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HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AND

HERKIMER SOLAR, LLC

UNIFORM AGENCY PROJECT AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

RELATING TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTED BY THE
AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT LOCATED
AT 149 SCHOOL LANE ROAD IN THE TOWN OF FRANKFORT,
HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK.

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UNIFORM AGENCY PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS UNIFORM AGENCY PROJECT AGREEMENT, dated as of September 1, 2023 (the “Uniform Agency Project 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 (the “State”) having an office for the transaction of business located at 420 E. German Street, Suite 101A, Herkimer, New York (the “Agency”) and HERKIMER SOLAR, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York and 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, as amended; 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 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, as amended, codified as Section 898 of the General Municipal Law of the State (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as 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, Herkimer 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 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 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 Frankfort Town Hall located at 201 Third Avenue in the Town of Frankfort, 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 Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on the 12th day of April, 2023 at 8:00 o’clock a.m., local time, at the Town of Frankfort Town Hall located at 201 Third Avenue in the Town of Frankfort, 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 Frankfort (the “Town Board”), on October 27, 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, (A) the Agency has established certain policies allowing denial of Financial Assistance to any project which does not deliver the public benefits promised at the time said project was approved by the Agency (the “Public Benefits”), (B) the Agency is unwilling to grant Financial Assistance to a project unless the beneficiary of such project agrees that the amount of Financial Assistance to be received by such beneficiary with respect to such project shall be contingent upon, and shall bear a direct relationship to, the success or lack of success of such project in delivering the promised Public Benefits, and (C) the Agency has created this Uniform Agency Project Agreement in order to establish the conditions under which the Agency will be entitled to recapture some or all of the Financial Assistance that has been granted to the Company under the Basic Documents if the Project is unsuccessful in whole or in part in delivering the promised Public Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Company desires to receive certain Financial Assistance from the Agency with respect to the Project, and accordingly is willing to enter into this Uniform Agency Project Agreement in order to secure such Financial Assistance from the Agency; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to constitute this Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement have in all respects been duly authorized by the Agency and the Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREMISES AND THE MUTUAL COVENANTS HEREINAFTER CONTAINED, THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY FORMALLY COVENANT, AGREE AND BIND THEMSELVES AS FOLLOWS TO WIT:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01. DEFINITIONS. All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Lease Agreement. The following words and terms used in this Uniform Agency Project Agreement shall have the respective meanings set forth below unless the context or use indicates another or different meaning or intent.

“Application” means the application submitted by the Company to the Agency in March, 2023 with respect to the Project, a copy of which is attached as Schedule D, in which the Company (A) described the Project, (B) requested that the Agency grant certain Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, and (C) indicated the Public Benefits that would result from approval of the Project by the Agency.

“Basic Documents” shall have the meaning set forth in the Lease Agreement, and includes this Uniform Agency Project Agreement.

“Completion Date” means the earlier to occur of (A) December 31, 2024 or (B) such date as shall be certified by the Company to the Agency as the date of completion of the Project pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Lease Agreement, or (C) such earlier date as shall be designated by written communication from the Company to the Agency as the date of completion of the Project.

“Contract Employee” means (A) a full-time, private-sector employee (or self-employed individual) that is not on the Company’s payroll but who has worked for the Company at the Project Facility for a minimum of 35 hours per week for not less than 4 consecutive weeks providing services that are similar to services that would otherwise be performed by a Full Time Equivalent Employee, or (B) 2 part-time, private-sector employees (or self-employed individuals) that are not on the Company’s payroll but who have worked for the Company at the Project Facility for a combined minimum of 35 hours per week for not less than 4 consecutive weeks providing services that are similar to services that would otherwise be performed by a Full Time Equivalent Employee.

“Conveyance Documents” shall have the meaning set forth in the Lease Agreement.

“Equipment” shall have the meaning set forth in the Lease Agreement.

“Facility” shall have the meaning set forth in the Lease Agreement.

“Financial Assistance” means exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, and real property transfer taxes as more particularly described in the Basic Documents.

“Full Time Equivalent Employee” means (A) a full-time, permanent, private-sector employee on the Company’s payroll, who has worked at the Project Facility for a minimum of 35 hours per week for not less than 4 consecutive weeks and who is entitled to receive the usual and customary fringe benefits extended by the Company to other employees with comparable rank and duties; or (B) two part-time, permanent, private-sector employees on Company’s payroll, who have worked at the Project Facility for a combined minimum of 35 hours per week for not less than 4 consecutive weeks and who are entitled to receive the usual and customary fringe benefits extended by the Company to other employees with comparable rank and duties; or (C) a Contract Employee.

“Initial Employment Plan” means the initial plan, based on the employment projections contained in the Application, regarding the number of people expected to be employed at the Project Facility and certain other matters, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit C to the Lease Agreement.

“Land” means an approximately 23 acre parcel of land located at 149 School Lane Road (Tax Map Number 104.4-1-64.1) in the Town of Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York.

“Lease Agreement” means the lease agreement dated as of September 1, 2023 by and between the Agency, as landlord, and the Company, as tenant, pursuant to which, among other things, the Agency has leased the Project Facility to the Company, as said lease agreement may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

“Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement” means the payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of September 1, 2023 by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which the Company has agreed to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility, as such agreement may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

“Project” shall have the meaning set forth in the Lease Agreement.

“Project Facility” means, collectively, the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment.

“Recapture Events” shall mean the following:

- (1) failure to complete the acquisition, construction, and installation of the Project Facility;
- (2) failure by the Company to meet at least eighty percent (80%) of the Employment Level requirements contained in Section 3.02(E) hereof and in the Application or the Initial Employment Plan;
- (3) liquidation of substantially all of the Company’s operating assets and/or cessation of substantially all of the Company’s operations;
- (4) relocation of all or substantially all of Company’s operations at the Project Facility to another site, or the sale, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Project Facility;
- (5) transfer of jobs equal to at least fifteen percent (15%) of the Company’s Employment Level out of Herkimer County, New York;
- (6) failure by the Company to comply with the annual reporting requirements or to provide the Agency with requested information;
- (7) sublease of all or part of the Project Facility in violation of the Basic Documents;
- (8) a change in the use of the Project Facility, other than as a solar energy generating facility and other directly and indirectly related uses; or
- (9) failure by the Company to make an actual investment in the Project by the Completion Date equal to or exceeding eighty percent (80%) of the Total Project Costs as set forth in the Application.

“Recapture Period” means the approximate fifteen (15) year period ending on December 31, 2040.

SECTION 1.02. INTERPRETATION. In this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

(A) the terms “hereby”, “hereof”, “herein”, “hereunder” and any similar terms as used in this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, refer to this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, and the term “heretofore” shall mean before, and the term “hereafter” shall mean after, the date of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement;

(B) words of masculine gender shall mean and include correlative words of feminine and neuter genders;

(C) words importing the singular number shall mean and include the plural number, and vice versa;

(D) any headings preceding the texts of the several Articles and Sections of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, and any table of contents or marginal notes appended to copies hereof, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall neither constitute a part of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement nor affect its meaning, construction or effect; and

(E) any certificates, letters or opinions required to be given pursuant to this Uniform Agency Project Agreement shall mean a signed document attesting to or acknowledging the circumstances, representations, opinions of law or other matters therein stated or set forth or setting forth matters to be determined pursuant to this Uniform Agency Project Agreement.

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

SECTION 2.01. 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 to enter into this Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement.

(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 Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement. By proper corporate action on the part of its members, the Agency has duly authorized the execution, delivery, and performance of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein contemplated.

(C) Conflicts. The Agency is not prohibited from entering into this Uniform Agency Project Agreement and discharging and performing all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Uniform Agency Project 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 2.02. 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 and has the power under the laws of the State of New York to enter into this Uniform Agency Project Agreement and to perform and 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement, and by proper action of its members has been duly authorized to execute, deliver and perform this Uniform Agency Project Agreement.

(B) Authorization. The Company is authorized and has the power under its articles of organization, operating agreement and the laws of the State of New York to enter into this Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement. By proper action of its members, the Company has duly authorized the execution, delivery, and performance of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein contemplated.

(C) Conflicts. The Company is not prohibited from entering into this Uniform Agency Project Agreement and discharging and performing all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Uniform Agency Project Agreement by (and the execution, delivery and performance of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, the consummation of the transactions

contemplated hereby and the fulfillment of and compliance with the provisions of this Uniform Agency Project 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, 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement nor the Company's discharging and performing all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement by the Company or as a condition to the validity of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement.

ARTICLE III

COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS

SECTION 3.01. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. (A) Financial Assistance. In the Application the Company certified to the Agency employment information with respect to the Project Facility, and the operations of the Company. In reliance on the certifications provided by the Company in the Application, the Agency agrees to provide the Company with the following Financial Assistance related to the Project:

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| (1) sales and use tax exemptions: | \$533,991.23 (estimated) |
| (2) a real property tax exemption: | \$1,017,331.94 (estimated) |

(B) Description of Project and Public Purpose of Granting Financial Assistance to the Project. In the Application and in the discussions had between the Company and the Agency with respect to the Company's request for Financial Assistance from the Agency with respect to the Project, the Company has represented to the Agency as follows:

(1) That the Project is described as follows: (a) The acquisition of an interest in 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"), (b) the construction on the Land of an approximately 3.154 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 (c) 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").

(2) That the Project will furnish the benefits to the residents of Herkimer County, New York (the "Public Benefits") as described in Exhibit A to the Approving Resolution.

(C) Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement. A copy of the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement is attached as Schedule C. The attached Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement describes the dates the payments in lieu of taxes are to be made and includes a formula describing the amount of payments in lieu of taxes to be made.

(D) Contingent Nature of the Financial Assistance. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01(A) of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, the Agency and the Company agree that the amount of Financial Assistance to be received by the Company with respect to the Project shall be contingent upon, and shall bear a direct relationship to, the success or lack of success of the Project in delivering the promised Public Benefits.

SECTION 3.02. COMPANY AGREEMENTS. The Company hereby agrees as follows:

(A) Filing – Closing Date. To file with the Agency, prior to the Closing Date, an employment plan, based on the employment projections contained in the Application, regarding the number of people expected to be employed at the Project Facility and certain other matters, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit G to the Lease Agreement.

(B) Filing – Annual. To file with the Agency, on an annual basis, within sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar year, a report regarding the number of people employed at the Project Facility and certain other matters as required under Applicable Law, an annual status report (the “Annual Status Report,” in substantially the form attached hereto as Schedule E and attached as Exhibit H to the Lease Agreement).

