency and no further SEQRA review of the Project is required by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on June 10, 2024 (the "Final Inducement Resolution"), the Agency determined, following a review of the Report, to finalize the preliminary determination made by the Agency in the Preliminary Inducement Resolution to proceed with the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance described in the notice of the Public Hearing; 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 (and a memorandum thereof) (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 the Project Facility; (B) a Uniform Project and 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; (C) 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; and (D) various certificates relating to the Project (the "Closing Documents");

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

Section 1. The Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

(B) The Project constitutes a "project," as such term is defined in the Act;  
and

(C) The acquisition of the Project Facility and the lease of the Project Facility to the Company will promote and maintain the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of Cortland County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living; and

(D) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to enter into the Agency Documents.

Section 2. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to: (A) accept the Underlying Lease; (B) proceed with the Project; (C) acquire the Project Facility; (D) lease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Lease Agreement; (E) enter into the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; and (F) grant the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project.

Section 3. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire a leasehold interest in the Project Facility pursuant to the Underlying Lease 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 are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire 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 are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 5. The form and substance of the Agency Documents as approved by the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Executive Director are hereby approved.

Section 6. (A) The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Agency are each hereby separately 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, with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions thereto as the Chairman or Vice Chairman or Executive Director shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman or Vice Chairman or Executive Director to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(B) The Chairman, Vice Chairman or Executive of the Agency is each 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 7. 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 8. Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the Act, the Agency shall recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain from the Company that portion of the Financial Assistance which constitutes state sales and use tax exemptions taken or purported to be taken by the Company to which the Company is not entitled or which are in excess of the amount authorized by the Agency or which are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project or were taken by the Company when the Company failed to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner required by the Agency. The Company shall cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover, recapture, receive, or otherwise obtain such state sales and use tax exemptions and shall promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency. The failure to pay over such amounts to the Agency shall be grounds for the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to assess and determine state sales and use taxes due from the Company under Article 28 of the Tax Law of the State of New York, together with any relevant penalties and interest due on such amounts.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Michael McMahon	VOTING	Aye
Stephen Compagni	VOTING	Absent
Clinton Brooks	VOTING	Aye
Deborah Hayden	VOTING	Absent
Johanna Ames	VOTING	Absent
Kathleen Burke	VOTING	Aye
Donald Richards	VOTING	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.


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

I, the undersigned Secretary of Cortland County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on June 10, 2024 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
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Clinton Brooks, Secretary