

**ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION**

**RPNY SOLAR 2, LLC, AND/OR INDIVIDUAL(S) OR AFFILIATE(S),  
SUBSIDIARY(IES), OR ENTITY(IES) FORMED OR TO BE FORMED ON ITS  
BEHALF**

A regular meeting of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY: (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF RPNY SOLAR 2, LLC, AND/OR INDIVIDUAL(S) OR AFFILIATE(S), SUBSIDIARY(IES), OR ENTITY(IES) FORMED OR TO BE FORMED ON ITS BEHALF (INDIVIDUALLY, AND/OR COLLECTIVELY, THE “COMPANY”) IN CONNECTION WITH A CERTAIN PROJECT DESCRIBED BELOW; (ii) RATIFYING THE SCHEDULING, NOTICING, AND CONDUCTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; (iii) MAKING A DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT; (iv) APPOINTING THE COMPANY, OR ITS DESIGNEE, AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE THE PROJECT; (v) AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF THE PROJECT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY IN THE FORM OF (A) A SALES TAX EXEMPTION BENEFIT FOR PURCHASES AND RENTALS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE PROJECT, (B) A MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX EXEMPTION BENEFIT FOR FINANCING RELATED TO THE PROJECT, AND (C) A PARTIAL ABATEMENT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES BENEFIT THROUGH THE PILOT AGREEMENT; AND (vi) AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK AGREEMENT, A PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT, AN AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

**WHEREAS**, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 293 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York, as amended (collectively, the “Act”), the ERIE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the “Agency”) was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property for the purpose of, among other things, acquiring, constructing and equipping civic, industrial, manufacturing, commercial and other facilities as authorized by the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company has submitted an application to the Agency (the “Application”) 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 22 acres of real property located at 11061 Bullis Road in the Town of Marilla, New York (the “Land”, being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 139.000-12-14.000, as may be subdivided); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 4.5 MW 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**, it is contemplated that the Agency will (i) designate the Company as its agent for the purpose of undertaking the Project pursuant to an Agent and Financial Assistance Project Agreement (the “Agent Agreement”), (ii) negotiate and enter into a lease agreement (the “Lease Agreement”) and related leaseback agreement (the “Leaseback Agreement”) with the Company, pursuant to which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Land, the Existing Improvements, the Improvements, the Equipment and personal property constituting the Facility; and (iii) provide Financial Assistance to the Company in the form of (a) an exemption benefit from all New York State and local sales and use taxes for purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the acquisition, construction, reconstruction and/or renovation, rehabilitation or equipping of the Facility, (b) a mortgage recording tax exemption benefit for the financing related to the Project, and (c) a partial abatement from real property taxes benefit through a twenty-five (25) year term PILOT Agreement (the “PILOT Agreement”) for the benefit of each municipality and school district having taxing jurisdiction over the Project, (collectively, the sales and use tax exemption benefit, the mortgage recording tax exemption benefit, and the PILOT Agreement benefit, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Financial Assistance”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-a, on September 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at in the meeting room at Marilla Town Hall, 1740 Two Rod Road, Town of Marilla, Erie County, the Agency held a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance (as hereinafter defined) being contemplated by the Agency (the “Public Hearing”) whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the requested PILOT Agreement deviate from the Agency’s Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the “UTEP”) as the Agency contemplates providing a fixed annual PILOT payment of \$4,500 per megawatt (MW) based upon the Facility’s nameplate capacity for a term of up to twenty five (25) years, increasing annually by two percent (2%); and

**WHEREAS**, Notice Letters detailing the requested PILOT Agreement deviation from the Agency’s UTEP as so described herein were mailed or delivered to the chief executive officers of each affected tax jurisdiction, and to the Town of Amherst Industrial Development