(C) Employment Listing. To list new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project with the following entities (hereinafter, the “JTPA Entities”): (1) the New York State Department of Labor Community Services Division and (2) the administrative entity of the service delivery area created by the Federal Job Training Partnership Act (P.L. No. 97-300) in which the Project Facility is located (while currently cited in Section 858-b of the Act, the Federal Job Training Partnership Act was repealed effective June 1, 2000, and has been supplanted by the Workplace Investment Act of 1998 (P.L. No. 105-220)).

(D) Employment Consideration. Except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreement, the Company agrees, where practicable, to first consider for such new employment opportunities persons eligible to participate in federal job training partnership programs who shall be referred by the JTPA Entities.

(E) Employment Level. (1) Pursuant to the Application there will be no full-time equivalent employees at the Project Facility.

(2) (a) To verify that the Employment Level is being achieved at the Project Facility and the information contained in the Annual Status Report, the Company is required to submit, or cause to be submitted, within sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar year: a form NYS-45 as of the last payroll date in the month of December (the “Quarterly Report,” a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule A and, together with the Annual Status Report described in Section 3.02(B) above, being collectively referred to as the “Employment Affidavits”) or some other form that is explicitly approved by the Agency. Full Time Equivalent Employees for each calendar year during the term of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement shall be the number reported in the Employment Affidavits delivered by the Company pursuant to Section 3.02(B) and this Section 3.02(E)(2).

(b) In the event that some or all of the Full Time Equivalent Employees employed at the Project Facility constitute Contract Employees, it shall be the responsibility of the Company to deliver, or cause to be delivered, the Quarterly Reports of the employers relating to such Contract Employees. The Company hereby agrees to provide such Quarterly Reports in accordance with the terms contained in Section 3.02(E)(2)(a) above.

(3) For purposes of determining the number of Full Time Equivalent Employees, (i) no more than ten percent (10%) of such Full Time Equivalent Employees may consist of Contract Employees, and (ii) up to ten percent (10%) of such Full Time Equivalent Employees may be employed off site in other facilities located in Herkimer County, New York.

(F) Non-Discrimination. (1) At all times during the term of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, the Company shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, age, sex or national origin. The Company shall use its best efforts to ensure that employees and applicants for employment with the Company or any subtenant of the Project Facility are treated without regard to their race, color, creed, age, sex, or national origin. As used herein, the term

“treated” shall mean and include, without limitation, the following: recruited, whether by advertising or other means; compensated, whether in the form of rates of pay or other forms of compensation; selected for training, including apprenticeship; promoted; upgraded; downgraded; demoted; transferred; laid off; and terminated.

(2) The Company agrees that, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Company during the term of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, the Company will state in substance that all qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, creed or national origin, age or sex.

(G) The Company will endeavor to consider MWBE companies when making decisions to contract with third party vendors, contractors and materialmen.

(H) The Company agrees to provide the Agency with at least fourteen (14) days prior written notice of any groundbreaking, grand opening or other event relating to the undertaking and completion of the Project and to provide the officers of the Agency and such other officials as they may designate with an opportunity to speak at and participate in such event or events.

ARTICLE IV

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

SECTION 4.01. EVENTS OF DEFAULT DEFINED. (A) The following shall be “Events of Default” under this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, and the terms “Event of Default” or “default” shall mean, whenever they are used in this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, any one or more of the following events:

- (1) A default in the performance or observance of any of the covenants, conditions or agreements on the part of the Company in this Uniform Agency Project Agreement and the continuance thereof for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice thereof is given by the Agency to the Company, provided that, if such default is capable of cure but cannot be cured within such thirty (30) day period, the failure of the Company to commence to cure within such thirty (30) day period and to prosecute the same with due diligence.
- (2) The occurrence of an “Event of Default” under any other Basic Document.
- (3) Any material representation or warranty made by the Company herein or in any other Basic Document proves to have been false at the time it was made.

SECTION 4.02. REMEDIES ON DEFAULT. (A) Whenever any Event of Default hereunder shall have occurred, the Agency may, to the extent permitted by law, take any one or more of the following remedial steps:

- (1) declare, by written notice to the Company, to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable, (a) all amounts payable pursuant to Section 5.3 of the Lease Agreement, and (b) all other payments due under this Uniform Agency Project Agreement or any of the other Basic Documents; or
- (2) terminate the Lease Agreement and the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and convey to the Company all the Agency’s right, title and interest in and to the Project Facility (the conveyance of the Agency’s right, title and interest in and to the Project Facility shall be effected by the delivery by the Agency of the Termination of Lease to Agency. The Company hereby agrees to pay all expenses and taxes, if any, applicable to or arising from any such transfer of title); or
- (3) take any other action at law or in equity which may appear necessary or desirable to collect any amounts then due or thereafter to become due hereunder and to enforce the obligations, agreements, or covenants of the Company under this Uniform Agency Project Agreement.

(B) No action taken pursuant to this Section 4.02 (including repossession of the Project Facility) shall relieve the Company from its obligations to make any payments required by this Uniform Agency Project Agreement and the other Basic Documents.

SECTION 4.03. RECAPTURE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. (A) General. Upon the occurrence of a Recapture Event that occurs during the Recapture Period, the Agency may require the Company to provide for the recapture of the project financial assistance provided as of the date of determination (the “Project Financial Assistance”), all in accordance with the terms of this Section 4.03. The Company

hereby agrees, if requested by the Agency, to pay within thirty (30) days to the Agency the recapture of the Project Financial Assistance, as provided in this Section 4.03.

(B) Project Financial Assistance to be Recaptured. The Project Financial Assistance to be recaptured, as adjusted by the provisions of Section 4.03(C) below, by the Agency from the Company upon the occurrence of a Recapture Event during a Recapture Period shall be an amount equal to a percentage (as provided in subsection (C) below) multiplied by the sum of the following:

(1) the portion of the amount of New York State sales and use taxes allocable to Herkimer County that the Company would have paid as of the date of determination in connection with the undertaking of the Project if the Project Facility was privately owned by the Company and not deemed owned or under the jurisdiction and control of the Agency; and

(2) the difference between the amount of the payment in lieu of tax payments paid by the Company under the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and the amount of the general real property ad valorem taxes that would have been payable by the Company to the Taxing Entities if the Project Facility was privately owned by the Company and not deemed owned or under the jurisdiction and control of the Agency.

(C) Amount of Project Financial Assistance to be Recaptured. Upon the occurrence of a Recapture Event, the Company shall pay to the Agency the following amounts as recapture:

Year	Amount of Recapture
2023	100% of the Project Financial Assistance
2024	100% of the Project Financial Assistance
2025	95% of the Project Financial Assistance
2026	90% of the Project Financial Assistance
2027	85% of the Project Financial Assistance
2028	80% of the Project Financial Assistance
2029	75% of the Project Financial Assistance
2030	70% of the Project Financial Assistance
2031	65% of the Project Financial Assistance
2032	60% of the Project Financial Assistance
2033	55% of the Project Financial Assistance
2034	50% of the Project Financial Assistance
2035	45% of the Project Financial Assistance
2036	40% of the Project Financial Assistance
2037	30% of the Project Financial Assistance
2038	20% of the Project Financial Assistance
2039	10% of the Project Financial Assistance
2040	5% of the Project Financial Assistance

(D) Redistribution of Project Financial Assistance to be Recaptured. Upon the receipt by the Agency of any amount of Project Financial Assistance pursuant to this Section 4.03, the Agency shall redistribute such amount within thirty (30) days of such receipt to the Taxing Entity that would have received such amount but for the granting by the Agency of the Project Financial Assistance.

(E) Survival of Obligations. The Company acknowledges that the obligations of the Company in this Section 4.03 shall survive the conveyance of the Project Facility to the Company and the termination of the Lease Agreement.

(F) Agency Review of Recapture Determination. The Agency's determination to recapture all or a portion of the Project Financial Assistance shall be made by the Agency after an evaluation of the criteria for recapture set forth in the Agency's "Policy Respecting Recapture of Project Benefits" as in effect as of the Closing Date (a copy of which policy is attached hereto as Schedule B). If the Agency determines that a Recapture Event has occurred, it shall give notice of such determination to the Company. The Company shall have thirty (30) days from the date the notice is deemed given to submit a written response to the Agency's determination and to request a written and/or oral presentation to the Agency why the proposed recapture amount should not be paid to the Agency. The Company may make its presentation at a meeting of the Agency. The Agency shall then vote on a resolution recommending (i) a termination of Financial Assistance, (ii) a recapture of Financial Assistance, (iii) both a termination and a recapture of Finance Assistance, (iv) a modification of Financial Assistance or (v) no action.

SECTION 4.04. LATE PAYMENTS. (A) One Month. If the Company shall fail to make any payment required by this Uniform Agency Project Agreement within thirty (30) days of the date that written notice of such payment is sent from the Agency to the Company at the address provided in Section 5.05 of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, the Company shall pay the amount specified in such notice 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement when due and such delinquency shall continue beyond the thirty (30) days after such notice, the Company's obligation to make the payment so in default shall continue as an obligation of the Company to the Agency until such payment in default shall have been made in full, and the Company shall pay the same to the Agency together with (1) 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, plus (2) interest thereon, to the extent permitted by law, at the greater of (a) one percent (1%) per month, or (b) the rate per annum which would be payable if such amount were delinquent taxes, until so paid in full.

SECTION 4.05. PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES. If the Company should default in performing any of its obligations, covenants or agreements under this Uniform Agency Project Agreement and the Agency should employ attorneys or incur other 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 within thirty (30) days 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 4.06. REMEDIES; WAIVER AND NOTICE. (A) No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Agency 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 Uniform Agency Project 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 a Recapture Event or an 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 to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than such notice as may be expressly required in this Uniform Agency Project Agreement.

(D) No Waiver. In the event any provision contained in this Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement shall be established by conduct, custom, or course of dealing.

ARTICLE V

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 5.01. TERM. This Uniform Agency Project Agreement shall become effective and the obligations of the Company shall arise absolutely and unconditionally upon the execution and delivery of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement by the Company and the Agency. Unless otherwise provided by amendment hereof, this Uniform Agency Project Agreement shall continue to remain in effect until December 31, 2040.

