

**APPROVING RESOLUTION
AUGUSTUS SOLAR WELLSVILLE LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of Allegany County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the office of the Agency located at the Crossroads Commerce & Conference Center located at 6087 State Route 19 North in the Village of Belmont, Allegany County, New York on September 14, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Judy Hopkins	Chairperson
Randy Shayler	Vice Chairperson
Douglas Frank	Treasurer
John Ricci	Member

ABSENT:

Richard Ewell	Secretary
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AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Craig R. Clark, P.E., Ph.D.	Executive Director
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The following resolution was offered by John Ricci, seconded by Doug Frank, to wit:

Resolution No. 0923-3

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR A PROJECT FOR AUGUSTUS SOLAR WELLSVILLE LLC (THE "COMPANY").

WHEREAS, Allegany County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws 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 99 of the 1973 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 906-a 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 manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial 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, June, 2023, Augustus Solar Wellsville LLC, a State of Delaware limited liability company (the “Company”), submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a 14.9 acre portion of an approximately 46.20 acre parcel of land located on Voorhees Hill Road (Tax Map No. 240.-1-19.5) in the Town of Wellsville, Allegany County, New York (the “Land”), (2) the construction on the Land of a ground mounted photovoltaic 2.4-MW solar energy 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 electric 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, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on July 13, 2023 (the “Public Hearing Resolution”), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Executive Director of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the “Public Hearing”) 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 July 20, 2023 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project is or is to be located; (B) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on July 28, 2023 in The Spectator, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Town of Wellsville, Allegany County, New York; (C) conducted the Public Hearing on August 8, 2023 at 7:00 o’clock p.m., local time at the David Howe Library located at 155 Main Street in the Town of Wellsville, Allegany County, New York; (D) 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 (E) caused a copy of the Public Hearing Resolution to be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested 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 to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; 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”), The Agency determined (A) to act as “lead agency” with respect to SEQRA with respect to the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project Facility and (B) to issue a Declaration of Non Significance dated as of September 14, 2023 (the “Negative Declaration”) stating that the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project Facility was determined to be a Type 1 action with regard to SEQRA, and 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, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application, and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to undertake the Project in Allegany County, New York and (B) the completion of the Project will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area in the State of New York and will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of any occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Allegany County, New York by undertaking the Project in Allegany County, New York; and

WHEREAS, in order to consummate the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance described in the notice of the Public Hearing, the Agency proposes to enter into the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Agency Documents”): (A) a certain lease to agency (the “Lease to Agency” or the “Underlying Lease”) 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) a lease agreement (and a memorandum thereof) (the “Lease Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which, among other things, the Company agrees to undertake the Project as agent of the Agency and the Company further agrees to lease the Project Facility from the Agency and, as rental thereunder, to pay the Agency’s administrative fee relating to the Project and to pay all expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project; (C) a payment in lieu of tax agreement (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; (D) a uniform agency project agreement (the “Uniform Agency Project Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Company regarding the granting of the financial assistance and the potential recapture of such assistance; (E) 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; (F) 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; (G) a New York State Department of Taxation and Finance form entitled “IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agency 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 any additional report to the Commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance concerning the amount of sales tax exemption benefit for the Project (the “Additional Thirty-Day Project Report”); (H) if the Company intends to finance the Project with borrowed money, a mortgage and any other security documents and related documents (collectively, the “Loan Documents”) from the Agency and the Company to the Company’s lender with respect to the Project (the “Lender”), which Loan Documents will grant a lien on and security interest in the Project Facility to secure a loan from the Lender to the Company with respect to the Project (the “Loan”); (I) if the Company requests the Agency to appoint a contractor or contractors, as agent(s) of the Agency (each, a “Contractor”) (1) a certain agency indemnification agreement (the “Contractor Agency and Indemnification Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Contractor, (2) a certain recapture agreement (the “Contractor Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Contractor, (3) a sales tax exemption letter (the “Contractor Sales Tax Exemption Letter”), and (4) a Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report (the “Contractor Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report”) and any additional report to the Commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance concerning the amount of sales tax exemption benefit for the Project (the “Additional Thirty-Day Project Report”) (collectively, the “Contractor Documents”); (J) if the Company intends to request the Agency to appoint

(1) the Company, as agent of the Agency and (2) a Contractor, as agent of the Agency prior to closing on the Project and the Lease Agreement, agency and indemnification agreements, interim Section 875 GML recapture agreements, interim sales tax exemption letters and interim thirty-day sales tax reports (collectively, the "Interim Documents"); and (K) various certificates relating to the Project (the "Closing Documents");

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

Section 1. All action taken by the Executive Director of the Agency with respect to the Public Hearing with respect to the Project is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 2. The law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP is hereby appointed Agency Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Agency Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company, and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. Agency Counsel has prepared and submitted an initial draft of the Agency Documents to staff of the Agency.

