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HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AND

HCCC SOLAR, LLC

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

RELATING TO THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 164 SHELLS BUSH
ROAD (TAX MAP NUMBER 113.2-1-29) IN THE TOWN OF HERKIMER,
HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK.

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PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT

THIS PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT dated as of September 1, 2023 (the “Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement”) by and between HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York having an office for the transaction of business located at 420 E. German Street, Suite 101A, Herkimer, New York (the “Agency”), and HCCC SOLAR, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York having an office for the transaction of business located at 500 La Terraza Boulevard, Suite 350, Escondido, California (the “Company”);

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the “Enabling Act”) was duly enacted into law as Chapter 1030 of the Laws of 1969 of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act authorizes and provides for the creation of industrial development agencies for the benefit of the several counties, cities, villages and towns in the State of New York (the “State”) and empowers such agencies, among other things, to acquire, construct, reconstruct, lease, improve, maintain, equip and dispose of land and any building or other improvement, and all real and personal properties, including, but not limited to, machinery and equipment deemed necessary in connection therewith, whether or not now in existence or under construction, which shall be suitable for manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial or industrial purposes, in order to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State and to improve their standard of living; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act further authorizes each such agency, for the purpose of carrying out any of its corporate purposes, to lease or sell any or all of its facilities, whether then owned or thereafter acquired; and

WHEREAS, the Agency was created, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act, by Chapter 410 of the Laws of 1970 of the State (collectively, with the Enabling Act, the “Act”) and is empowered under the Act to undertake the Project (as hereinafter defined) in order to so advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State and improve their standard of living; and

WHEREAS, in March, 2023, HCCC Solar, LLC (the “Company”), a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York, submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) for the benefit of the Company, said Project to include the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 29.5 acres of land (tax map number 113.2-1-29) located at 164 Shells Bush Road in the Town of Herkimer, Herkimer County, New York (the “Land”), (2) the construction on the Land of an approximately 3.168 MWAC 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, the 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in a resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 28, 2023 (the “Public Hearing Resolution”), the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing (the “Public Hearing”) of the Agency 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 March 29, 2023 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 March 29, 2023 on a public bulletin board located at the Town of Herkimer Town Hall located at 114 N Prospect Street in the Town of Herkimer, Herkimer County, New York and on the Agency’s website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on March 31, 2023 in the Times Telegram, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Town of Herkimer, Herkimer County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on the 12th day of April, 2023 at 9:00 o’clock a.m., local time, at the office of the Agency located at 420 E German Street, Suite 101A in the Village and Town of Herkimer, Herkimer County, New York, (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 (F) caused a copy of the Public Hearing Resolution to be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested on March 29, 2023 to the chief executive officer of the County and of each city, town, village, and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located; 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 Town Board of the Town of Herkimer (the “Town Board”), on October 18, 2022 (the “SEQR Resolution”), which SEQR Resolution was thereby renewed and ratified by the Agency by a resolution adopted on April 20, 2023 (the “Approving Resolution”), the Town Board determined (A) to act as “lead agency” with respect to SEQRA with respect to the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project Facility, (B) that the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project Facility was determined to be a Type 1 action with regard to SEQRA, and (C) that the Project would not have “a significant adverse environmental impact” and, therefore, that an “Environmental Impact Statement” is not required to be prepared with respect to the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project Facility; and

WHEREAS, further pursuant to the Approving Resolution, the Agency determined to grant the Financial Assistance and to enter into a lease agreement dated as of September 1, 2023 (the “Lease Agreement”) between the Agency and the Company and certain other documents related thereto and to the Project (collectively with the Lease Agreement, the “Basic Documents”). Pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement, (A) the Company will agree (1) to cause the Project to be undertaken and completed, and (2) as agent of the Agency, to undertake and complete the Project and (B) the Agency has leased the Project Facility to the Company. The Lease Agreement grants to the Company certain options to acquire the Project Facility from the Agency; and

WHEREAS, simultaneously with the execution and delivery of the Lease Agreement (the “Closing”), (A) the Company will execute and deliver to the Agency a certain lease to agency dated as of September 1, 2023 (the “Lease to Agency”) 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) the Company and the Agency will execute and deliver (1) a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of September

1, 2023 (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 (2) 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; (C) the Agency and the Company will execute and deliver the uniform agency project agreement dated as of September 1, 2023 (the “Uniform Agency Project Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Company relating to the terms of the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance to the Company; (D) the Agency will file 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 Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; (E) the Agency will execute and deliver to the Company 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 and (F) the Agency will file with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance the form entitled “IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent 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

WHEREAS, under the present provisions of the Act and Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York (the “Real Property Tax Law”), upon the filing by the Agency of the Real Property Tax Exemption Form, the Agency is required to pay no taxes or assessments upon any of the property acquired by it or under its jurisdiction or supervision or control; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.6 of the Lease Agreement, the Company has agreed to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility in an amount equivalent to normal taxes, provided that, so long as this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall be in effect, the Company shall during the term of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement make payments in lieu of taxes in the amounts and in the manner provided in this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, and during such period the provisions of Section 6.6 of the Lease Agreement shall not control the amounts due as payment in lieu of taxes with respect to that portion of the Project Facility which is covered by this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to constitute this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement a valid and binding agreement by and between the parties hereto in accordance with the terms hereof have been done and performed, and the creation, execution and delivery of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement have in all respects been duly authorized by the Agency and the Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the matters above recited, the parties hereto formally covenant, agree and bind themselves as follows, to wit:

ARTICLE I

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

SECTION 1.01. REPRESENTATIONS OF AND WARRANTIES BY THE AGENCY. The Agency does hereby represent, warrant and covenant as follows:

(A) Power. The Agency is a public benefit corporation of the State, has been duly established under the provisions of the Act, is validly existing under the provisions of the Act and has the power under the laws of the State of New York to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby and to perform and carry out all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement hereunder.