SECTION 5.02. FORM OF PAYMENTS. The amounts payable under this Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project 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) Addresses. The addresses to which notices, certificates and other communications hereunder shall be delivered are as follows:

IF TO THE COMPANY:

Herkimer Solar, LLC
500 La Terraza Blvd, Suite 350
Escondido, California 092025
Attention: Carina Hartmann, Manager

WITH A COPY TO:

Phillip 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.

(C) 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 Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement are intended to be for the benefit of the Agency.

SECTION 5.07. SEVERABILITY. If any article, section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, provision or portion of this Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project 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 Uniform Agency Project Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.

SECTION 5.10. SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS. The obligations of the Company to make the filings and listings required by Section 3.02 hereof shall survive the termination of this Uniform Agency Project Agreement, and all such filings and reports after such termination shall be made upon demand of the party to whom such filings and reports are due.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Agency and the Company have caused this Uniform Agency Project 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: Vernon J Bone
(Vice) Chairman

HERKIMER SOLAR, LLC

By: _____
Manager

SPECIAL PROJECT CERTIFICATION

As required under Section 859-a(6) of the Act, the Company hereby certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the Company is in substantial compliance with all local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.

HERKIMER SOLAR, LLC

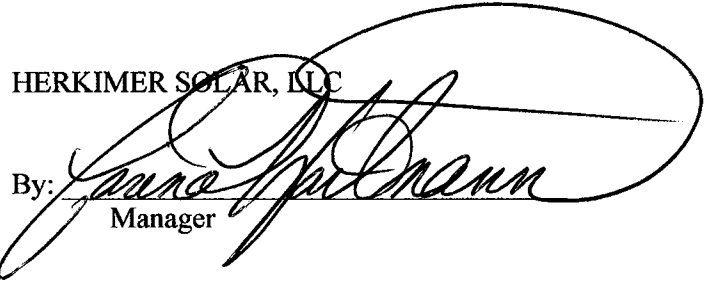
By: _____
Manager

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HERKIMER SOLAR, LLC

By: 
Manager

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

On the 20th 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

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CIVIL CODE § 1189

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 Pydder
 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 [Signature]
 Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

OPTIONAL

Though this section is optional, completing this information can deter alteration of the document or fraudulent reattachment of this form to an unintended document.

Description of Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: _____ Document Date: _____

Number of Pages: _____ Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: _____

Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)

Signer's Name: _____

☐ Corporate Officer — Title(s): _____

☐ Partner — ☐ Limited ☐ General

☐ Individual ☐ Attorney in Fact

☐ Trustee ☐ Guardian or Conservator

☐ Other: _____

Signer Is Representing: _____

Signer's Name: _____

☐ Corporate Officer — Title(s): _____

☐ Partner — ☐ Limited ☐ General

☐ Individual ☐ Attorney in Fact

☐ Trustee ☐ Guardian or Conservator

☐ Other: _____

Signer Is Representing: _____

SCHEDULE A

NYS-45
QUARTERLY REPORT

NYS-45 (1/19)**Quarterly Combined Withholding, Wage Reporting,
And Unemployment Insurance Return**

Reference these numbers in all correspondence:

UI Employer
registration numberWithholding
identification number

Employer legal name:

Mark an X in only one box to indicate the quarter (a separate
return must be completed for each quarter) and enter the year.

1 Jan 1 - Mar 31 2 Apr 1 - Jun 30 3 July 1 - Sep 30 4 Oct 1 - Dec 31 Year Y Y

Are dependent health insurance benefits
available to any employee? Yes No

If seasonal employer, mark an X in the box

a. First month

b. Second month

c. Third month

Number of employees

Enter the number of full-time and part-time covered
employees who worked during or received pay for
the week that includes the 12th day of each month.For office use only
Postmark

Received date

UI SK AI SI WT SK

Part A - Unemployment Insurance (UI) information

1. Total remuneration paid this quarter 00
2. Remuneration paid this quarter in excess of the UI wage base since January 1 (see instr.) 00
3. Wages subject to contribution (subtract line 2 from line 1) 00
4. UI contributions due
Enter your UI rate %
5. Re-employment service fund (multiply line 3 x .00075)
6. UI previously underpaid with interest
7. Total of lines 4, 5, and 6
8. Enter UI previously overpaid
9. Total UI amounts due (if line 7 is greater than line 8, enter difference)
10. Total UI overpaid (if line 8 is greater than line 7, enter difference and mark box 11 below)*
11. Apply to outstanding liabilities and/or refund

Part B - Withholding tax (WT) information

12. New York State tax withheld
13. New York City tax withheld
14. Yonkers tax withheld
15. Total tax withheld (add lines 12, 13, and 14)
16. WT credit from previous quarter's return (see instr.)
17. Form NYS-1 payments made for quarter
18. Total payments (add lines 16 and 17)
19. Total WT amount due (if line 15 is greater than line 18, enter difference)
20. Total WT overpaid (if line 18 is greater than line 15, enter difference here and mark an X in 20a or 20b)*
- 20a. Apply to outstanding liabilities and/or refund or
- 20b. Credit to next quarter withholding tax
21. Total payment due (add lines 9 and 19; make one remittance payable to NYS Employment Contributions and Taxes)

*** An overpayment of either UI contributions or withholding tax cannot be used to offset an amount due for the other.**

Complete Parts D and E on back of form, if required.

Part C - Employee wage and withholding information

Quarterly employee/payee wage reporting and withholding information (If more than five employees or if reporting other wages, do not make entries in this section; complete Form NYS-45-ATT. Do not use negative numbers; see instructions.)				
a Social Security number	b Last name, first name, middle initial	c Total UI remuneration paid this quarter	d Gross federal wages or distribution (see instructions)	e Total NYS, NYC, and Yonkers tax withheld
Totals (column c must equal remuneration on line 1; see instructions for exceptions)				
Sign your return: I certify that the information on this return and any attachments is to the best of my knowledge and belief true, correct, and complete.				
Signature (see instructions)		Signer's name (please print)		Title

Date

Telephone number

Withholding
Identification number



41919422

Part D - Form NYS-1 corrections/additions

Use Part D **only** for corrections/additions for the quarter being reported in Part B of this return. To correct original withholding information reported on Form(s) NYS-1, complete columns a, b, c, and d. To report additional withholding information not previously submitted on Form(s) NYS-1, complete **only** columns c and d. Lines 12 through 15 on the front of this return **must reflect these corrections/additions**.

a Original last payroll date reported on Form NYS-1, line A (mmdd)	b Original total withheld reported on Form NYS-1, line 4	c Correct last payroll date (mmdd)	d Correct total withheld
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Part E - Change of business information

22. This line is not in use for this quarter.

23. If you **permanently ceased paying wages**, enter the date (mmddyy) of the final payroll (see Note below)

24. If you **sold or transferred all or part of your business**:

- Mark an X to indicate whether in whole ☐ or in part ☐
- Enter the date of transfer (mmddyy)
- Complete the information below about the acquiring entity

Legal name	EIN
Address	

Note: For questions about other changes to your withholding tax account, call the Tax Department at 518-485-6654; for your unemployment insurance account, call the UI Employer Hotline at 1-888-899-8810. If you are using a paid preparer or a payroll service, the section below must be completed.

Paid preparer's use	Preparer's signature	Date	Preparer's NYTPRIN	Preparer's SSN or PTIN	NYTPRIN excl. code
	Preparer's firm name (or yours, if self-employed)	Address		Firm's EIN	Telephone number ()
Payroll service's name				Payroll service's EIN	

Checklist for mailing:

- File original return and keep a copy for your records.
- Complete lines 9 and 19 to ensure proper credit of payment.
- Enter your withholding ID number on your remittance.
- Make remittance payable to **NYS Employment Contributions and Taxes**.
- Enter your telephone number in boxes below your signature.
- See *Need help?* on Form NYS-45-I if you need forms or assistance.

Mail to:

NYS EMPLOYMENT
CONTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES
PO BOX 4119
BINGHAMTON NY 13902-4119

NYS-45 (1/19) (back)

SCHEDULE B
RECAPTURE BENEFITS POLICY

- SEE ATTACHED -



HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY POLICY RESPECTING RECAPTURE OF PROJECT BENEFITS

SECTION 1 PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

(A) The purpose of this Policy is to outline the procedures utilized by Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") to review compliance with (1) the requirements of the Agency relating to job creation and/or retention, other expected public benefits and reporting and (2) the requirements of the State of New York (the "State") relating to sales tax exemptions and reporting.

(B) The Agency was created pursuant to Section 898 of Title 2 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law and Title 1 of Article 18-A the General Municipal Law (collectively, the "Act") for the purpose of promoting employment opportunities for, and the general prosperity and economic welfare of, residents of Herkimer County, New York (the "County") and the State of New York (the "State"). Under the Act, the Agency was created in order to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the residents of the County and of the State.

(C) Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2013 (Part J), effective March 28, 2013 (the "2013 Budget Law"), enacted March 28, 2013, established new recordkeeping, reporting, and recapture requirements for industrial development agency projects that receive sales tax exemptions.

(D) The new sales tax recording and reporting requirements required by the 2013 Budget Law include the following: (1) a requirement to keep records of the amount of sales tax benefits provided to each project and make those records available to the State upon request; (2) a requirement to report to the State, within 30 days after providing financial assistance, the amount of sales tax benefits intended to be provided to a project; and (3) a requirement that the Agency post on the internet and make available without charge copies of its resolutions and agreements appointing an agent or project operator or otherwise related to any project it establishes. A project operator ("Project Operator") is appointed by the Agency through the filing of form ST-60 with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

(E) The 2013 Budget Law requires that the Agency recapture State sales tax benefits where: (1) the project is not entitled to receive those benefits; (2) the exemptions exceed the amount authorized, or are claimed for unauthorized property or services; or (3) the project operator failed to use property or services in the manner required by its agreements with the Agency.

(F) For purposes of this Policy, with respect to a particular calendar year and a particular project, the term "financial assistance" shall include the following:

(1) Proceeds of debt obligations issued by the Agency with respect to said project have been disbursed during the calendar year in question.

(2) Any tax exemption or abatement (a) which may have directly or indirectly benefitted the project or project operator shall during such calendar year and (b) which resulted from (i) the Agency's title to, possession of or, control of or other interest in said project, or (ii) the designation by the Agency of said project occupant (or any sublessee, contractor, supplier or other operator of the project) as an agent of the Agency.

(3) Any grant made by the Agency with respect to said project or project operator shall during such calendar year.

(4) Any loan made by the Agency with respect to said project or project operator shall during such calendar year.

