INITIAL PROJECT RESOLUTION

(Sleight NY Solar Farm LLC Project – Town of Arcadia)

A regular meeting of the Wayne County Industrial Development Agency was convened on February 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 02/2023 - 01

RESOLUTION OF THE WAYNE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THE "AGENCY") (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF SLEIGHT NY SOLAR FARM LLC, FOR ITSELF AND/OR ON BEHALF OF AN ENTITY OR ENTITIES TO BE FORMED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY") IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT (AS FURTHER DESCRIBED HEREIN); (ii) AUTHORIZING THE SCHEDULING AND CONDUCT OF A PUBLIC HEARING; AND (iii) DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 916 of the Laws of 1969 of the State of New York, (the "Act"), the WAYNE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to issue its revenue bonds, and/or enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, SLEIGHT NY SOLAR FARM LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 38.26 acres of real property located at Sleight Road, 105 Sleight Road and 1561 Vanauken Road, each in the Town of Arcadia, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel Nos. 68111-00-993681, 69111-00-063552 and 69111-00-110682, as may be subdivided and subsequently merged); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 5MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with, the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and (iv) entering into a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the "Straight Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency is contemplating providing financial assistance to the Company with respect to the Project (collectively, the "Financial Assistance") in the form of: (A) an exemption from all State and local sales and use taxes with respect to qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the construction and equipping of the Facility; and (B) a partial real property tax abatement through a payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company would make payments in lieu of real property taxes to the Agency for the benefit of each affected tax jurisdiction (the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency desires to schedule and conduct a public hearing relating to the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to (i) accept the Application, (ii) describe the forms of contemplated financial assistance; and (iii) authorize the scheduling and conduct of a public hearing pursuant to and in accordance with the Act.

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

<u>Section 1</u>. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and
- (B) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to (i) acquire a leasehold interest in the Land, Improvements and the Equipment constituting the Facility, (ii) lease the Agency's interest in the Land, Improvements and Equipment constituting the Facility to the Company pursuant to a lease agreement to be negotiated, and (iii) enter into a Straight Lease Transaction; and
- (C) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth within Section 4, hereof, the Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and
- (D) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to undertake the Project, thereby increasing capital investment and employment opportunities in the Town of Arcadia, Wayne County, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and
- (E) The Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency

hereby finds that, based on the Company's Application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other facility or plant to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries; and

- Section 2. The proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency includes (i) an exemption from all state and local sales and use taxes with respect to the qualifying personal property included within the Project or used in the acquisition, construction or equipping of the Project and (ii) a partial real property tax abatement through the PILOT Agreement, pursuant to which the Company would make payments in lieu of real property taxes to the Agency for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions.
- Section 3. The Agency further authorizes the scheduling and conduct of a public hearing as required by Section 859-a of the Act (the "Public Hearing").
- Section 4. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and/or the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate, but not execute, certain lease agreements, an Agent Agreement, the PILOT Agreement, and related documents to undertake the Straight Lease Transaction. The Agency's authorization of the Project and the Financial Assistance shall be subject to the adoption of Agency resolutions relative to same.
- <u>Section 5</u>. Harris Beach PLLC, as Transaction Counsel for the Agency, and Morell Law, PLLC, as Agency General Counsel, is hereby authorized to work with counsel to the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency all documents necessary to effect the authorization and undertaking of the Project.
- Section 6. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.
 - <u>Section 7</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Scott Johnson	X			
Phil Eygnor			X	
Julie DiLella			X	
Kaye Stone-Gansz	X			
Jeannie Brockmyre			X	
Robert DeBadts	X			
Pamela Heald	X			
Amanda McDonald	X			
Kenneth VanFleet	X			

The resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF WAYNE) ss:

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of the Wayne County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Wayne County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") including the resolution contained therein, held on February 28, 2023, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency this 28th day of February, 2023.

(Assistant) Secretary

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