(B) Authorization. The Agency is authorized and has the corporate power under the Act, its by-laws and the laws of the State to enter into this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and to perform and carry out all the covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement. By proper corporate action on the part of its members, the Agency has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein contemplated.

(C) Conflicts. The Agency is not prohibited from entering into this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and discharging and performing all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement by the terms, conditions or provisions of any order, judgment, decree, law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any court or other agency or authority of government, or any agreement or instrument to which the Agency is a party or by which the Agency is bound.

SECTION 1.02. REPRESENTATIONS OF AND WARRANTIES BY THE COMPANY. The Company does hereby represent, warrant and covenant as follows:

(A) Power. The Company is a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York, is duly authorized to do business in the State of New York and has the power under the laws of the State to enter into this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and to perform and carry out all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, and by proper action of its members has been duly authorized to execute, deliver and perform this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement.

(B) Authorization. The Company is authorized and has the power under its articles of organization, operating agreement and the laws of the State to enter into this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and to perform and carry out all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement. By proper action of its members, the Company has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein contemplated.

(C) Conflicts. The Company is not prohibited from entering into this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and discharging and performing all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement by (and the execution, delivery and performance of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment of and compliance with the provisions of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement will not

conflict with or violate or constitute a breach of or a default under) the terms, conditions or provisions of its articles of organization or operating agreement or any other restriction, law, rule, regulation or order of any court or other agency or authority of government, or any contractual limitation, restriction or outstanding indenture, deed of trust, mortgage, loan agreement, other evidence of indebtedness or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound, and neither the Company's entering into this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement nor the Company's discharging and performing all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement will be in conflict with or result in a breach of or constitute (with due notice and/or lapse of time) a default under any of the foregoing, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien of any nature upon any of the property of the Company under the terms of any of the foregoing, and this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(D) Governmental Consent. No consent, approval or authorization of, or filing, registration or qualification with, any governmental or public authority on the part of the Company is required as a condition to the execution, delivery or performance of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement by the Company or as a condition to the validity of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement.

ARTICLE II

COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS

SECTION 2.01. **TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF THE PROJECT FACILITY.** (A) Assessment of the Project Facility. Pursuant to Section 874 of the Act and Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the parties hereto understand that, upon acquisition of a leasehold interest in the Project Facility by the Agency and the filing by the Agency of a New York State Board of Real Property Services Form RP-412-a (a “Real Property Tax Exemption Form”) with respect to the Project Facility, and for so long thereafter as the Agency shall own the Project Facility, the Project Facility shall be assessed by the various taxing entities having jurisdiction over the Project Facility, including, without limitation, any county, city, school district, town, village or other political unit or units wherein the Project Facility is located (such taxing entities being sometimes collectively hereinafter referred to as the “Taxing Entities”, and each of such Taxing Entities being sometimes individually hereinafter referred to as a “Taxing Entity”) as exempt upon the assessment rolls of the respective Taxing Entities prepared subsequent to the acquisition by the Agency of the leasehold interest to the Project Facility created by the Underlying Lease and the filing of the Real Property Tax Exemption Forms. The Company shall, promptly following acquisition by the Agency of the leasehold interest to the Project Facility created by the Underlying Lease, take such action as may be necessary to ensure that the Project Facility shall be assessed as exempt upon the assessment rolls of the respective Taxing Entities prepared subsequent to such acquisition by the Agency, including ensuring that a Real Property Tax Exemption Form shall be filed with the appropriate officer or officers of each respective Taxing Entity responsible for assessing properties on behalf of each such Taxing Entity (each such officer being hereinafter referred to as an “Assessor”). For so long thereafter as the Agency shall own such leasehold interest in the Project Facility, the Company shall take such further action as may be necessary to maintain such exempt assessment with respect to each Taxing Entity. The parties hereto understand that the Project Facility shall not be entitled to such tax-exempt status on the tax rolls of any Taxing Entity until the first tax year of such Taxing Entity following the tax status date of such Taxing Entity occurring subsequent to the date upon which the Agency becomes the holder of record of such leasehold interest in the Project Facility and the Real Property Tax Exemption Forms are filed with the Assessors. Pursuant to the provisions of the Lease Agreement, the Company will be required to pay all taxes and assessments lawfully levied and/or assessed against the Project Facility, including taxes and assessments levied for the current tax year and all subsequent tax years until the Project Facility shall be entitled to exempt status on the tax rolls of the respective Taxing Entities. The Agency will cooperate with the Company to obtain and preserve the tax-exempt status of the Project Facility.