(G) For purposes of this Policy, with respect to a particular project, the term "Project Agreements" shall mean the project documents between the Agency and an applicant with respect to the applicant's project. In addition to a lease agreement or installment sale agreement between the Agency and the applicant, the Project Agreements may also include a payment in lieu of tax agreement, a project agreement, and one or more recapture agreements, as well as security agreements intended to ensure compliance by the applicant with the requirements of the Project Agreements.

SECTION 2 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

(A) Under the Act, the Agency is required to submit certain annual reports relating to Agency projects to the New York State Office of the Comptroller. In order to satisfy its annual reporting requirements and other requirements under the Act and certain other requirements imposed by the Act, as well as the new requirements imposed upon the Agency by the 2013 Budget Law, the Agency will require each applicant for financial assistance from the Agency agree to satisfy the following requirements as a condition to the receipt of such financial assistance:

(1) Any applicant requesting a sales tax exemption from the Agency must include in the application a realistic estimate of the value of the savings anticipated to be received by the applicant. Each applicant is hereby warned to provide a realistic estimate in the application, as the 2013 Budget Law and the regulations expected to be enacted thereunder are expected to require that the Agency recapture any benefit that exceeds the greater of (a) the amount listed in said application or (b) authorized by the Agency in a separate resolution.

(2) Any applicant requesting a sales tax exemption from the Agency must agree to annually file (and cause any sublessee, contractor, supplier or other operator of the project to file annually) with the State, on a form and in such manner as is prescribed by the State, a statement of the value of all sales and use tax exemptions claimed by the applicant and all contractors, subcontractors, consultants and other agents of the applicant under the authority granted to the applicant by the Agency.

(3) Any applicant requesting a sales tax exemption from the Agency must agree to furnish to the Agency a copy of each such annual report submitted to the State by the applicant or any sublessee, contractor, supplier or other operator of the project.

(4) As required by the 2013 Budget Law, the Project Agreements will provide that any sales tax benefits determined by the Agency to be subject to recapture pursuant to the 2013 Budget Law must be remitted by the applicant to the Agency within 20 days of a request therefor by the Agency.

(5) The applicant agrees that, as required by the 2013 Budget Law, the resolutions of the Agency with respect to the project and the Project Agreements will now be publicly available on the Agency's website. As provided in the New York Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL"), the applicant may request that certain information contained therein be redacted and, if the applicant

can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Agency that release of said information would result in substantial harm to the applicant's competitive position, the Agency may comply with such request.

(6) Except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project will be listed with the New York State Department of Labor Community Services Division (the "DOC") and with the administrative entity (collectively with the DOC, the "JTPA Entities") of the service delivery area created by the federal job training partnership act (Public Law 97-300) ("JTPA"), as replaced by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-220), where the Project is located.

(7) Except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, where practicable, the applicant will first consider persons eligible to participate in JTPA programs who shall be referred by JTPA Entities for new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project.

(8) The applicant agrees, whenever requested by the Agency, to provide and certify or cause to be provided and certified such information concerning the Applicant, its finances and other topics as the Agency from time to time reasonably considers necessary or appropriate, including, but not limited to, such information as to enable the Agency to make any reports required by law or governmental regulation.

(9) Within sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar year, the applicant shall furnish to the Agency a certificate of an Authorized Representative of the applicant stating that no event of default under the Project Agreements has occurred or is continuing or, if any Event of Default exists, specifying the nature and period of existence thereof and what action the applicant has taken or proposes to take with respect thereto, and setting forth the unpaid principal balance of the Bonds and accrued but unpaid interest thereon and that no defenses, offsets or counterclaims exist with respect to the indebtedness evidenced thereby.

(10) The applicant shall insure that all employees and applicants for employment with regard to the Project are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination.

(11) The applicant agrees to file with the Agency, no later than sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar year, reports regarding the number of people employed at the project and certain other matters.

(B) In order to ensure that the project will create the public benefits anticipated by the Agency accruing to the residents and taxpayers of the County, the Project Agreements will require that each Agency project operator agree that, annually, within 60 days of the end of each calendar year during which a project has received any financial assistance from the Agency, such Agency project operator will complete and file with the Agency an annual report (the "Operator Annual Report") describing the status of the project during the calendar year just completed, including such information as: jobs projected to be created/retained; estimated salary of jobs to be created/retained; current number of jobs; construction jobs created through the year; exemptions from taxes and payments in lieu of tax made; and status of bond financing related to the project.

SECTION 3 ENFORCEMENT

(A) The Agency will use the information contained in the Operator Annual Report, and may use site visits and follow ups, to gauge the status of a project in relation to the original commitment of the applicant as stated in the project application.

(B) Should the staff or board members of the Agency find significant deficiencies in any area; the project will be further reviewed. Examples of situations that may trigger review and/or action by the Agency include:

(1) If the project operator shifts production activity to a facility outside of the County and, as a result, fails to achieve the economic benefits projected.

(2) If the project operator moves all operations outside the County, neglects to move operations to the County, or the project does not otherwise conform to the project described in the Project Agreements.

(3) If a significant shortfall in economic benefits is identified, as compared with the application, such as a significant shortfall in new job creation/retention and/or expected major investments in the business.

(4) Failure to comply with annual reporting requirements or provide the Agency with requested information.

(5) Sale or closure of a project within the time period the applicant receives Agency financial assistance.

(C) Should the staff or board members of the Agency find significant deficiencies in the achievement of the economic benefits promised as described in the application and the Project Agreements, the project operator will be asked to provide justification for said shortfalls. The board members of the Agency will compare these statements against industry standards, as well as the current market and economic conditions, to determine whether the project operator did all that it could to meet its obligations as outlined in the application and the Project Agreements.

(D) The board members of the Agency will determine on a case-by-case basis whether a hearing is appropriate to allow a project operator to be heard on the issue regarding said project operator's failure to achieve the projected economic benefits.

(E) Should the board members of the Agency find that (1) significant deficiencies in the achievement of the economic benefits promised as described in the application and the Project Agreements have occurred and (2) there appears to be no justification satisfactory to the Agency to explain these deficiencies, the Agency may determine to undertake any enforcement action available to the Agency under the Project Agreements to seek redress for these deficiencies.

(F) Enforcement action taken by the Agency under the Project Agreements may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(1) Requesting cure of the deficiency by a final notice letter.

(2) Forwarding an event of default notice under the Project Agreements.

(3) Notifying appropriate New York State agencies of the project operator's failure to comply with such requirements.

(4) Terminating any or all of the Project Agreements early.

- (5) Reducing the value of financial assistance moving forward.
- (6) Terminating any future financial assistance.
- (7) Requiring that the value of all the financial assistance utilized to date to be repaid in full or in part, with interest.

(G) In connection with the undertaking of a Project and/or the preparation of Project Agreements, the Agency also reserves the right to negotiate the terms and conditions of these recapture provisions.

SECTION 4 EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall be effective with respect to any project undertaken by the Agency after the date of approval of this Policy, including but not limited to any Project Agreements signed or amended after such date.

Adopted March 29, 2022

SCHEDULE C

COPY OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT

- SEE ATTACHED -

CLOSING ITEM NO.: A-5

HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AND

HERKIMER SOLAR, LLC

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

RELATING TO THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 149 SCHOOL LANE
ROAD (TAX MAP NUMBER 104.4-1-64.1) IN THE TOWN OF
FRANKFORT, 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 HERKIMER 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, Herkimer 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 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 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,

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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 Frankfort Town Hall located at 201 Third Avenue in the Town of Frankfort, 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 Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on the 12th day of April, 2023 at 8:00 o’clock a.m., local time, at the Town of Frankfort Town Hall located at 201 Third Avenue in the Town of Frankfort, 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 Frankfort (the “Town Board”), on October 27, 2022 (the “SEQR Resolution”), which SEQR Resolution was thereby renewed and ratified by the members of the Agency pursuant to 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:

Herkimer 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: Ument J Band
(Vice) Chairman

HERKIMER SOLAR, LLC

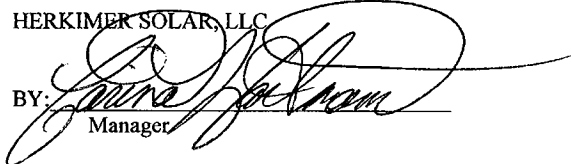
BY: _____
Manager

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

HERKIMER SOLAR, LLC

BY:  _____
Manager

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

On the 20th 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.


Notary Public

CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CIVIL CODE § 1189

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 Rydder
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 [Signature]
Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

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Though this section is optional, completing this information can deter alteration of the document or fraudulent reattachment of this form to an unintended document.

Description of Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: _____ Document Date: _____
 Number of Pages: _____ Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: _____

Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)

Signer's Name: _____	Signer's Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Officer — Title(s): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Officer — Title(s): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Partner — <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Partner — <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input type="checkbox"/> General
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in Fact	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in Fact
<input type="checkbox"/> Trustee <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian or Conservator	<input type="checkbox"/> Trustee <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian or Conservator
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Signer Is Representing: _____	Signer Is Representing: _____

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 Herkimer Solar, LLC (the “Company”), as landlord, and Herkimer County Industrial Development (the “Agency”), as tenant, in an approximately 23 acre parcel of land (the “Leased Land”) located at 149 School Lane Road in the Town of Frankfort, 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 Frankfort, Herkimer, New York, bounded and described as follows:

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PROPOSED DESCRIPTION
Lands to be Leased by Herkimer Solar, LLC

ALL THAT TRACT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND situate within the Town of Frankfort, County of Herkimer and State of New York, as shown on the map entitled "Property Map Showing a Portion of Lands Belonging to RCHM Holdings LLC to be Leased By Herkimer Solar, LLC", dated July 27, 2023, prepared by Emrich Land Surveying, PLLC; said parcel's more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at a found iron pin located on the division line between the property of RCHM Holdings LLC (reputed owner) as described by Deed as Instrument No. RP2021-729 (Parcel #1) on the southeast and the property of Manino Brothers Holdings, LLC (reputed owner) as described by Deed L. 1595 P. 651 on the northwest, at its intersection with the division line between said property of RCHM Holdings LLC on the northeast and the property of Manino Brothers Holdings, LLC (reputed owner) as described by Deed L. 1595 P. 651 on the southwest; Thence North 31° 26' 00" East, along the first mentioned division line, a distance of 295.85 feet to a point; Thence South 58° 04' 00" East, at right angles to said division line, a distance of 58.00 feet to an angle point on a proposed chain link fence and being the **POINT OF BEGINNING**;

Thence through said property of RCHM Holdings LLC (reputed owner) as described by Deed as Instrument No. RP2021-729, and intending to be along a proposed chain link perimeter fence, the following eight (8) bearings and distances:

- 1) North 31° 26' 00" East, a distance of 1717.47 feet to a point;
- 2) South 58° 34' 45" East, a distance of 33.60 feet to a point;
- 3) South 00° 00' 00" East, a distance of 453.75 feet to a point;
- 4) South 07° 18' 05" West, a distance of 1509.10 feet to a point;
- 5) North 87° 13' 30" West, a distance of 473.02 feet to a point;
- 6) North 90° 00' 00" West, a distance of 164.42 feet to a point;
- 7) North 37° 31' 55" West, a distance of 157.11 feet to a point;
- 8) North 00° 00' 00" East, a distance of 355.22 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1,001,893 ± square feet or 23.000± acres, more or less.

