

## PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT

**SL Evans, LLC and/or Individual(s) or  
Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies)  
formed or to be formed on its behalf  
Project**

Public Hearing to be held on February 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.,  
at the Town of Evans Town Hall, Conference Room, located at 8787 Erie Road,  
Angola, NY 14006

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Adam Rizzo – Solar Liberty

#### **1. WELCOME: Call to Order and Identity of Hearing Officer.**

*Hearing Officer:* Welcome. This public hearing is now open; it is 9:00 a.m. My name is Grant Lesswing. I am the Director of Business Development of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, and I have been designated by the Agency to be the hearing officer to conduct this public hearing. This public hearing is being live-streamed and made accessible on the Agency’s website at [www.ecidany.com](http://www.ecidany.com).

#### **2. PURPOSE: Purpose of the Hearing.**

*Hearing Officer:* We are here to hold the public hearing on the SL Evans, LLC and/or Individual(s) or Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or to be formed on its behalf project. The transcript of this hearing will be reviewed and considered by the Agency in determination of this project. Notice of this hearing appeared in The Buffalo News on Friday, January 26, 2024.

#### **3. PROJECT SUMMARY: Description of Project and Contemplated Agency**

*Hearing Officer:* The proposed project (the "Project") consists of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in certain property located on 7612 and 7690 Southwestern Blvd., Town of Evans, Erie County, New York and all other lands in the Town of Evans where, by license or easement or other agreement, the Company or its designees are making improvements that benefit the Project (the “Land”), (ii) the installation of two ground mounted solar arrays totaling 8250kW (the “Improvements”), and (iii) the acquisition by the Company in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the “Equipment”; and, together with the Land and the Improvements, the “Facility”).

The proposed financial assistance contemplated by the Agency includes New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits and real property tax abatement benefits (in compliance with Agency's uniform tax exemption policy).

**4. FORMAT OF HEARING:** Review rules and manner in which the hearing will proceed.

*Hearing Officer:* All those in attendance are required to register by signing the sign-in sheet at the front of the room; you will not be permitted to speak unless you have registered. Everyone who has registered will be given an opportunity to make statements and/or comments on the Project.

If you have a written statement or comment to submit for the record, you may leave it at this public hearing, submit it on the Agency's website or deliver it to the Agency at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, New York 14203. The comment period closes at 4:00 p.m. on February 27, 2024. There are no limitations on written statements or comments.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Hearing Officer gives the Public an opportunity to speak.

*Hearing Officer:* If anyone is interested in making a statement or comment, please raise your hand, state your name and address; if you are representing a company, please identify the company. I request that speakers keep statements and/or comments to 5 minutes, and if possible, 3 minutes.

Adam Rizzo – I am here on behalf of SL Evans, LLC, Solar Liberty and Catalyze Holdings. We are very excited to bring this solar energy development to the Town of Evans, the County of Erie and the School District. It's going to have tremendous benefits to solar/green energy in New York State as well as supporting local jobs. We are excited to bring this project to completion and thanks to the ECIDA, the School District and the Town of Evans for this exciting opportunity.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

As there were no further statements and/or comments, the Hearing Officer closed the public hearing at 9:04 a.m.

**SIGN IN SHEET  
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Project Location: 7612 and 7690 Southwestern Blvd., Town of Evans, Erie County, New York

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company and/or Address</b>	<b>X box to speak/ comment</b>
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