(B) Special Assessments. The parties hereto understand that the tax exemption extended to the Agency by Section 874 of the Act and Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law does not entitle the Agency to exemption from special assessments and special ad valorem levies. Pursuant to the Lease Agreement, the Company will be required to pay all special assessments and special ad valorem levies lawfully levied and/or assessed against the Project Facility.

SECTION 2.02. **GUARANTEED PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; OTHER PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, LAND NOT EXEMPT.** (A) Agreement to Make Payments. The Company agrees that it shall make payments in lieu of property taxes in the amounts hereinafter provided to the respective Taxing Entities entitled to receive same pursuant to the provisions hereof. The payments due hereunder shall be paid by the Company to the each appropriate Taxing Entities entitled to receive same pursuant to the provisions hereof.

(B) Guaranteed Payments in Lieu of Taxes. (1) During the first fifteen years that payments in lieu of taxes are due pursuant to the terms of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, the Company agrees

that it shall make annual guaranteed payments (each, a “Guaranteed Payment in Lieu of Taxes”) to the Taxing Entities pursuant to the terms of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, each such annual Guaranteed Payment in Lieu of Taxes to be in an amount equal to the product of (a) \$5,000 **per megawatt** of A/C power of installed capacity of the solar generators which comprise a portion of the Project Facility (the “Solar Farm Facilities”) times (b) the actual installed capacity of the Solar Farm Facilities, calculated on the third (3rd) business day prior to the date that the related payment is due pursuant to Section 2.02(B)(2); provided, that, the Guaranteed Payments in Lieu of Taxes to be paid by the Company pursuant to this Section 2.02(B) are to be adjusted for inflation per annum using the lesser of the following: (i) two percent (2%); or (ii) the annual change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region for the prior year (e.g., 2017 CPI to adjust the 2018 Guaranteed Payment in Lieu of Taxes).

(2) During the first fifteen years that payments in lieu of taxes are due pursuant to the terms of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, each annual Guaranteed Payment in Lieu of Taxes will be payable on January 1 of each year (commencing on January 1, 2025), subject to the thirty (30) day grace period described in Section 2.02(H) hereof, and upon receipt shall be distributed to the Taxing Entities in accordance with a formula based on the tax rates of the Taxing Entities in effect as of the date of execution of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement.

(3) In addition to the Guaranteed Payment in Lieu of Taxes, during the term of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, (a) the value of the Land as determined by the appropriate assessors (the “Land Assessed Value”), shall be multiplied by the tax rate or rates of such Taxing Entity that would be applicable to the Land if the Land was owned by the Company and not the Agency and (b) the amount payable by the Company to the Receivers of Taxes on behalf of each Taxing Entity as a payment in lieu of property tax pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement with respect to the Land shall be an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Normal Tax due each Taxing Entity with respect to the Land for such tax year.

(C) Intentionally Deleted.

(D) Valuation of the Project Facility for Determining Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes. (1) For purposes of determining the amount of other payments in lieu of taxes due, the value of the Project Facility for purposes of determining such payments in lieu of taxes due hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the “Assessed Value”) shall be determined by the appropriate Assessors. The Company agrees to give the Assessors a copy of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement. The parties hereto agree that the Assessors shall (a) appraise the Project Facility in the same manner as other similar properties in the general area of the Project Facility, and (b) place an Assessed Value upon the Project Facility, equalized if necessary by using the appropriate equalization rates as apply in the assessment and levy of real property taxes. The Company shall be entitled to written notice of the initial determination of the Assessed Value of the Project Facility and of any change in the Assessed Value of the Project Facility.

(2) If the Company is dissatisfied with the amount of the Assessed Value of the Project Facility as initially established or with the amount of the Assessed Value of the Project Facility as changed, the Company shall be entitled to challenge the Assessed Value in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law. The Company shall be entitled to take any actions under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law with respect to the Assessed Value of the Project Facility notwithstanding the fact that the Agency has an interest in the Land pursuant to the Lease to Agency. Any payments in lieu of taxes due upon the Project Facility hereof may not be withheld by the Company pending determination of the Assessed Value.

(E) Additional Payments in Lieu of Taxes. Commencing on the first tax year following the date on which any structural addition shall be made to the Project Facility or any portion thereof or any additional building or other structure shall be constructed on the Land, other than any structural addition, additional building or structure contemplated in the Plans and Specifications submitted in connection with the Application (such structural additions and additional buildings and other structures being hereinafter referred to as “Additional Facilities”) the Company agrees to make additional annual payments in lieu of property taxes with respect to such Additional Facilities (such additional payments being hereinafter collectively referred to as “Additional Payments”) to the County Treasurer with respect to such Additional Facilities, such Additional Payments to be computed separately for each Taxing Entity as follows:

(1) Determine the amount of general taxes and general assessments (hereinafter referred to as the “Additional Normal Tax”) which would be payable to each Taxing Entity with respect to such Additional Facilities if such Additional Facilities were owned by the Company and not the Agency as follows: (a) multiply the Additional Assessed Value (as hereinafter defined) of such Additional Facilities determined pursuant to Section 2.02(F) of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement by (b) the tax rate or rates of such Taxing Entity that would be applicable to such Additional Facilities if such Additional Facilities were owned by the Company and not the Agency, and (c) reduce the amount so determined by the amounts of any tax exemptions that would be afforded to the Company by such Taxing Entity if such Additional Facilities were owned by the Company and not the Agency.