Together with an Easement and Right-of-Way for ingress and egress over, under and along an existing gravel roadway running from the above described parcel to division line between the property of RCHM Holdings LLC (reputed owner) as described by Deed as Instrument No. RP2021-729 (Parcel #1) on the northeast and the property of Terra Science & Education Inc. (reputed owner) as described by Deed L. 1561 P. 639 on the southwest.

P.O. Box 27
Ilion, New York 13357

Tel: 315.888-6069

emrichsurveying@gmail.com

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EXHIBIT D
COPY OF APPLICATION
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Application Rec'd 3/24/2023

**APPLICATION TO
HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Company Name: Herkimer Solar, LLC
Address: 500 La Terraza Blvd, Suite 350
Escondido, CA 92025
Product/Services: Solar Energy Production
Phone No.: 8582459004 **Fax No.:**
Email Address: ken@greenvoltpowerrenewables.com
Fed ID No.: 84-4382907 **NAICS Code:**
Contact Person/Title: Ken Grismore, Chief Development Officer of Greenvolt Renewables, LLC

Principal Owners/Officers/Directors:
(list owners with 15% or more in equity holdings with percentage ownership)

Greenvolt Power Renewables, LLC- 100%

Corporate Structure (attach schematic if Applicant is a subsidiary or otherwise affiliated with another entity)

Form of Entity:

- ☐ Corporation
☐ Partnership (General ☐ or Limited ☐; number of general partners _____ and, if applicable, number of limited partners).
☒ Limited Liability Company/Partnership (number of members ¹ _____).
☐ Sole Proprietorship

If a corporation, partnership, limited liability company/partnership:

Date of establishment 1/21/2020 _____.

Place of organization New York _____.

If a foreign organization, is the Applicant authorized to do business in the State of New York? N/A _____.

APPLICANTS' COUNSEL

Name: Phillips Lytle LLP
Address: 125 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
Phone No.: 7168477090
Telefax No.: 7168526100
Email: MTyler@phillipslytle.com or BPavia@phillipslytle.com

II. PROJECT INFORMATION**A) Describe the proposed project, acquisition, construction or reconstruction in as much detail as possible.**

Herkimer Solar, LLC (the "Company") will own and operate a solar power facility to be constructed on 149 School Lane Road, Frankfort, NY (tax parcel number 104.4-1-64.1). The Company has acquired a leasehold interest on approximately 23 acres for the purpose of constructing and equipping the solar power facility and will be comprised of single-axis trackers and low-glare, bi-facial modules, and connected to 31 string inverters, with a total kilowatt power rating of 4.129 MW DC/ 3.154 MW AC. The project will be interconnected to National Grid's distribution line located on Broad Street in Frankfort. The Company will participate in the NYSEERDA NY-Sun initiative. The renewable energy credits generated by the solar power facility will be provided to Herkimer County and Herkimer County Community College.

B) Project Description (check all applicable)

- ☐ Manufacturing
☐ Warehousing/Distribution
☐ Tourism Destination Facility
☐ Retail*
☒ Other – Specify Ground Mounted Solar Array

*If the Project has a retail component, please complete part VI of this application – the Retail Questionnaire.

C) Name of all sub-lessees or other occupants of the facility:

N/A

D) Principals of any sub-lessee or occupant.

N/A

Revised page 5 received 3.24.2023
to reflect changes to #1 (land)

III. COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

A) Estimate Project Costs (where applicable)

1. Land	\$ 518,320.14	Annual lease payment for 15 years
2. Building	\$ N/A	
3. Renovation Costs	\$ N/A	
4. Machinery and Equipment	\$ 6,472,621.02	
5. Soft Costs	\$ 0	
6. Legal Costs	\$ 95,000.00	
7. Other (specify)	\$ 100,000.00	Includes acquisition and development costs (permits, travel, on site rep).
Total Estimated Project Amount	\$ 7,185,941.16	

Of the above amount, total dollar value of labor and materials to be sourced within the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council Region (Herkimer, Oneida, Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie, and Otsego Counties) \$ 1,353,143.00

B) Financing (Source of funds where applicable)

Bank	\$ TBD
Private Funds Invested	\$ 7,185,941.16
Industrial Revenue Bond	\$ N/A
Other	\$ N/A
Total (should equal III. A)	\$ 7,185,941.16

C) Financial Assistance Requested (Proposed Benefit Estimates) (Please note n/a in any line where you are not seeking assistance)

Type of Financing: ☐ Tax-Exempt ☐ Taxable ☒ Straight Lease

Amount of Bonds Requested: \$ N/A

Amount of New Mortgage (s) required for project: \$ TBD

Project-Related Costs Subject to Sales Tax: \$ 6,472,621.02

Estimated Value of Tax Exemptions:

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| 1. NYS Sales and Compensating Use Tax
(State 4% + Local 4.25% = Total 8.25%) | \$ 533,991.23 |
| 2. Mortgage Recording Taxes
(1% of total proposed mortgage amount) | \$ TBD |

3. **Real Property Tax Exemptions**
(See "Property Tax Exemption" table below,
Column C minus Column B. The Agency can
assist with this estimation at your request.)

\$ 1,017,331.94

4. **Estimated interest savings on Issuance by the
Agency of Industrial Revenue Bonds**

\$ N/A

Total Estimated Value of Tax Exemptions

\$ 1,551,323.17

D) Real Property Tax Exemption

Please use the table below to list estimated real property exemption by year. In 'Column A' enter the tax revenue generated by all applicable parcels absent a project. Typically, this value is calculated for the current year and then escalated at 2% per year for the duration of the would-be PILOT term. In 'Column B' enter the estimated value of the PILOT payments for each year through the duration of the PILOT term. In 'Column C' enter the property taxes that the Project would otherwise pay, but-for the PILOT abatement, on the full assessed value. Typically, this value is calculated for the current year and then escalated at 2% a year for the PILOT term. Each column should have an equal number of entries for the entire length of the of PILOT.

Year	Column A Property Tax Without the Project	Column B Estimated PILOT Payments	Column C Estimated Property Taxes on Full Assessment
1	\$2,608.01	\$15,770.00	\$74,597.70
2	\$2,660.17	\$16,085.40	\$76,089.65
3	\$2,713.37	\$16,407.11	\$77,611.45
4	\$2,767.64	\$16,735.25	\$79,163.68
5	\$2,822.99	\$17,069.96	\$80,746.95
6	\$2,879.45	\$17,411.35	\$82,361.89
7	\$2,937.04	\$17,759.58	\$84,009.13
8	\$2,995.78	\$18,114.77	\$85,689.31
9	\$3,055.70	\$18,477.07	\$87,403.10
10	\$3,116.81	\$18,846.61	\$89,151.16

Attach more sheets as necessary.

Column A: The amount of tax due in each year if the Project that is the subject of this application does not occur.

Column B: The estimated PILOT amounts for each year.

Column C: The hypothetical value of property tax payments as if the Project moves forward and the property is fully taxable.

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 149 School Lane Road, Frankfort, NY 13340
 Real Property Exemption Part 2

D) Real Property Tax Exemption (Part 2)

Year	Column A Property Tax Without the Project	Column B Estimated PILOT Payments	Column C Estimated Property Taxes on Full Assessment
11	\$3,179.15	\$19,223.54	\$90,934.18
12	\$3,242.73	\$19,608.01	\$92,752.86
13	\$3,307.59	\$20,000.17	\$94,607.92
14	\$3,373.74	\$20,400.18	\$96,500.08
15	\$3,441.21	\$20,808.18	\$98,430.08
Total	\$45,101.40	\$272,717.18	\$1,290,049.13

Attach more sheets as necessary.

Column A: The amount of tax due in each year if the Project that is the subject of this application does not occur.

Column B: The estimated PILOT amounts for each year.

Column C: The hypothetical value of property tax payments as if the Project moves forward and the property is fully taxable.

E) Employment Information/Job Creation

The Agency uses the following standard when reporting FTE – Full Time Equivalent jobs: Full-time equivalent is a ratio that compares the number of hours worked during a pay period by an employee to the number of work hours during the pay period that equates to full time employment. For example, an employee who works hours equal to full time is 1.0 FTE. An employee who works half the hours of full-time employment is 0.5 FTE, while an employee that works one-third the hours of full-time employment would be considered .3 FTE. Please contact the Agency for assistance if needed.

Please estimate the number of jobs (both retained and created) associated with the operations of the Project subject to this application:

Previous Year	Current Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
0	0	0	0	0

For year 3, total number of jobs retained: FTE 0

For year 3, total number of jobs created: FTE 0

For the jobs that will be created and retained as a result of this project, please provide more information below.

The tables below capture the number of jobs created and retained in the first three years of operations as the Project reaches employment stability. Do not include construction phase employment below. Also note, the following tables should be cumulative. In other words, jobs that are created in Year 1 and expected to be retained through Year 3, should be included in each of the three tables below. Therefore, in most cases, job counts in Year 3 should be greater than, or equal to, jobs in Year 1.

In the 'Description' tab please enter the job title for each position. In the 'NAICS Code' column enter the NAICS code associated with each position. If NAICS Code is unknown, please use the keyword search function in the following link to find the most appropriate code: <https://www.census.gov/naics/>. Enter the cumulative job count and the average salary for each position in the 'Count' and 'Average Salary' columns respectively. Attached additional sheets as needed.

Year 1

Description	NAICS Code	Job Count	Average Salary

Year 2

Description	NAICS Code	Job Count	Average Salary

Year 3 (Stabilization and thereafter)

Description	NAICS Code	Job Count	Average Salary

Note: Enter the entire created/retained job count for the Project in Year 3, even if full employment won't occur until a later year.