Agency, the Town of Clarence Industrial Development Agency, the Town of Concord Industrial Development Agency, the Town of Hamburg Industrial Development Agency, and the Town of Lancaster Industrial Development Agency, on September 9, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to and in accordance with applicable provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”), the Company has submitted to the Agency a Full Environmental Assessment Form (the “EAF”) with respect to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Marilla (the “Town Board”) in accordance with Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereto in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617 (collectively referred to as the “State Environmental Quality Review Act” and/or “SEQR”), undertook coordinated review with respect to the Project, established itself as Lead Agency as defined in SEQR, determined that the Project was Type I Action, and issued a negative declaration (“Negative Declaration”) under SEQR on April 27, 2021 with respect to the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 22, 2021, the Agency approved its “Off-Site Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Policy” (the “Renewable Energy Policy”)’ and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is consistent with, and meets the requirements of, the Agency’s Renewable Energy Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article 18-A of the Act, the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the Financial Assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project.

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

**Section 1.** The Company has presented an application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company’s application and any other correspondence submitted by the Company to the Agency, public hearing comments, if any and Agency board member review, discussion, and consideration of same, 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 appoint the Company as its agent for purposes of acquiring, constructing and/or renovating and equipping the Project; and

(C) 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 develop the Project, thereby increasing and/or retaining employment opportunities in Erie County, New York 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 civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing 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 plant or facility 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, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another in another area of the State, the Agency has complied with the Intermunicipal Movement procedures as required in the Countywide Industrial Development Agency Uniform Tax Exemption Policy; and

(F) The Agency has assessed all material information included in connection with the Application necessary to afford a reasonable basis for the decision by the Agency to provide Financial Assistance for the Project as described herein; and

(G) The Agency has prepared a written cost-benefit analysis identifying the extent to which the Project will create or retain permanent, private sector jobs, the estimated value of any tax exemption to be provided, the amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Project, the likelihood of accomplishing the Project in a timely fashion, and the extent to which the Project will provide additional sources of revenue for municipalities and school districts, and any other public benefits that might occur as a result of the Project; and

(H) The Company has provided a written statement confirming that the Project as of the date of the Application is in substantial compliance with all provisions the Act.

(I) Based upon a thorough and complete review of the Application and its accompanying materials and information, the EAF submitted by the Company, and the proceedings conducted by the Agency and the Town Board’s Negative Declaration, pursuant to SEQR, the Agency hereby:

(i) consents to and affirms the status of the Town Board as “Lead Agency” within the meaning of and for all purposes of complying with SEQR and determines that the proceedings undertaken by the Town Board under SEQR with respect to the undertaking of the Project by the Company (as agent of the Agency) satisfy the requirements of SEQR;

(ii) affirms that the Project involves a “Type I Action” as that term is defined under SEQR;

(iii) reviews, considers, ratifies, and adopts such proceedings by the Town Board, including the “Negative Declaration”;

(iv) determines that the Project will result in no major impacts and, therefore, is one which will not cause significant damage to the environment, that the Project will not have a “significant effect on the environment” as such quoted terms are defined in

SEQR, and that no “environmental impact statement” as such quoted term is defined in SEQR need be prepared for this action; and

(v) determines that all of the provisions of SEQR that are required to be complied with as a condition precedent to the approval of the Financial Assistance contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, and the participation by the Agency in undertaking the Project, have been satisfied. This determination constitutes a “negative declaration” (as such quoted terms are defined under SEQR) for purposes of SEQR.

(J) The Project qualifies for Agency Financial Assistance as it meets the Agency’s evaluative criteria established by the Agency as required under General Municipal Law Section 859-a(5), as evidenced by the following:

(i) *Regional Wealth Creation (% sales/customers outside area):* RPNY Solar 2, LLC will endeavor to source as many materials and services as possible from within Erie County.

(ii) *Advances Renewable energy Production/Transmission Goals:* The Project will generate approximately 4.5 megawatts (MWac) of clean, reliable solar energy when complete. The Project will interconnect to NYSEG's existing electrical distribution system, which is already located on-site.

(iii) *Provides Capacity or Transmission to Meet Local Demand or Shortage:* The power generated from this facility will be sold directly to consumers via the state's Community Distributed Generation program (commonly called community solar). This program allows customers to directly offset their energy use with local solar power, and electricity generated from the Project will power roughly 1,015 homes per year.

