

**PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION
SOLITUDE SOLAR, LLC - (5 MW – Unit A) PROJECT**

A regular meeting of County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 7551 South State Street in the Town of Lowville, Lewis County, New York on March 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

Joe Lawrence
Gagan Singh
Tom Gillette
McKenzie Lehman
Darlene Rowsam

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Member
Member
Member

Each of the members present participated in the meeting telephonically pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, as supplemented, issued by New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, suspending provisions of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law that require public in-person access to public meetings and authorizing board members to participate in said meetings by conference call or similar service.

ABSENT:

Ronald Burns
Jerry Cayer

Member
Member

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Brittany Davis
Cheyenne Steria
Jenna Kraeger
Kevin McArdle, Esq.
A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq.
Christopher C. Canada, Esq.

Executive Director of Economic Development
Director of Finance and Incentives
Economic Development Specialist
Agency Counsel
Special Agency Counsel
Special Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Tom Gillette, seconded by McKenzie Lehman, to wit:

Resolution No. 0321-01

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OF COUNTY OF LEWIS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN
FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOLITUDE SOLAR, LLC.**

WHEREAS, County of Lewis 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 62 of the 1973 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 902-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, Solitude Solar, LLC, a New York State limited liability company (the “Company”), has 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 portion of an approximately 252 acre parcel of land located at 5785 Waters Road (tax map no. 213.00-01-46.000) in the Town of Lowville, Lewis County, New York (the “Land”), (2) the construction on the Land of an approximately 5MW AC (7.488 MW DC) community solar photovoltaic facility, including fencing, screening and ancillary electrical equipment (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, 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 Section 859-a of the Act, prior to the Agency providing any “financial assistance” (as defined in the Act) of more than \$100,000 to any project, the Agency, among other things, must hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to said project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to provide for compliance with the provisions of Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project;

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

Section 1. The Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of Economic Development of the Agency, after consultation with the members of the Agency, Agency Counsel and Agency Special Counsel, (A) to establish the time, date and place for a public hearing, or public hearings, of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the Project (for convenience, hereinafter referred to as the “Public Hearing”); (B) to cause the Public Hearing to be held in a town or village where the Project Facility is or is to be located, and to cause notice of such Public Hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice or notices of such Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the governmental units where the Project Facility is or is to be located, such notice or notices to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; (C) to cause notice of the Public Hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and of each town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; (D) to conduct

such Public Hearing; (E) to cause a report of the Public Hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing (the "Report") to be prepared; and (F) to cause a copy of the Report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

Section 2. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or Executive Director of Economic Development of the Agency is hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this resolution.

Section 3. All action taken by the Executive Director of Economic Development of the Agency in connection with the Public Hearing with respect to the Project prior to the date of this resolution is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. 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:

Joe Lawrence	VOTING	YES
Gagan Singh	VOTING	YES
Ronald Burns	VOTING	ABSENT
Jerry Cayer	VOTING	ABSENT
Tom Gillette	VOTING	YES
McKenzie Lehman	VOTING	YES
Darlene Rowsam	VOTING	YES

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of County of Lewis 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 March 4, 2021 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") except as modified by Executive Order 202.1.1, as supplemented, 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, either in-person or appearing telephonically in accordance with Executive Order 202.1.1, as supplemented, 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.

4th IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this day of March, 2021.


Secretary

(SEAL)