Please note any proposed fringe benefits for jobs to be created by job title.

The Company will not have any direct employees. The project will create independent contractor jobs for periodic operation and maintenance. The independent contractors will perform periodic equipment and site maintenance and inspection of the solar power facility.

Estimate number of construction jobs to be used for this project: FTE Approximately 25

F) Other Benefits

In this section, please list any other public and/or private benefits associated with the Project. Wherever possible, please quantify those benefits. (If necessary, please use an attachment to describe and quantify those amounts for each year of the PILOT.) Examples of such quantifiable benefits would include hotel occupancy tax, retail sales tax, host community benefit payments, etc. Please also describe any non-quantifiable benefits if applicable.

Other Public Benefits: During construction, for approximately four months, approximately 8-10 workers will be staying in local hotels and patronizing local restaurants and stores. Some components of the project will be purchased locally and up to 80% of the labor will be sourced locally. Host Community Benefit Fee to the Town of Frankfort for a period of fifteen (15) years the Company will make annual payments of \$3,154.00 with a 2% annual escalator.

As with public benefits, please list any quantifiable or non-quantifiable benefits that accrue to private individuals (royalty payments, solar lease payments, etc.)

Other Private Benefits: Solar lease payments to landlord (RCHM Holdings, LLC), \$6,000 annually throughout the Development Term followed by an Initial Term of 20 years with lease payments of \$32,200 annually, with a 1% annual escalator. NYSEERDA Value Stack VDER credits are shared between the solar power facility owner and local businesses.

IV. PROJECT LOCATION/UTILITIES/IMPACT

- A) **Project Address:** 149 School Lane Road
Frankfort, NY 13340
- B) **Are Utilities on Site**
 Water ☐ Electric ☒
 Gas ☐ Sanitary/Storm Sewer ☐
- C) **Present legal owner of the site** RCHM Holdings, LLC
- D) **Zoning of Project Site:** Current: solar energy system overlay district Proposed: None
- E) **Are any variances needed:** No
- F) **Principal use of Project upon completion:** Tier 3 Solar Energy System
- G) **Will the Project result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Applicant from one area of the State of New York to another?** No
- H) **Will the Project result in the removal of a plant or facility of another proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York?** No
- I) **Will the Project result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities located in the State of New York?** No

If you answered yes to G-H or I please indicate whether the project is reasonably necessary for the company to maintain its competitive position in the industry. Please explain in detail. Attach supporting documentation.

N/A

V. REPRESENTATIONS BY THE APPLICANT:

The Applicant understands and agrees with the Agency as follows:

- A.) **Job Listings.** In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project will be listed with the New York State Department of Labor Community Services Division (the "DOL") and with the administrative entity (collectively with the DOL, the "JTPA Entities") of the service delivery area created by the federal job training partnership act (Public Law 97-300) ("JTPA") in which the Project is located. The IDA encourages to the fullest extent possible, the hiring of local labor for all construction projects.
- B.) **Annual Sales Tax Filings.** In accordance with Section 874(8) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any sales tax exemptions as part of the Financial Assistance from the Agency. In accordance with Section 874(8) of the General Municipal Law, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed, with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the annual form prescribed by the Department of Taxation and Finance, describing the value of all sales tax exemptions claimed by the Applicant and all consultants or subcontractors retained by the Applicant. A copy of such form should be provided to the Agency annually upon submission to the State.
- C.) **Sales Tax Tracking.** The Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any sales tax exemptions as part of the Financial Assistance that they will submit to the Agency, a quarterly tracking form (form will be provided) listing all sales tax savings incurred to allow for the Agency to monitor and report to the State as required.
- D.) **Recapture of Benefits.** The Applicant understands and agrees that the benefits received from tax abatements/exemptions shall be subject to recapture in accordance with the Agency's tax exemption policy. The Agency reserves the right to include in the transaction documents the recapturing of the total value of real property/sales tax exemptions approved for a Project if any of the following conditions arise:
 - a. The Project Facility as defined in the PILOT/Lease Agreement is sold or closed and the Applicant leaves or departs Herkimer County.
 - b. There is a significant change in the use of the Project Facility and/or business activities of the Applicant.
 - c. There is a significant reduction in the number of full/part-time jobs at the Project Facility in comparison to what was estimated in the Applicant's Project Application that are not reflective of the Applicant's normal business cycle or national economic conditions.
 - d. The Applicant fails to fully comply with all periodic and/or annual reporting requirements of the Agency, State or Federal government.
 - e. The Applicant failed to achieve any minimal new job creation figures specified by and within the time frames specified by the Agency

- E.) **Annual Employment Reports.** The Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed, with the Agency, on an annual basis, reports regarding the number of people employed at the project site in addition to any additional project information as may be required. The Chief Executive Office shall submit to the Agency prior to February 1st of each year, a written certification setting forth:
- a. Number of full-time equivalent employees at the Project location as of the last date of the prior year
 - b. Number of construction jobs during the fiscal year as a result of the Project
- F.) **Absence of Conflicts of Interest.** The Applicant has received from the Agency a list (see pages 23-24) of the members, officers and employees of the Agency. No member, officers or employee of the Agency has an interest, whether direct or indirect, in any transaction contemplated by this Application, except as hereinafter described:
- None _____

VI. RETAIL QUESTIONNAIRE (if applicable):

(To be completed by Applicant indicated retail component of the Project in Part II, Question B of this application).

- A.) Will any portion of the Project (including that portion of the cost to be financed from equity or sources other than Agency financing) consist of facilities or property that are or will be primarily used in making retail sales to customers who personally visit the Project?

YES ☐ NO ☒

For purposes of Question A, the term "retail sales" means (i) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of Tax Law of the State of New York (the "Tax Law") primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property (as defined in Section 1101(b)(4)(i) of the Tax Law), or (ii) sales of a service to customers who personally visit the Project.

- B.) If the answer to Question A is YES, what percentage of the cost of the Project (including that portion of the cost to be financed from equity or sources other than Agency financing) will be expended on such facilities or property primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the Project?

_____ %

- C.) If the answer to Question A is YES, and the amount entered for Question B is greater than 33.33%, indicate whether any of the following apply to the Project:

1. Is the Project likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region (i.e., Onondaga and Albany Counties) in which the Project is or will be located?

YES ☐ NO ☒

2. Is the predominant purpose of the Project to make available goods or services which would not, but for the Project, be reasonably accessible to the residents of the city, town or village within which the Project will be located, because of a lack of reasonably accessible retail trade facilities offering such goods or services?

YES ☐ NO ☒

3. Will the Project be located in one of the following: (a) an area designated as an empire zone pursuant to Article 18-B of the General Municipal Law; or (b) a census tract or block numbering area (or census tract or block numbering area contiguous thereto) which, according to the most recent census data, has (i) a poverty rate of at least 20% for the year in which the data relates, or at least 20% of the households receiving public assistance, and (ii) an unemployment rate of at least 1.25 times the statewide unemployment rate for the year to which the data relates?

YES ☐ NO ☒

If the answer to any of the subdivisions 1 through 3 of Question C is YES, attach details.

- D.) If the answer to any of the subdivisions 2 through 3 of Question C is YES, will the Project preserve permanent, private sector jobs or increase the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York? If YES, attach details.

YES ☐ NO ☒

- E.) State percentage of the Applicant's annual gross revenues comprised of each of the following:

Retail Sales: 0 % Services: 0 %

- F.) State percentage of Project premises utilized for same:

Retail Sales: 0 % Services: 0 %

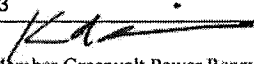
VII. FINANCIAL INFORMATION (attach the following):

1. Financial Statements for the last three fiscal years.
2. Proforma balance sheet as at start of operations at project site.
3. Projected profit and loss statements for first two years of operation at project site.
4. Projected "cash flow" statement, by quarters, for first year of operation at project site.
5. Detailed site plans
6. Construction budgets or contractor estimates
7. Evidence of current employment, such as NYS-45 Quarterly Report

The Applicant and the individual executing this Application on behalf of the applicant acknowledge that the Agency will rely on the representations made herein when acting on this application and hereby represent that the statements made herein do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and do not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein not misleading.

Applicant: Herkimer Solar, LLC

Date: 3/16/2023

By:  its Sole Member Greenvolt Power Renewables, LLC

Name: Kenneth Grismore

Title: Chief Development Officer

Submit this application with a general application fee of \$500.00. If this application is for Market Rate Housing Benefits, please submit \$1,500.00 which includes a non-refundable application fee of \$500.00 and a commitment fee of \$1,000.00 that will be applied at closing; if the project does not close the \$1,000.00 is not refundable. Make check payable to: Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency, 420 E. German Street, Suite 101A, Herkimer, New York 13350, to the attention of John J. Piseck, Jr., Chief Executive Officer. The Agency will collect ½ (one-half) of its Project Fee at the time of the signing of an inducement agreement. The final half of the Agency fee will be payable at which time the HCIDA takes title to the Facility, or upon issuance of bonds. The applicant will also be responsible for all HCIDA legal fees related to this project. Should your company for any reason decide to withdraw this application for financial assistance after submission but prior to completion, you will be responsible for any legal fees involved to that point. In addition, the Agency will assess a fee for services rendered and costs incurred.

Agency fees will be assessed at 1% of the total project cost.

The Agency will assess your company an annual administration fee in the form of rent under the Lease Agreement in the amount of \$750.00 for general projects; \$1,500 for solar projects in years 1-5, then increased by \$500 every 5 years throughout the duration of the project; \$1,500 for housing projects in years 1-5, then increased by \$500 every five years throughout the duration of the project.

Please call 315-866-3000 with any questions

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HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Applicant hereby releases the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency and the members, officers, servants, agents and employees thereof (the "Agency") from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency harmless from and against any and all liability arising from expense incurred by (A) the Agency's examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the attached Application, regardless of whether or not the Application or the Project described therein or the tax exemptions and other Assistance requested therein are favorably acted upon by the Agency, (B) the Agency's acquisition, construction and/or installation of the Project described therein and (C) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Project; including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing.

Herkimer Solar, LLC

(Applicant)

3/16/2023

(Date)

its Sole Member Greenvolt Power Renewables, LLC

(By)

Kenneth Grismore



(Name)

Chief Development Officer

(Title)

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

On the ____ day of _____, in the year 20 __, before me, the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared _____, 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 individuals, or the person or behalf of which the individuals acted, executed this instrument.