(2) In each fiscal tax year during the term of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement (commencing in the fiscal tax year when such Additional Facilities would first appear on the assessment roll of any Taxing Entity) if such Additional Facilities were owned by the Company and not the Agency, the amount payable by the Company to the Receivers of Taxes on behalf of each Taxing Entity as a payment in lieu of property tax with respect to such Additional Facilities pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall be an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Normal Tax due each Taxing Entity with respect to such Additional Facilities for such fiscal tax year (unless the Agency and the Company shall enter into a separate written agreement regarding payments in lieu of property taxes with respect to such Additional Facilities, in which case the provisions of such separate written agreement shall control).

(F) Valuation of Additional Facilities for Determining Additional Payments in Lieu of Taxes.

(1) The value of any Additional Facilities for purposes of determining Additional Payments due pursuant to Section 2.02(E) of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall be determined by the Assessors of each respective Taxing Entity. The parties hereto agree that the Assessors shall (a) appraise the Additional Facilities in the same manner as other similar properties in the general area of the Project Facility, and (b) place a value for assessment purposes (hereinafter referred to as the “Additional Assessed Value”) upon the Additional Facilities, equalized if necessary by using the appropriate equalization rates as apply in the assessment and levy of real property taxes. The Company shall be entitled to written notice of the initial establishment of such Additional Assessed Value and of any change in such Additional Assessed Value.

(2) In each fiscal tax year during the term of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement (commencing in the fiscal tax year when such Additional Facilities would first appear on the assessment roll of any Taxing Entity) if such Additional Facilities were owned by the Company and not the Agency, the amount payable by the Company to the County Treasurer on behalf of each Taxing Entity as a payment in lieu of property tax with respect to such Additional Facilities pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall be an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Additional Normal Tax due each Taxing Entity with respect to such Additional Facilities for such fiscal tax year (unless the Agency and the Company shall enter into a separate

written agreement regarding payments in lieu of property taxes with respect to such Additional Facilities, in which case the provisions of such separate written agreement shall control).

(G) Statements. Pursuant to Section 858(15) of the Act, the Agency agrees to give each Taxing Entity a copy of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement within fifteen (15) days of the execution and delivery hereof, together with a request that a copy hereof be given to the appropriate officer or officers of the respective Taxing Entities responsible for preparing the tax rolls for said Tax Entities (each, a "Tax Billing Officer") and a request that said Tax Billing Officers submit to the Company and to the appropriate Receiver of Taxes periodic statements specifying the amount and due date or dates of the payments due each Taxing Entity hereunder, such periodic statements to be submitted to the Company at approximately the times that tax bills are mailed by such Taxing Entities.

(H) Time of Payments. The Company agrees to pay the amounts due under Section 2.02(B) hereof as Guaranteed Payments in Lieu of Taxes to the Taxing Entities within thirty (30) days of the date that such amounts are due. The Company agrees to pay the other amounts due as payments in lieu of taxes hereunder to each particular Taxing Entity in any fiscal tax year within the period that such Taxing Entity allows payment of taxes levied in such fiscal tax year without penalty. The Company shall be entitled to receive receipts for each such payment.

(I) Method of Payment. All payments by the Company hereunder shall be paid to the respective Taxing Entities in lawful money of the United States of America.

(J) Termination of the Lease Agreement. As provided in Section 12.8 of the Lease Agreement, the Company acknowledges that termination of the term of the Lease Agreement, either pursuant to the terms of Section 5.2, Article X or Article XI of the Lease Agreement, shall not relieve the Company of its obligation to make the Guaranteed Payments in Lieu of Taxes due pursuant to Section 2.02(B) of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement prior to the payment in full of all such Guaranteed Payments in Lieu of Taxes and all other amounts due and payable pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and any host community agreement.

SECTION 2.03. CREDIT FOR TAXES PAID. (A) Amount of Credit. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that the obligation of the Company to make the payments provided in Section 2.02 of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall be in addition to any and all other taxes and governmental charges of any kind whatsoever which the Company may be required to pay under the Lease Agreement. It is understood and agreed, however, that, should the Company pay in any fiscal tax year to any Taxing Entity any amounts in the nature of general property taxes, general assessments, service charges or other governmental charges of a similar nature levied and/or assessed upon the Project Facility or the interest therein of the Company or the occupancy thereof by the Company (but not including, by way of example, (1) sales and use taxes, and (2) special assessments, special ad valorem levies or governmental charges in the nature of utility charges, including but not limited to water, solid waste, sewage treatment or sewer or other rents, rates or charges), then the Company's obligation to make payments in lieu of property taxes attributed to such fiscal tax year to such Taxing Entity hereunder shall be reduced by the amounts which the Company shall have so paid to such Taxing Entity in such fiscal tax year, but there shall be no cumulative or retroactive credit as to any payment in lieu of property taxes due to any other Taxing Entity or as to any payment in lieu of property taxes due to such Taxing Entity in any other fiscal tax year.

