



**Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency**

**April 12, 2023 @ 8:00 AM**

**Herkimer Solar, LLC**

**Frankfort Town Hall**

**201 Third Ave, Frankfort, New York**

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John J. Piseck, Jr. introduced himself as the Chief Executive Officer of the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency and opened the public hearing at 8:00 AM.

Mr. Piseck appointed Victoria Adams to record the minutes of the hearing.

Mr. Piseck also introduced Jenn Young of the Herkimer County IDA.

Mr. Piseck stated that on March 31, 2023 a Public Hearing Notice was published in the legal section of the Times Telegram as well as being posted on the Agency website. The Agency also provided a copy to the CEO of all affected taxing jurisdictions. The following is the published notice:

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a(2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") will be held by Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 12th day of April, 2023, at 8:00 AM, local time at the Frankfort Town Hall located at 201 Third Avenue in the Town of Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York, in connection with the following matter:

Herkimer Solar, 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, 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 a portion of approximately 23 acres of land (tax map number 104.4-1-64.1) located at 149 School Lane Road in the Town of Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of an approximately 3.154 MW AC solar energy generating facility including panels, racking, inverters, electrical cables, battery storage, grid interconnection, site preparation, access roads and any other required improvements (all said improvements being collectively referred to as the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other personal property (the "Equipment"), all of the foregoing to constitute a solar energy generating facility to be owned and operated by the Company (the Land, Facility and the 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 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.

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The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project, and (B) to provide certain exemptions from taxation with respect to the Project, including (1) exemption from mortgage recording taxes with respect to any documents, if any, recorded by the Agency with respect to the Project in the office of the County Clerk of Herkimer County, New York or elsewhere, (2) exemption from deed transfer taxes on any real estate transfers, if any, with respect to the Project, (3) exemption from sales taxes relating to the acquisition, construction, renovation and installation of the Project Facility, and (4) in the event that the Project Facility would be subject to real property taxation if owned by the Company but shall be deemed exempt from real property taxation due to the involvement of the Agency therewith, exemption from real property taxes (but not including special assessments and special ad valorem levies), if any, with respect to the Project Facility, subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility. If any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency will follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(4) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

If the Agency determines to proceed with the Project, the Project Facility will be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed by the Agency and will be leased (with an obligation to purchase) or sold by the Agency to the Company or its designee pursuant to a project agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the Company or its designee make certain payments to the Agency.

The Agency has not yet made a determination pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "SEQR Act") regarding the potential environmental impact.

The Agency will at said time and place hear all persons with views on either the location and nature of the proposed Project, or the Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency in connection with the proposed Project. A copy of the Application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Project, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, is available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the Agency. A transcript or summary report of the hearing will be made available to the members of the Agency.

Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be addressed to John J. Piseck, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency, 420 E. German Street, Suite 101A, Herkimer, New York 13350; Telephone 315-866-3000.

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Mr. Piseck invited public comments.

Being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed at 8:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Young*

Jennifer Young  
Administrative Assistant

Attachment: Sign in sheet



## Sign-In Sheet

Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency  
Herkimer Solar, LLC – Public Hearing  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 @ 8:00 AM  
201 Third Ave, Frankfort, NY

**Name:**

**Organization:**

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