 Notary Public

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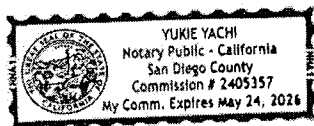
A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California)
 County of San Diego)
 On March 17, 2023 before me, Yukie Yachi, Notary Public
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer
 personally appeared Kenneth Grismore
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 [Signature]
Signature of Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

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HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROJECT MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

SECTION 1 PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The purpose of this Part is to outline the procedures utilized by Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") pursuant to Section 898 of Title 2 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law and Title 1 of Article 18-A the General Municipal Law (collectively, the "Act") to (A) monitor compliance with Agency requirements relating to the exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real property transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (the "Financial Assistance") provided for authorized projects and (B) review satisfaction of the Agency requirements relating to job creation, retention and reporting. Under the Act, the Agency was created in order to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity, and economic welfare of the residents of Herkimer County, New York (the "County") and the State of New York (the "State") and to improve their standard of living.

SECTION 2 JOB CREATION, RETENTION, AND PUBLIC BENEFITS

When considering applications for Financial Assistance, the Agency will consider and review the job creation and retention information contained in the application completed by the applicant. Further, the applicant for each approved project must enter into a uniform agency project agreement with the Agency (the "Uniform Agency Project Agreement") where the applicant agrees (A) that the amount of Financial Assistance to be received shall be contingent upon, and shall bear a direct relationship to the success or lack of success of such project in delivering certain described public benefits (the "Public Benefits") and (B) the Agency will be entitled to recapture some or all of the Financial Assistance granted to the applicant if the project is unsuccessful in whole or in part in delivering the promised Public Benefits.

SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS OF THE APPLICANT

(A) Background. Under the Act, the Agency is required to submit certain annual reports relating to Agency projects to the Office of the New York State Comptroller and to the New York State Authorities Budget Office. In order to satisfy its annual reporting requirements and other requirements under the Act, as well as policies of the Agency, the Agency will require applicants for Financial Assistance to satisfy the requirements described in Section ___03(B) below.

(B) Applicant Requirements. Each applicant for Financial Assistance from the Agency will agree to satisfy the following requirements as a condition to the receipt of such Financial Assistance:¹

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, new employment opportunities created as a result of the Project will be listed with the New York State Department of Labor Community Services Division (the "DOC") and with the administrative entity (collectively with the DOC, the "JTPA Entities") of the service delivery area created by the federal job training partnership act (Public Law 97-300) ("JTPA"), as replaced by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-___0), where the Project is located.

¹ The requirements described in Section 3(B)(9) are applicable for projects where the application was received by the Agency after March 19, 2015, unless otherwise required in the documents entered into by the Agency with the project applicant.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreements, where practicable, the applicant will first consider persons eligible to participate in the JTPA programs who shall be referred by the JTPA Entities for new employment opportunities created as a result of the project.

(3) The applicant agrees, whenever requested by the Agency, to provide and certify or cause to be provided and certified such information concerning the Applicant, its finances and other topics as the Agency from time to time reasonably considers necessary or appropriate, including, but not limited to, such information as to enable the Agency to make any reports required by law or governmental regulation.

(4) Within sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar year, the applicant shall furnish to the Agency a certificate of an Authorized Representative of the applicant stating that no event of default under an installment sale agreement or a lease agreement (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Agreement") has occurred or is continuing or, if any event of default exists, specifying the nature and period of existence thereof and what action the applicant has taken or proposes to take with respect thereto, and setting forth the unpaid principal balance of any bonds and accrued but unpaid interest thereon and that no defenses, offsets or counterclaims exist with respect to the indebtedness evidenced thereby.

(5) The applicant shall insure that all employees and applicants for employment with regard to the project are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination.

(6) Pursuant to the requirements of subsection one of Section 6 of Chapter 127 of the 1995 Laws of the State, the applicant agrees to file with the Agency, no later than sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar year, reports regarding the number of people employed at the project facility and certain other matters, the said report to be in substantially the form annexed as Schedule A attached hereto.

(7) Pursuant to Section 874(8) of the Act, the applicant agrees to annually file and cause any other directly appointed operator of the project facility to file annually, with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, on a form and in such manner as is prescribed by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance ("Form ST-340"), a statement of the value of all sales and use tax exemptions claimed by the applicant and all contractors, subcontractors, consultants and other agents of the applicant under the authority granted to the applicant pursuant to an installment sale agreement and/or a lease agreement and/or a final inducement resolution and/or a sales tax exemption letter.

(8) The applicant agrees, if applicable, within sixty (60) days of the end of each calendar year, to furnish to the Agency a copy of each ST-340 submitted to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance by the applicant pursuant to Section 874(8) of the Act.

(9) The applicant agrees, within sixty (60) days of the end of each calendar year until the project is terminated, to furnish to the Agency a copy of the NYS-45 – Quarterly Combined Withholding, Wage Reporting and Unemployment Insurance Return – for the quarter ending December 31 (the "NYS-45"), and the US Dept. of Labor BLS 3020 Multiple Worksite report, if applicable.

(10) The applicant agrees, whenever requested by the Agency, to provide and certify or cause to be provided and certified such information concerning the participation of individuals from minority groups as employees or applicants for employment with regard to the project.

SECTION 4 PROJECT MONITORING

(A) Monitoring. Agency project monitoring shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) requesting and reviewing the items outlined in Section __ 03(B) and any and all items required to be submitted by an applicant pursuant to the following, including but not limited to: statute, Agency policy, a Project Agreement, or a Uniform Agency Project Agreement; and

(2) confirming with the applicable Assessor for each active Agency project the status of any unpaid payment in lieu of tax ("PILOT") payments; and

(3) providing for on-site visits of projects identified by the Agency in the calendar year.

(B) Annual Reports. Within seventy-five (75) days after the end of each calendar year, the staff of the Agency will provide the Agency with an annual report describing the compliance by applicants with the requirements described in Section __ 03(B) above and the results of the project monitoring described in Section __ 04(A), including the filing of annual reports, the amount of sales tax exemption received for a project, and the number of jobs created and retained by the applicant.

(C) Agency Review. The Agency will review the report prepared by the staff of the Agency at a regular meeting of the Agency. After the review of the report prepared by the staff of the Agency, the Agency will take such action as it deems necessary, including but not limited to, (1) scheduling meetings with applicants to review non-compliance and to discuss remedial actions, (2) considering enforcement action against applicants that fail to comply with the requirements described in Section __ 03(B) above, as described in Section __ 05 below, (3) considering enforcement action against applicants based on the results of the project monitoring described in Section __ 04(A), as described in Section __ 05 below, and (4) preparation of letters of commendation or other forms of congratulation to those applicants that have created and/or retained jobs consistent with (or in excess of) the estimates contained in the applicant's original application to the Agency.

(D) PILOT Agreements. (1) Prior to distribution of the PILOT payment bills, the staff of the Agency will confirm with the applicable Assessor for each active Agency project the payment amounts for such PILOT bills for the current fiscal year.

(2) The staff of the Agency will also confirm with the applicable Assessor for each active Agency project the status of new projects closed in the prior calendar year and the termination of projects whose PILOT term expired or project facility was reconveyed to the applicant.

(E) Reconveyance. (1) Annually the staff of the Agency will review the Project Agreements of all active Agency projects to determine if the Project Agreement has expired and the project facility should be reconveyed to the applicant and placed on the taxable roll of the applicable municipality.

(2) Annually the staff of the Agency will confirm with the applicable Assessor for the active Agency project that the particular project facility should be reconveyed to the applicant and placed on the taxable roll of the applicable municipality.

(3) Annually the staff of the Agency will also notify the applicant and work with the applicant and the Agency to file the appropriate documents to place the project on the taxable roll of the applicable municipality.

SECTION 5 ENFORCEMENT

(A) General. Upon completion of the report prepared by the staff of the Agency described in Section 4 (C) above and review of such report by the members of the Agency, the Agency may, after consultation with the staff of the Agency and counsel, initiate enforcement action against applicants as determined by the Agency.

(B) Enforcement Action. Enforcement action by the Agency may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Requesting the information and/or compliance by a final notice letter.
- (2) Forwarding an event of default notice to the involved parties, including the lender.
- (3) Notifying appropriate New York State agencies of (a) the applicant's failure to comply with the requirements of Section 3(B) above or (b) the negative results of the project monitoring in Section 4(A) above.
- (4) Terminating the Financial Assistance provided by the Agency.
- (5) Recapturing some or all of the Financial Assistance granted to the applicant pursuant to the Uniform Agency Project Agreement, if applicable.
- (6) In the event of any failure by an applicant to make any required PILOT payment, to coordinate with the applicable affected taxing jurisdictions in the recovery of such due payment.

SCHEDULE A
ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE REPORT
Report Year 2022

Project or Company Name: _____

1. Original estimate of jobs to be created and retained (from the project application).
Created _____ Retained _____

Note to first year reporters only: If estimates in Section F. Employment Information/Job Creation has changed from original application, please contact the IDA for further instructions.

2. Number of current full time equivalent employees (at end of Report Year) _____
Please attach a copy of a filed **NYS-45** Quarterly Combined Withholding, Wage Reporting, and Unemployment Insurance Return for the last payroll date in the month of December for the Report Year.

3. If original estimate of jobs to be created and retained does not equal number of full time equivalent employees as of the end of the Report Year, please explain:

4. Number of full time equivalent **construction jobs** during Report Year (if any) _____

5. Provide amount of mortgage recording tax exemption (if any) _____

6. Provide amount of sales tax exemption (if any) NYS _____ Local _____
Please attach a copy of a filed NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Form **ST-340** Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemption for the Report Year.

7. Provide any amount of capital investment for this project for the Report Year (if any) _____
Please attach supporting documentation.

8. **Please attach** an updated Certificate of Insurance naming the Agency as "Additional Insured". Please refer to your project documents for further information regarding required insurance.

9. If your project includes an industrial revenue bond, please provide the following:
Bond Balance at Beginning of Report Year _____ Final Maturity Date: _____
Total Amount Paid on Bond in Report Year _____
Bond Balance at End of Report Year _____

10. Has any event of default under the project documents occurred or is continuing during the Report Year?
Y/N _____ If yes, please explain

11. Let us know of any significant changes in your company or if we may be of assistance for any future projects.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the project site or am the duly authorized representative and may sign this data submission on behalf of the owner(s) of said project site. I have read and understand all of the requirements contained within the project documents and I have read the foregoing Annual Employment Verification and Compliance Report.

