Martin NY CSG, LLC (2024 Additional Financial Assistance) -Approving Resolution

A regular meeting of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session on May 21, 2024, at 10:30 A.M., local time, at (i) the offices of the Agency located at 201 West 3rd Street, Jamestown, County of Chautauqua, New York (the "IDA Office").

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

PRESENT:

Gary Henry
Bradley Walters
Sagan Sheffield-Smith
Daniel Heitzenrater
Steven Thorpe
Amy Harding
Daniel DeMarte

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Member
Member
Member

NOT PRESENT:

Tom Harmon Member Kevin Muldowney Member

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE PRESENT:

Mark Geise Administrative Director/CEO Richard E. Dixon Chief Financial Officer

Milan K. Tyler, Esq. Counsel Kristine Morabito **IDA Staff** Rosie Strandburg **IDA Staff** Carol Rasmussen **IDA Staff** Kayla Strandburg **IDA Staff** Nate Aldrich **IDA Staff** Jeanette Lo Bello **IDA Staff** Jason Sample IDA Staff

Paul Wendel County Executive

Ellen Ditonto Board of Public Utilities
Greg Bacon Jamestown Post Journal

Julia Ciesla-Hanley WRFA 107.9

The attached resolution no. 05-21-24-04 was offered by Steven Thorpe, seconded by Dan DeMarte:

Resolution No. 05-21-24-04

RESOLUTION TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD AND APPROVING THE STRAIGHT LEASE DOCUMENTS FOR A CERTAIN PROJECT FOR MARTIN NY CSG, LLC AND/OR ITS AFFILIATES

WHEREAS, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the Laws of 1969 of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 71 of the 1972 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-h of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research and recreation facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, MARTIN NY CSG, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and qualified to do business in the State of New York as a foreign limited liability company (the "Applicant"), presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 29.49 acre portion of an approximately 65.10 acre parcel of land located at 5246 NY Route 76, Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping on the Land of: (i) solar photovoltaic modules mounted on a 1-axis tracking steel structure, (ii) helix screws, switchgear, combiner boxes, inverters and transformers, (iii) underground and overhead electrical lines, (iv) fencing, and (v) a system of access roads, parking, landscaping and related improvements to the Land (collectively, the "Improvements"), and (3) the acquisition and installation of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion

thereof (the "Equipment" and together with the Land and the Improvements, collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and/or its affiliates as an approximately 5 megawatt A/C solar-powered electrical generation facility; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes and sales and use taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, any approval of the Project is contingent upon, inter alia, a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following a determination by the Agency that (A) the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in the Act relating to the Project have been satisfied; and (B) the undertaking of the Project by the Agency and the granting of the Financial Assistance are and will be in compliance with all other applicable requirements of the Act, SEQRA (as hereinafter defined), and all other statutes, codes, laws, rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Project and/or the Project Facility (collectively, the "Applicable Laws"); and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Director/CEO of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act (the "Public Hearing") to hear all persons interested in the Project and the Financial Assistance contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on October 27, 2022 to the chief executive officer of the County of Chautauqua (the "County") and of each other affected tax jurisdiction within which the Project Facility is or is to be located, and posted a copy of the Application on the Agency's website; (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on October 28, 2022 in The Observer, a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the County; (C) caused the Public Hearing to be conducted on November 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at Ripley Town Hall, 14 North State Street, Ripley, Town of Ripley, County of Chautauqua, New York; (D) caused the Public Hearing to be streamed on the Agency's website in real-time and a recording of the Public Hearing to be posted on the Agency's website, all in accordance with Section 857 of the Act, as amended; and (E) caused a written report of the Public Hearing to be prepared which fairly summarizes the views presented at the Public Hearing and collected written comments from the public (collectively, the "Report") and distributed the Report to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations" and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the appropriate personnel of the Agency reviewed the environmental assessment form and other materials submitted by the Applicant and made any necessary comments to the members of the Agency, and by resolution of the members of the Agency adopted on November 22, 2022, the Agency determined that a thorough analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with the