(B) Method of Claiming Credits. If the Company desires to claim a credit against any particular payment in lieu of tax due hereunder, the Company shall give the governing body of the affected Taxing Entity and the Agency prior written notice of its intention to claim any credit pursuant to the provision of this Section 2.03, said notice to be given by the Company at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which such payment in lieu of tax is due pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.02(G) hereof. In the event that

the governing body of the appropriate Taxing Entity desires to contest the Company's right to claim such credit, then said governing body, the Agency and the Company shall each select an arbitrator in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, each of whom shall meet the qualifications set forth in Section 2.02(B) hereof, which arbitrators shall, at the sole cost and expense of the Company, determine whether the Company is entitled to claim any credit pursuant to the provisions of this Section 2.03 and, if so, the amount of the credit to which the Company is entitled. It is understood that the arbitrators are empowered to confirm the amount of the credit claimed by the Company or to determine a lower or higher credit. When the Company shall have given notice, as provided herein, that it claims a credit, the amount of any payment in lieu of property taxes due hereunder against which the credit may be claimed may be withheld (to the extent of the credit claimed by the Company, but only to the extent that such credit may be claimed against said payment in lieu of taxes pursuant to the provisions of this Section 2.03) until the decision of the arbitrators is rendered. After the decision of the arbitrators is rendered, the payment in lieu of taxes due with respect to any reduction or disallowance by the arbitrators in the amount of the credit claimed by the Company shall, to the extent withheld as aforesaid, be immediately due and payable and shall be paid by the Company within thirty (30) days of said decision.

SECTION 2.04. LATE PAYMENTS. (A) First Month. Pursuant to Section 874(5) of the Act, if the Company shall fail to make any payment required by this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement when due, the Company shall pay the same, together with a late payment penalty equal to five percent (5%) of the amount due.

(B) Thereafter. If the Company shall fail to make any payment required by this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement when due and such delinquency shall continue beyond the first month, the Company's obligation to make the payment so in default shall continue as an obligation of the Company to the affected Taxing Entity until such payment in default shall have been made in full, and the Company shall pay the same to the affected Taxing Entity together with a late payment penalty of one percent (1%) per month for each month, or part thereof, that the payment due hereunder is delinquent beyond the first month.

SECTION 2.05. NATURE OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPANY HEREUNDER. (A) The obligations of the Company to make the payments required by this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and to perform and observe any and all of the other covenants and agreements on its part contained herein shall be general obligations of the Company and shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of any defense or any right of set-off, recoupment, counterclaim or abatement that the Company may otherwise have against the Agency or any Taxing Entity.

(B) The Company agrees that it will not suspend, discontinue or abate any payment required by, or fail to observe any of its other covenants or agreements contained in, this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, or terminate this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement for any cause whatsoever, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (1) failure to complete the Project Facility, (2) any defect in the title, design, operation, merchantability, fitness or condition of the Project Facility or any part thereof or in the suitability of the Project Facility or any part thereof for the Company's purposes or needs, (3) failure of consideration for, destruction of or damage to, Condemnation of title to or the use of all or any part of the Project Facility, (4) any change in the tax or other laws of the United States of America or of the State or any political subdivision thereof, (5) any failure of the Agency or any Taxing Entity to perform and observe any agreement, whether expressed or implied, or any duty, liability or obligation arising out of or in connection with this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement or any other Basic Document, or (6) any conveyance or reconveyance of the Project Facility pursuant to the Lease Agreement.

ARTICLE III

LIMITED OBLIGATION

SECTION 3.01. NO RECOURSE; LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE AGENCY. (A) No Recourse. All obligations, covenants, and agreements of the Agency contained in this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall be deemed to be the obligations, covenants, and agreements of the Agency and not of any member, officer, agent, servant or employee of the Agency in his individual capacity, and no recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, or otherwise based upon or in respect of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, or for any claim based thereon or otherwise in respect thereof, shall be had against any past, present or future member, officer, agent (other than the Company), servant or employee, as such, of the Agency or any successor public benefit corporation or political subdivision or any person executing this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement on behalf of the Agency, either directly or through the Agency or any successor public benefit corporation or political subdivision or any person so executing this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, it being expressly understood that this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement is a corporate obligation, and that no such personal liability whatever shall attach to, or is or shall be incurred by, any such member, officer, agent (other than the Company), servant or employee of the Agency or of any successor public benefit corporation or political subdivision or any person so executing this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement under or by reason of the obligations, covenants or agreements contained in this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement or implied therefrom; and that any and all such personal liability of, and any and all such rights and claims against, every such member, officer, agent (other than the Company), servant or employee under or by reason of the obligations, covenants or agreements contained in this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement or implied therefrom are, to the extent permitted by law, expressly waived and released as a condition of, and as a consideration for, the execution of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement by the Agency.

(B) Limited Obligation. The obligations, covenants and agreements of the Agency contained herein shall not constitute or give rise to an obligation of the State of New York or Herkimer County, New York, and neither the State of New York nor Herkimer County, New York shall be liable thereon, and further such obligations, covenants and agreements shall not constitute or give rise to a general obligation of the Agency, but rather shall constitute limited obligations of the Agency payable solely from the revenues of the Agency derived and to be derived from the lease, sale or other disposition of the Project Facility (except for revenues derived by the Agency with respect to the Unassigned Rights, as defined in the Lease Agreement).