(iv) *MBE/WBE Utilization:* The Company will endeavor to work with both MBE and WBE when possible.

(K) The proposed Financial Assistance to be provided under the PILOT Agreement with respect to the Project deviates from the terms of the UTEP and the Agency hereby approves of the PILOT Agreement deviation as described herein. In making this determination, the Agency has considered the following factors as required by the Act and its UTEP, no single one of which is determinative:

- The extent to which the project will create or retain permanent, private sector jobs. The Project is one that supports the statewide goal of achieving 70% renewable electricity production by 2030, and therefore, is not a project that should be evaluated under job creations or retention parameters.
  
- The estimated value of tax exemptions to be provided. If the proposed PILOT Agreement is approved, the value of the Financial Assistance to be provided

over the term of the PILOT Agreement is estimated to be approximately \$596,533.

- Whether affected taxing jurisdictions shall be reimbursed by the Project occupant if the Project does not fulfill the purposes for which an exemption was provided. The Company will be subject to potential Financial Assistance recapture with respect to the sales tax exemption benefits, the mortgage recording tax exemption benefits, and the real property tax abatement benefits in the event it does not adhere to the Agency's standard material terms and conditions of receipt of Financial Assistance.
- The impact of the proposed project on existing and proposed businesses and economic development projects in the vicinity. The Project will have minimal impacts on existing and proposed businesses.
- The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the proposed project. The total private sector investment in the Project is expected to be approximately \$6,389,343.
- The demonstrated public support for a proposed project. The Town of Marilla has expressed support for the Project and the PILOT Agreement as herein described.
- The likelihood of accomplishing the proposed project in a timely fashion. It is anticipated that Project construction will begin immediately upon approval of the Project and will be completed on December 31, 2021.
- The effect of the proposed project upon the environment. The Project will not have an adverse impact upon the environment.
- The extent to which the Project will require the provision for additional services. This Project will not require any additional services beyond those already in existence.

- The extent to which the Project will provide additional sources of revenue for municipalities and school districts. The Project is a positive one economically, in that the proposed PILOT Agreement payments will be greater than what would be collected in the event the Project is not undertaken.

Section 2. The Agency hereby authorizes the undertaking of the Project and the provision of the Financial Assistance to the Company as described herein.

Section 3. Subject to the Company executing an Agent Agreement and the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of insurance for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to acquire, construct and/or renovate and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; provided, however, the appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency, if utilized, shall expire one year from the date of this resolution (unless extended for good cause by the Chair, the Vice Chair, the President/Chief Executive Officer, the Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, and/or the Assistant Treasurer).

A. Financial Assistance. With respect to the foregoing, and based upon the representations and warranties made by the Company in its application for Financial Assistance, the Agency hereby:

(i) authorizes and approves the Company, as its agent, to make purchases of goods and services relating to the Project and that would otherwise be subject to New York State and local sales and use tax in an amount estimated up to \$1,996,271, and, therefore, the value of the sales and use tax exemption benefits (“sales and use tax exemption benefits”) authorized and approved by the Agency cannot exceed \$174,674, however, the Agency may consider any requests by the Company for increases to the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized by the Agency upon being provided with appropriate documentation detailing the additional purchases of property or services; and

(ii) authorizes and approves that the value of the mortgage recording tax exemption benefit (“mortgage recording tax exemption benefits”) shall not exceed \$32,332; and

(iii) authorizes and approves that the real property tax abatement benefits (“PILOT benefits”) to be provided over the term of the PILOT Agreement are estimated

to be approximately \$389,527, resulting in estimated total PILOT payments of \$648,614 over the term of the PILOT Agreement.

**B. Terms and Conditions of Financial Assistance.** Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, and per the policies of the Agency, the Agency may recover or recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits, and/or mortgage recording tax exemption benefits, and/or partial abatements from real property taxes benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; (iv) the Company has made a material false statement on its application for Financial Assistance; (v) the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits and/or mortgage recording tax exemption benefits, and/or the partial abatement from real property taxes benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, fails to comply with the Investment Commitment, and/or the Local Labor Commitment, said commitments, as described below, being a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project; and/or (vi) the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits, and/or mortgage recording tax exemption benefits, and/or the partial abatement from real property taxes benefits are taken in cases where the Company fails to comply with the Unpaid Real Property Tax Policy Commitment, as described below, being a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project.