Name (Print) _____

Title _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Rev 12/2022



**HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
POLICY RESPECTING UNIFORM CRITERIA FOR THE
EVALUATION OF PROJECTS**

SECTION 1 PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION

(A) The purpose of this Policy is to provide the uniform criteria to be utilized by Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") to evaluate and select projects from each category of eligible projects for which the Agency can provide financial assistance.

(B) The Agency was created pursuant to Section 903-b of Title 2 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law and Title 1 of Article 18-A the General Municipal Law (collectively, the "Act") for the purpose of promoting employment opportunities for, and the general prosperity and economic welfare of, residents of Herkimer County, New York (the "County") and the State of New York (the "State"). Under the Act, the Agency was created in order to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity, and economic welfare of the residents of the County and of the State.

(C) Chapter 563 of the Laws of 2015, effective June 15, 2016 (the "Reform Legislation"), requires each industrial development agency to adopt an assessment of all material information included in connection with an application for financial assistance, as necessary to afford a reasonable basis for the decision by an industrial development agency to provide financial assistance for a project.

SECTION 2 ELIGIBLE PROJECT CATEGORIES

The Agency may provide financial assistance to any "project," as defined in Section 854 of the Act.

SECTION 3 UNIFORM CRITERIA

(A) The following general uniform criteria will apply to all categories of eligible projects: (1) Extent to which a project will create or retain jobs; (2) Estimated value of tax exemptions; (3) Amount of private sector investment; (4) Likelihood of project being accomplished in a timely fashion; (5) Extent of new revenue provided to local taxing jurisdictions; (6) Any additional public benefits; and (7) Local labor construction jobs.

(B) The following additional criteria may apply to warehousing and research projects: (1) wage rates (above median for County); (2) in County purchases (% of purchases from local vendors); (3) supports local businesses or clusters; (4) retention or flight risk; and (5) provides capacity to meet County demand or shortage.

(C) The following additional criteria may apply to commercial projects: (1) regional wealth creation (% of sales/customers outside of the County); (2) located in a highly distressed census tract; (3) alignment with local planning and development efforts; (4) promotes walkable community areas; (5) elimination or reduction in blight; (6) proximity/support of regional tourism attractions/facilities; (7) local or County official support; (8) building or site has historic designation; and (9) provides brownfield remediation.

SECTION 4 REMOVAL OR ABANDONMENT

If the proposed project involves the removal or abandonment of a facility or plant within the state, the Agency will notify the chief executive officer or officers of the municipality or municipalities in which the facility or plant was located.

SECTION 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall be effective with respect to any project undertaken by the Agency after the date of approval of this Policy.

Adopted March 29, 2022

2022 BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF
HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

CHAIRMAN**Date Appointed****Vincent J. Bono****7/3/2002**

Current partner in Bono Brothers LLC Manufactured Housing community, Current Chairman of the Herkimer County Legislature.

VICE CHAIRMAN**Cory Albrecht****4/4/2018**

Director of the Advanced Institute for Manufacturing at Mohawk Valley Community College, previous Vice President/Business Development Manager at Mohawk Valley Applied Technology Corp. (10 years).

SECRETARY**John Scarano****4/24/2013**

Former Executive Director of the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce (10 years); former VP Finance Curtains and Fabrics, manufacturer of lace curtains. (8 years)

TREASURER**Michael Werenczak****10/26/2011**

Current Specialist with the Herkimer County Employment & Training Administration (13 years); former Production Foreman with Special Metals Corporation (12 years), Product Manager for AAR Corporation (5 years); Expeditor for Allied / Bendix Corporation. (5 years)

DIRECTOR**Ann Gaworecki****8/07/2019**

Commercial Lending Officer at Adirondack Bank (15 years).

DIRECTOR**Tim Day****5/18/2022**

Tim has owned and operated Day and Read, Inc. (an "all lines" insurance agency with five locations) for 38 years. He is currently involved in the insurance agency's operations as a marketing and sales executive. He was appointed as a member of the insurance agents' advisory councils for several regional and national insurance carriers and has also served the community as a board member for many not-for-profit and youth organizations.

DIRECTOR**Alana Basloe****7/07/2022**

Alana is a fourth-generation manager at Original Herkimer Cheese, a former Marketing Manager at L'Oreal and Experian Marketing Services, and a current member of the NYS Cheese Manufacturers Association.

Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency Board Members are appointed by the Herkimer County Board of Legislators and serve at the pleasure of the board.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER**Stacey J. Holleran****IDA ATTORNEY****Anthony Hallak, Esq.****HUMAN RESOURCES REPRESENTATIVE****Stacey J. Holleran****COMMITTEES*****Revolving Loan Committee (12/21/2021):******Audit and Governance Committees (12/21/2021):******Marketing Committee (5/24/2022):******Finance Committee (12/21/2021):******Claims Auditors*****Ann Gaworecki, John Scarano, Cory Albrecht****Board as a Whole****John Scarano, Michael Werenczak, Tim Day****Board as a Whole****John Scarano, Ann Gaworecki, Vincent J. Bono**

Board Meetings held the last Tuesday of every month at 8:00 AM (subject to change)

At the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce, Conference Room

420 E. German St., Herkimer, NY

STAFF**John J. Piseck, Jr., Chief Executive Officer**

John Piseck joined the IDA in February 2018. His experience includes: Sales Engineer for CTM Corporation (15 years); Herkimer County Legislator (4 years); past Chairman of the Board of Directors for the HCIDA; former member of Mohawk Valley Economic Development District; served on Board of Directors for the Creative Core.

Stacey Holleran, Chief Financial Officer

Stacey Holleran is a graduate of Mohawk Central High School and Central City Business Institute. Stacey joined the IDA in 2015 after 23 years of economic development experience at the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District and 13 years of purchasing experience at General Electric. Stacey performs all financial operations, human resource functions, and administrative tasks for the Agency under the direction of the Executive Director.

Victoria Adams, Administration & Grant Coordinator

Victoria Adams joined the IDA in March 2019. She comes from a financial background in accounting and banking. She assists Stacey and John in performing administrative duties for the IDA as well as coordinating grants awarded to, or passing through, the IDA.

Erin Spina, Marketing & Communications Specialist

Erin Spina joined the IDA in August 2022. She graduated from Nazareth College in 2022 with a bachelor's in Business Management with a focus in Marketing.

SCHEDULE E

ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION/COMPLIANCE REPORT

This Annual Employment Verification/Compliance Report and all applicable attachments must be completed and provided to the Agency by **(INSERT DATE)**. Kindly provide the following information for calendar year (January 1, YEAR - December 31, YEAR).

Project or Company Name: _____

1. Original Estimate of Jobs to be Created and Retained (from the project Application or Initial Employment Plan)..... _____
2. Number of Current Full Time Employees (as of 12/31/xx)..... _____
3. Number of Full Time Construction Jobs During Fiscal Year (20xx)..... _____
4. If "Original Estimate of Jobs to be Created and Retained" does not equal "Number of Current Full Time Employees (as of 12/31/xx)," please explain:

5. Did the Company receive a mortgage recording tax exemption in 20xx (Y/N)? _____

If yes, indicate the amount (\$) of mortgage recording tax exemption received in 20xx _____

6. Did the Company receive a real property tax exemption in 20xx (Y/N)? _____

If yes, indicate if the Company has paid its annual PILOT payments in 20xx (Y/N) _____

If outstanding 20xx PILOT payments remain due, please explain:

7. Did the Company receive a sales tax exemption in 20xx (Y/N)? _____

If yes, ***please attach*** a copy of a filed NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance Form **ST-340** Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for 20xx (applicable to projects with sales tax exemption letters for construction phase).

Does the Company have a Uniform Agency Project Agreement (Y/N)?

If yes, ***please attach*** a copy of a filed 20xx **NYS-45** Quarterly Combined Withholding, Wage Reporting, and Unemployment Insurance Return for the last payroll date in the month of December 20xx (applicable to project applicants that submitted a project application after **March 19, 2015** and that have a Uniform Agency Project Agreement).

8. **Attach** an updated Certificate of Insurance naming the Agency as “Additional Insured.” Please refer to your Project Documents for information about required insurance.
9. Has an event of default under the Project Documents occurred or is continuing during FY 20xx? (Y/N) ____ If yes, please explain: _____
10. Did the Company agree to provide “Community Commitments” in connection with the undertaking of the Project? (Y/N) ____ If yes, please describe how the Company has provided the Community Commitments: _____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the project site or am the duly authorized representative and may sign this data submission on behalf of the owner(s) of said project site. I have read and understand all of the requirements contained within the Project Documents and I have read the foregoing Annual Employment Verification/Compliance Report and know the contents thereof; and that the same is true and complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name (Print)

Title

Signature

Phone Number

Email Address

Company Address

NOTE: The following must be completed for all Projects closed on or after **June 15, 2016:**

RETAINED JOBS

	Professional	Skilled	Semi-Skilled	Un-Skilled	Total
Full Time					
Part Time					
Seasonal					
Independent Contractors					
Contract Employees					

CREATED JOBS

	Professional	Skilled	Semi-Skilled	Un-Skilled	Total
Full Time					
Part Time					
Seasonal					
Independent Contractors					
Contract Employees					

SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS

Is the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created described in the Application or the Initial Employment Plan still complete, true, and accurate:

Yes: _____ No: _____

If not, please provide the revised amounts using the table below and attach an explanation of the changes:

RELATED EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION				
	Professional or Managerial	Skilled	Semi-Skilled	Un-Skilled
Estimated Salary and Fringe Benefit Averages or Ranges				
Estimated Number of Employees Residing in the Mohawk Valley Economic Development Region ¹				

¹ The Mohawk Valley Economic Development Region consists of the following counties: Otsego, Oneida, Schoharie, Montgomery, Fulton and Herkimer.

Officer's Certification

I further certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all of the information under the headings "Retained Jobs," "Created Jobs," and "Salary and Fringe Benefits" above is complete, true, and accurate. I also understand that failure to report completely and accurately may result in enforcement of provisions of the Uniform Agency Project Agreement dated as of September 1, 2023 by and between the Company and Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Project Agreement"), including but not limited to the suspension, discontinuance, and potential claw back of financial assistance provided for the project.

Signed: _____
(Authorized Company Representative)

Date: _____