(C) Further Limitation. Notwithstanding any provision of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement to the contrary, the Agency shall not be obligated to take any action pursuant to any provision hereof unless (1) the Agency shall have been requested to do so in writing by the Company, and (2) if compliance with such request is reasonably expected to result in the incurrence by the Agency (or any of its members, officers, agents, servants or employees) of any liability, fees, expenses or other costs, the Agency shall have received from the Company security or indemnity and an agreement from the Company to defend and hold harmless the Agency satisfactory to the Agency for protection against all such liability, however remote, and for the reimbursement of all such reasonable fees, expenses and other costs.

ARTICLE IV

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

SECTION 4.01. EVENTS OF DEFAULT. Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an event of default under this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, and the terms "Event of Default" or "default" shall mean, whenever they are used in this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, any one or more of the following events:

(A) Failure of the Company to pay when due any amount due and payable by the Company pursuant to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and continuance of said failure for a period of fifteen (15) days after written notice to the Company stating that such payment is due and payable;

(B) Failure of the Company to observe and perform any other covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed and performed hereunder (other than as referred to in paragraph (A) above) and continuance of such failure for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice to the Company specifying the nature of such failure and requesting that it be remedied; provided that if such default cannot reasonably be cured within such thirty (30) day period and if the Company shall have commenced action to cure the breach of covenant, condition or agreement within said thirty (30) day period and thereafter diligently and expeditiously proceeds to cure the same, such thirty (30) day period shall be extended for so long as the Company shall require in the exercise of due diligence to cure such default, it being agreed that no such extension shall be for a period in excess of ninety (90) days in the aggregate from the date of default; or

(C) Any warranty, representation or other statement by or on behalf of the Company contained in this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall prove to have been false or incorrect in any material respect on the date when made or on the effective date of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and (1) shall be materially adverse to the Agency at the time when the notice referred to below shall have been given to the Company and (2) if curable, shall not have been cured within thirty (30) days after written notice of such incorrectness shall have been given to a responsible officer of the Company, provided that if such incorrectness cannot reasonably be cured within said thirty-day period and the Company shall have commenced action to cure the incorrectness within said thirty-day period and, thereafter, diligently and expeditiously proceeds to cure the same, such thirty-day period shall be extended for so long as the Company shall require, in the exercise of due diligence, to cure such default.

SECTION 4.02. REMEDIES ON DEFAULT. (A) General. Whenever any Event of Default shall have occurred with respect to this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, the Agency (or if such Event of Default concerns a payment required to be made hereunder to any Taxing Entity, then with respect to such Event of Default such Taxing Entity) may take whatever action at law or in equity as may appear necessary or desirable to collect the amount then in default or to enforce the performance and observance of the obligations, agreements and covenants of the Company under this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement.

(B) Cross-Default. In addition, an Event of Default hereunder shall constitute an event of default under Article X of the Lease Agreement. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder resulting from a failure of the Company to make any payment required hereunder, the Agency shall have, as a remedy therefor under the Lease Agreement, among other remedies, the right to terminate the Lease Agreement and convey the Project Facility to the Company, thus subjecting the Project Facility to immediate full taxation pursuant to Section 520 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State.

(C) Separate Suits. Each such Event of Default shall give rise to a separate cause of action hereunder and separate suits may be brought hereunder as each cause of action arises.

(D) Venue. The Company irrevocably agrees that any suit, action or other legal proceeding arising out of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement may be brought in the courts of record of the State, consents to the jurisdiction of each such court in any such suit, action or proceeding, and waives any objection which it may have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any of such courts.

SECTION 4.03. PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES. Pursuant to Section 874(6) of the Act, if the Company should default in performing any of its obligations, covenants or agreements under this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and the Agency or any Taxing Entity should employ attorneys or incur other reasonable expenses for the collection of any amounts payable hereunder or for the enforcement of performance or observance of any obligation, covenant or agreement on the part of the Company herein contained, the Company agrees that it will, on demand therefor, pay to the Agency or such Taxing Entity, as the case may be, not only the amounts adjudicated due hereunder, together with the late payment penalty and interest due thereon, but also the reasonable fees and disbursements of such attorneys and all other reasonable expenses, costs and disbursements so incurred, whether or not an action is commenced.

SECTION 4.04. REMEDIES; WAIVER AND NOTICE. (A) No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Agency or any Taxing Entity is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute.

(B) Delay. No delay or omission in exercising any right or power accruing upon the occurrence of any Event of Default hereunder shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right or power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

(C) Notice Not Required. In order to entitle the Agency or any Taxing Entity to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than such notice as may be expressly required in this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement.

(D) No Waiver. In the event any provision contained in this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement should be breached by any party and thereafter duly waived by the other party so empowered to act, such waiver shall be limited to the particular breach so waived and shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other breach hereunder. No waiver, amendment, release or modification of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall be established by conduct, custom or course of dealing.

ARTICLE V

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 5.01. TERM. (A) General. This Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall become effective and the obligations of the Company shall arise absolutely and unconditionally upon the approval of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement by resolution of the Agency and the execution and delivery of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement by the Company and the Agency. Unless otherwise provided by amendment hereof, this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall continue to remain in effect until the earlier to occur of (1) December 31, 2040, or (2) the date on which the Lease Agreement is terminated.