As a condition precedent of receiving Financial Assistance, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any Financial Assistance, and promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands.

**(C) Commitments.** As an additional condition precedent of receiving Financial Assistance, and as a material term or condition as approved by the Agency in connection with the Project, the Company covenants and agrees and understands that it must, subject to potential modification, termination and/or recapture of Financial Assistance for failure to meet and maintain the commitments and thresholds as described below, submit, on an annual basis or as otherwise indicated below through the termination of the PILOT Agreement, a certification, as so required by the Agency, confirming:

- (i) Investment Commitment- the total investment actually made with respect to the Project at the time of Project completion equals or exceeds \$5,430,942 (which

represents the product of 85% multiplied by \$6,389,343, being the total project cost as stated in the Company's application for Financial Assistance).

- (ii) Local Labor Commitment - that the Company adheres to and complies with the Agency's Local Labor Workforce Certification Policy on a quarterly basis during the construction period.
- (iii) Unpaid Real Property Tax Policy Commitment – that the Company is compliant with the Agency's Unpaid Real Property Tax Policy.

Section 4. Subject to the terms of this Inducement Resolution, the Chair, the Vice Chair, the President/Chief Executive Officer, the Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and/or the Assistant Treasurer, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate, execute and deliver (A) an Agent Agreement, (B) the Lease Agreement whereby the Company leases the Project to the Agency, (C) the related Leaseback Agreement whereby the Agency leases the Project back to the Company, and (D) the PILOT Agreement and (E) related documents; provided, however, that (i) the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement to the Company include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project; and (ii) the terms of the PILOT Agreement are consistent with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy, or procedures for deviation have been complied with accordingly.

Section 5. Subject to the terms of this Inducement Resolution, the Chair, the Vice Chair, the President/Chief Executive Officer, the Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and/or the Assistant Treasurer, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate, execute and deliver any mortgage, assignment of leases and rents, security agreement, UCC-1 Financing Statements and all documents reasonably contemplated by these resolutions or required by any lender identified by the Company (the "Lender") up to a maximum principal amount necessary to undertake the Project, acquire the Facility and/or finance or refinance acquisition and Project costs or equipment and other personal property and related transactional costs (hereinafter, with the Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, and related documents, collectively called the "Agency Documents"); and, where appropriate, the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency to the Agency Documents and to attest the same, all with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Chair, the Vice Chair, the President/Chief Executive Officer, the Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and/or the Assistant Treasurer of the Agency shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chair, the Vice Chair, the President/Chief Executive Officer, the Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and/or the Assistant Treasurer of the Agency to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval; provided in all events recourse against the Agency is limited to the Agency's interest in the Project.

Section 6. The Chair (or Vice Chair) and/or Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to give notice in writing to the chief executive officer of each affected tax jurisdiction regarding the proposed deviation of the terms of PILOT Agreement from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy, and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary to comply with Section 874 of the Act.

Section 7. 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 negotiate, 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.

Section 8. The provision by the Agency of Financial Assistance with respect to the Project as described herein is subject to the execution and delivery of the Agency's Administrative Fee Agreement (the "Fee Agreement") and payment by the Company of an administrative fee calculated in accordance with the Fee Agreement, all within sixty (60) days of the date of this resolution. In the event the Agency has not received the executed Fee Agreement and the appropriate fee within such sixty (60) day period, this resolution shall become automatically null and void and of no further effect and the Agency shall have no liability to the Company hereunder or otherwise, unless extended in the discretion of the Chair, the Vice Chair, the President/Chief Executive Officer, the Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, or the Assistant Treasurer for good cause shown.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately, and shall expire one (1) year from the date hereof unless extended for good cause by the Chair, the Vice Chair, the President/Chief Executive Officer, the Vice President, the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, or the Assistant Treasurer.

Dated: September 22, 2021