Section 3. 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;

(B) The Project constitutes a "project," as such term is defined in the Act;

(C) The Project site is located entirely within the boundaries of Allegany County, New York;

(D) It is estimated at the present time that the costs of the planning, development, acquisition, construction, reconstruction and installation of the Project Facility (collectively, the "Project Costs") will be approximately \$4,196,065;

(E) The completion of the Project will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area in the State of New York and will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of any occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York;

(F) The Project Facility does not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project, and accordingly the Project is not prohibited by the provisions of Section 862(2)(a) of the Act, and accordingly the Agency is authorized to provide financial assistance in respect of the Project pursuant to Section 862(2)(a) of the Act;

(G) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will promote and maintain the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of Allegany County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act;

(H) The Agency has reviewed the Public Hearing Report and has fully considered all comments contained therein;

(I) The Project should receive the Financial Assistance in the form of exemptions from sales tax, mortgage recording tax and real property tax based on the description of expected public benefits to occur as a result of this Project, as described on Exhibit A attached hereto; and

(J) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to enter into the Agency Documents, except that for the Interim Documents, the following conditions shall be met prior to the Agency entering into the Interim Documents: (1) the term of the Interim Documents shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) days, unless future extensions are consented to by the Agency in writing, (2) the Company shall have paid the Agency's administrative fee relating to the Interim Documents, (3) the Company and any contractors shall have delivered evidence of adequate insurance coverage protecting the Agency and (4) execution by the other parties thereto and delivery of the same to the Agency of the Interim Documents.

Section 4. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to: (A) lease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Lease Agreement; (B) acquire, construct and install the Project Facility, or cause the Project Facility to be acquired, constructed and installed; (C) enter into the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; (D) enter into the Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement; (E) enter into the Uniform Agency Project Agreement; (F) enter into the Contractor Documents; (G) secure the Loan by entering into the Mortgage; (H) enter into the Interim Documents; and (I) grant the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project.

Section 5. The Agency is hereby authorized (A) to acquire a leasehold interest in the Leased Premises pursuant to the Underlying Lease and (B) to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisitions are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire, construct and install the Project Facility as described in the Lease Agreement and to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisition, construction and installation are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 7. The Chairman (or Vice Chairperson) of the Agency, with the assistance of Agency Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and approve the form and substance of the Agency Documents.

Section 8. (A) The Chairman (or Vice Chairperson) of the Agency is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agency Documents, and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same, all in the forms thereof as the Chairman (or Vice Chairperson) shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman (or Vice Chairperson) to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(B) The Chairman (or Vice Chairperson) of the Agency is hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives of the Agency (as defined in and pursuant to the Lease Agreement).

Section 9. 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 or provided for by the provisions of the Agency Documents, and to execute and deliver all such additional 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 Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Agency Documents binding upon the Agency.

Section 10. 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:

Richard Ewell	VOTING	Absent
Judy Hopkins	VOTING	Aye
Randy Shayler	VOTING	Aye
Douglas Frank	VOTING	Aye
John Ricci	VOTING	Aye

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPECTED PUBLIC BENEFITS

In the discussions had between the Project Beneficiary and the Agency with respect to the Project Beneficiary's request for Financial Assistance from the Agency with respect to the Project, the Project Beneficiary has represented to the Agency that the Project is expected to provide the following benefits to the Agency and/or to the residents of Allegany County, New York (the "Public Benefits"):

Description of Benefit		Applicable to Project (indicate Yes or NO)		Expected Benefit
1.	Existing jobs on project site.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A
2.	Creation of new permanent jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A
3.	Estimated value of tax exemptions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	The estimated amount of the tax exemptions are described as follows: \$218,195.38 in the form of sales tax exemptions, \$_____ in the form of real property tax exemptions and \$47,205.31 in the form of mortgage recording tax exemptions.
4.	Private sector investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Approximately \$4,196,065 in private investment.
5.	Likelihood of project being accomplished in a timely fashion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	High likelihood of the project being completed in a timely manner.
6.	Extent of new revenue provided to local taxing jurisdictions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	It is expected that revenues will increase due to the undertaking of the Project, including Host Community payments during the term of the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement.
7.	Any additional public benefits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	The Project promotes the State's energy goals as expressed in the State Energy Plan and the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.
8.	Local labor construction jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	As much as possible local construction labor will be used during the construction and installation of the Project Facility.

9.	Regional wealth creation (% of sales/customers outside of the County)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	As much as possible the project costs will be local sourced materials. The facility's customers – consumers saving on energy costs – must be local in the same NYISO Zone.
10.	Located in a highly distressed census tract	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	At the time of the filing of the Application, the economic condition of the area in which the Project Facility is located is generally average to poor.
11.	Alignment with local planning and development efforts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	The Project is consistent with local planning and development efforts.
12.	Promotes walkable community areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	The Project site is not located in an urban setting with sidewalks.
13.	Elimination or reduction of blight	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	The Project site is not a blighted area.
14.	Proximity/support of regional tourism attractions/facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A
15.	Local or County official support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Yes
16.	Building or site has historic designation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	N/A
17.	Provides brownfield remediation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	No brownfields present.

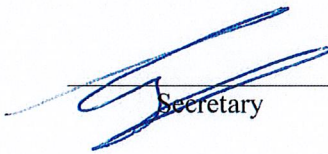
STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF ALLEGANY)

I, the undersigned Secretary of Allegany County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on September 14, 2023 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I 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, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) 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 rescinded.

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this day of September, 2023.



Secretary

(SEAL)