(B) Extended Term. In the event that (1) the Project Facility shall be reconveyed to the Company, (2) on the date on which the Company obtains the Agency's interest in the Project Facility, the Project Facility shall be assessed as exempt upon the assessment roll of any one or more of the Taxing Entities as a result of the Agency's involvement, and (3) the fact of obtaining title to the Agency's interest in the Project Facility shall not immediately obligate the Company to make pro-rata tax payments pursuant to legislation similar to Chapter 635 of the 1978 Laws of the State (codified as subsection 3 of Section 302 of the Real Property Tax Law and Section 520 of the Real Property Tax Law), this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and the Company shall be obligated to make payments to the Receiver of Taxes in amounts equal to those amounts which would be due from the Company to the respective Taxing Entities if the Project Facility were owned by the Company and not the Agency until the first tax year in which the Company shall appear on the tax rolls of the various Taxing Entities having jurisdiction over the Project Facility as the legal owner of record of the Project Facility.

(C) Intentionally Deleted.

SECTION 5.02. FORM OF PAYMENTS. The amounts payable under this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall be payable in such coin and currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

SECTION 5.03. COMPANY ACTS. Where the Company is required to do or accomplish any act or thing hereunder, the Company may cause the same to be done or accomplished with the same force and effect as if done or accomplished by the Company.

SECTION 5.04. AMENDMENTS. This Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except by an instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto.

SECTION 5.05. NOTICES. (A) General. All notices, certificates or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and may be personally served, telecopied or sent by courier service or United States mail and shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when (1) delivered in person or by courier to the applicable address stated below, (2) when received by telecopy or (3) three business days after deposit in the United States, by United States mail (registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, properly addressed), or (4) when delivered by such other means as shall provide the sender with documentary evidence of such delivery, or when delivery is refused by the addressee, as evidenced by the affidavit of the Person who attempted to effect such delivery.

(B) Notices Given by Taxing Entities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notices of assessment or reassessment of the Project Facility and other notices given by a Taxing Entity under Article II hereof shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when given by the Taxing Entity in the same manner in which similar notices are given to owners of taxable properties by such Taxing Entity.

(C) Addresses. The addresses to which notices, certificates and other communications hereunder shall be delivered are as follows:

IF TO THE COMPANY:

HCCC Solar, LLC
500 La Terraza Boulevard, Suite 350
Escondido, California 92025
Attention: Carina Hartmann, Manager

WITH A COPY TO:

Phillips Lytle LLP
125 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14203
Attention: Milan K. Tyler, Esq.

IF TO THE AGENCY:

Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency
420 East German Street, Suite 101A
Herkimer, New York 13350
Attention: Chairman

WITH A COPY TO:

Hodgson Russ LLP
The Guaranty Building
140 Pearl Street, Suite 100
Buffalo, New York 14202
Attention: Daniel A. Spitzer, Esq.

(D) Copies. A copy of any notice given hereunder by the Company which affects in any way a Taxing Entity shall also be given to the chief executive officer of such Taxing Entity.

(E) Change of Address. The Agency and the Company may, by notice given hereunder, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates and other communications shall be sent.

SECTION 5.06. **BINDING EFFECT.** This Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon, the Agency, the Company and their respective successors and assigns. The provisions of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement are intended to be for the benefit of the Agency and the respective Taxing Entities.

SECTION 5.07. **SEVERABILITY.** If any article, section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, provision or portion of this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall for any reason be held or adjudged to be invalid or illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such article, section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, provision or portion so adjudged invalid, illegal or unenforceable shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent and the remainder of this Payment in

Lieu of Tax Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect and shall not be invalidated or rendered illegal or unenforceable or otherwise affected by such holding or adjudication.

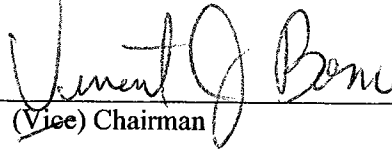
SECTION 5.08. COUNTERPARTS. This Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 5.09. APPLICABLE LAW. This Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Agency and the Company have caused this Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement to be executed in their respective names by duly authorized officers thereof, all being done as of the date first above written.

HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BY: _____


(Vice) Chairman

HCCC SOLAR, LLC

BY: _____

Manager

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DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BY: _____
(Vice) Chairman

HCCC SOLAR, LLC

BY:  _____
Manager

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)ss:
COUNTY OF HERKIMER)

On the 7th day of July, in the year 2023, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Vincent J Bono, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

VICTORIA L. ADAMS
Notary Public, State of New York
Reg. No. 01AD6325291
Qualified in Herkimer County
Commission Expires 05/26/27



Notary Public

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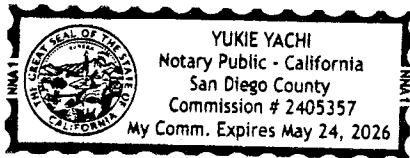
A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California)
County of San Diego)
On July 31, 2023 before me, Yukie Yachi, Notary Public,
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer
personally appeared Carina Hartmann Leegaard Pudder
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Signature [Handwritten Signature]
Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

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- Trustee Guardian or Conservator
- Other: _____

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EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF THE LEASED LAND