Project revealed that the Project will not have any potentially significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 874(4) of the Act, (A) the Administrative Director/CEO of the Agency caused a letter dated January 12, 2023(the "Pilot Deviation Notice Letter") to be mailed to the chief executive officer of each affected tax jurisdiction, informing said individuals that the Agency would, at its meeting on January 24, 2023 (the "IDA Meeting"), consider a proposed deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy and Guidelines (the "Tax Exemption Policy") with respect to the payment in lieu of taxes agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Improvements and pursuant to which the Agency would grant an exemption from real property taxes with respect to the Improvements only; and (B) the members of the Agency conducted the IDA Meeting on the date hereof, reviewed any comments and correspondence received with respect to the proposed deviation from the Tax Exemption Policy and approved the proposed deviation from the Tax Exemption Policy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 01-24-23 the Agency adopted its Approving Resolution for the Project on January 24, 2023 (the "Approving Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Company has advised the Agency that due to an increase in the cost of the Project, it is requesting an increase in the exemption in sales and use taxes approved by the Agency from \$100,000 to \$199,000 (the "Additional Financial Assistance"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant and/or one (1) or more of its affiliates will (A) execute and deliver a certain Company Lease Agreement (the "Company Lease"), pursuant to which the Applicant and/or such affiliate(s) will grant to the Agency a leasehold interest in the Project Facility; (B) execute and deliver a certain Agency Lease Agreement (Uniform Project Agreement) (the "Agency Lease"), pursuant to which the Agency will grant to the Applicant and/or such affiliate(s) a subleasehold interest in the Project Facility; (C) execute and deliver a certain Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") pursuant to which the Agency would grant an exemption from real property taxes with respect to the Improvements only; and (D) execute and deliver certain other certificates, documents, instruments and agreements related to the Project (together with the Company Lease, the Agency Lease and the PILOT Agreement, collectively, the "Transaction Documents");

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

Section 1. The Agency hereby amends the Approving Resolution to increase the amount of approved sales and use tax exemptions from \$100,000 to \$199,000. In all other respects, the Approving Resolution is hereby ratified and confirmed.

As the Additional Financial Assistance is less than \$100,000, the Agency finds that no additional Public Hearing is required.

Section 2. The Agency hereby ratifies, confirms and approves all actions heretofore taken by the Administrative Director/CEO, Chief Financial Officer and the staff of the Agency Doc #1779457.1

with respect to the Application, the Analysis and the Public Hearing, including, without limitation, (a) those actions required to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Act, SEQRA and all other Applicable Laws that relate to the Project, and (b) the appointment of the law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP as Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project.

Section 3. The Agency determines that the Company's request with respect to a previously approved and unchanged Project is a Type II Action pursuant to SEQRA involving "continuing agency administration" which does not involve "new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment" (6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(20)) and therefore no Findings or determination of significance are required under Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law. The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has fully complied with the requirements of the Act, SEQRA and all other Applicable Laws that relate to the Project.

Section 4. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the Administrative Director/CEO and the Chief Financial Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Applicant and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

<u>Section 5</u>. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

| Gary Henry | AYE |
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| Bradley Walters | AYE |
| Sagan Sheffield-Smith | AYE |
| Daniel Heitzenrater | AYE |
| Steven Thorpe | AYE |
| Amy Harding | AYE |
| Daniel DeMarte | AYE |
| Tom Harmon | ABSENT |
| Kevin Muldowney | ABSENT |

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

| STATE OF NEW YORK |) |
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| |) SS.: |
| COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA |) |

WE, the undersigned officers of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that we have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on May 21, 2024 with the original thereof on file in our offices, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public at both locations at which members of the Agency were present, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; (D) the meeting was duly held by videoconferencing in compliance with the requirements of Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, including, but not limited to, the notice provisions of such Section; (E) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting and the minimum number of members required for a quorum was physically present at one of the locations specified in the notice of the meeting, (F) the meeting was recorded and the recording has been or will be posted on the public website of the Agency pursuant to the Open Meetings Law; (G) members of the public were permitted to view such meeting via video and to participate in the proceedings via videoconference in real time to the same extent that that public participation was permitted to members of the public present in person.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 21st day of May, 2024.

[Assistant] Secretary