A leasehold interest created by a certain lease to agency dated as of September 1, 2023 (the “Lease to Agency”) between HCCC Solar, LLC (the “Company”), as landlord, and Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”), as tenant, in an approximately 29.5 acre parcel of land (the “Leased Land”) located at 164 Shells Bush Road in the Town of Herkimer, Herkimer County, New York, said Leased Land being more particularly described below), together with any improvements now or hereafter located on the Leased Land (the Leased Land and all such improvements being sometimes collectively referred to as the “Leased Premises”):

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND situate, lying and being in the Town of Herkimer, Herkimer County, New York, bounded and described as follows:

- SEE ATTACHED -



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ELS No. 19-019

PROPOSED DESCRIPTION

Lands Belonging To
JKA Trust and DHA Trust

ALL THAT TRACT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND situate within the Town of Herkimer, County of Herkimer and State of New York, as shown on the map entitled "Property Map showing lands belonging to JKA Trust and DHA Trust", dated April 18, 2019, prepared by Emrich Land Surveying, PLLC; said parcel more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin located on the southerly highway boundary of Shells Bush Road (C.R. 94) at its intersection with the division line between the herein described property on the west and the property of Gary L. Richardson (reputed owner) as described in deed L. 630 P. 1047, on the east;

Thence South $17^{\circ} 47' 50''$ East, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 155.00 feet to an iron pin; said pin located at the intersection of the last mentioned division line with the division line between the herein described property on the west and the property of Gary L. Richardson (reputed owner) on the east;

Thence South $02^{\circ} 30' 50''$ East, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 128.30 feet to an iron pin; said pin located at the intersection of the last mentioned division line with the division line between the herein described property on the southwest and the property of Gary L. Richardson (reputed owner) on the northeast;

Thence South $74^{\circ} 20' 50''$ East, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 71.48 feet to an iron pin; said pin located at the intersection of the last mentioned division line with the division line between the herein described property on the southwest and the property of Gary L. Richardson (reputed owner) on the northeast;

Thence South $78^{\circ} 31' 50''$ East, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 122.46 feet to an iron pin; said pin located at the intersection of the last mentioned division line with the division line between the herein described property on the west and the property of Patrick Cristman and Denise Cristman (reputed owners) as described in deed L. 798 P. 35, on the east;

Thence South $28^{\circ} 04' 50''$ East, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 308.97 feet to an iron pin; said pin located at the intersection of the last mentioned division line with the division line between the herein described property on the west and the property of Patrick Cristman and Denise Cristman (reputed owners) on the east;

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Thence South $27^{\circ} 30' 50''$ East, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 341.11 feet to an iron pin; said pin located at the intersection of the last mentioned division line with the division line between the herein described property on the north and the property of Binasa Puskar and Katherine O. Garcia (reputed owners) as described in deed L. 1607 P. 444, on the south;

Thence South $69^{\circ} 55' 15''$ West, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 302.44 feet to an iron pin; said pin located at the intersection of the last mentioned division line with the division line between the herein described property on the west and the property of Binasa Puskar and Katherine O. Garcia (reputed owners) on the east;

Thence South $14^{\circ} 18' 05''$ East, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 363.70 feet to an iron pin; said pin located at the intersection of the last mentioned division line with the division line between the herein described property on the north and the property of Whitman Irrevocable Trust (reputed owner) as described in deed L. 1415 P. 880, on the south;

Thence South $70^{\circ} 44' 00''$ West, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 745.61 feet to an iron pin located on the top of high bank of the West Canada Creek;

Thence northerly, along said top of high bank of the West Canada Creek, a distance of $1228\pm$ feet and having a tie course of North $18^{\circ} 38' 05''$ West, a distance of 1220.47 feet to a concrete monument; said monument located at the intersection of the last mentioned course with the division line between the herein described property on the south and the property formerly being Shells Bush Road (now abandoned) and under the jurisdiction of The State of New York, as described in deed L. 420 P. 241, on the north; said division line also being the northerly extent of lands abandoned to Duane H. Aney JR. and Jean K. Aney, no longer needed for highway use by the Herkimer County Highway Department as shown and described in Map 1, Parcel 1, Shells Bush Rd. and bridge, C.R. 94, dated November 30, 1988;

Thence North $70^{\circ} 16' 30''$ East, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 50.32 feet to a concrete monument; said monument located at the intersection of the last mentioned division line with the division line between the herein described property on the southeast and Lands appropriated by The State of New York for highway use, on the northwest;

Thence North $16^{\circ} 24' 05''$ East, along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 136.12 feet to an iron pin; said pin located at the intersection of the last mentioned division line with the division line between the herein described property on the south and Lands appropriated by The State of New York for highway use, on the north;

Thence North $64^{\circ} 01' 35''$ East, along the last mentioned division line, being the relocated southerly highway boundary of Shells Bush Road, a distance of 511.49 feet to an iron pin located at its intersection with the existing southerly highway boundary of Shells Bush Road (C.R. 94);



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Thence North 70° 48' 35" East, along said highway boundary of Shells Bush Road a distance of 209.17 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1,220,690 ± square feet or 28.023 acres, more or less;

SUBJECT TO: A Permanent Easement running through the above described property granted by The State of New York for Public fishing rights, said easement being 33 feet distant, easterly to and parallel with the easterly top of bank of the West Canada Creek as being described in deed Book 420 at page 245 and shown on the above referenced map.

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