

**APPROVING RESOLUTION  
CHPE LLC PROJECT**

A special meeting of the Albany County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located in Room 740 at 112 State Street in the City of Albany, Albany County, New York on February 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., local time.

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

**PRESENT:**

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| Hon. William M. Clay | Chairman  |
| Michael Paparian     | Treasurer |
| Marlene McTigue      | Secretary |
| Anton Dreslin        | Member    |
| Travon T. Jackson    | Member    |

Each of the members present participated in the meeting either in person or remotely pursuant to the signing into law on September 2, 2021 of Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021, as amended on January 14, 2022.

**ABSENT:**

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| Paul M. Engel, Jr. | Member |
| Douglas Roether    | Member |

**AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:**

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| William Murphy             | CEO                 |
| Allen F. Maikels           | CFO                 |
| Leslie Butcher             | Executive Assistant |
| Walter J. Forman, Esq.     | Corporation Counsel |
| A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq. | Bond Counsel        |

The following resolution was offered by Michael Paparian, seconded by Marlene McTigue, to wit:

Resolution No. 0222-\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION  
WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR A PROJECT FOR CHPE LLC  
(THE “COMPANY”).**

WHEREAS, Albany 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 178 of the 1975 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 903-b 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, in April, 2021, CHPE LLC (the "Company"), a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York, presented 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 "Original Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project to include the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest or interests in various parcels of land spanning across 24.2 miles of land located in the Towns of Guilderland, New Scotland, Bethlehem, and Coeymans, and the Villages of Voorheesville and Ravana, Albany County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the acquisition and installation of two five-inch diameter high-voltage direct current ("HVDC") transmission cables and the acquisition and installation of inverters and related equipment for a potential converter station to be located in the Town of New Scotland (the "New Scotland Converter Station") and associated substation and interconnection equipment (collectively, the "Equipment"), and (3) the construction, installation and equipping on or under the Land of a fully-buried, up to 1,250-megawatt ("MW") HVDC electric transmission line and related infrastructure and the construction, installation and equipping on the Land of the New Scotland Converter Station and associated substation and interconnection facilities (collectively, the "Improvements") (the Land, the Equipment and the Improvements hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be used and operated by the Company as a portion of an electric power transmission line from the U.S.-Canada border to New York City; (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 property 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, resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on July 14, 2021 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing or public hearings 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 Chairman of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "First 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 October 21, 2021 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 posted on a bulletin board located in the Towns of Guilderland, New Scotland, Bethlehem, and Coeymans, and the Villages of Voorheesville and Ravana, Albany County, New York, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published in the Albany Times Union, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Towns of Guilderland, New Scotland, Bethlehem, and Coeymans, and the Villages of Voorheesville and Ravana, Albany County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on November 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., local time at the Town Halls located at the Towns of Guilderland, New Scotland, Bethlehem, and Coeymans, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2021, the Agency conducted the First Public Hearing and subsequently considered whether to grant the Financial Assistance at a special meeting of the Agency on December 15, 2021 (the "First Consideration Meeting"); and

WHEREAS, following the First Public Hearing, the Agency received a letter dated November 10, 2021 requesting that the Agency delete the New Scotland Converter Station from the description of the Original Project; and

WHEREAS, the Original Project is now described as the follows (the "Project"): (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest or interests in various parcels of land spanning across 24.2 miles of land located in the Towns of Guilderland, New Scotland, Bethlehem, and Coeymans, and the Villages of Voorheesville and Ravana, Albany County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of two five-inch diameter high-voltage direct current ("HVDC") transmission cables (collectively, the "Equipment"), and (3) the construction, installation and equipping on or under the Land of a fully-buried, up to 1,250-megawatt ("MW") HVDC electric transmission line and related infrastructure (collectively, the "Improvements") (the Land, the Equipment and the Improvements hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be used and operated by the Company as a portion of an electric power transmission line from the U.S.-Canada border to New York City; (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 property 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, following the First Consideration Meeting, the Agency received additional information from the Company relating to the Project (the "Additional Information"), which describes revised Project costs resulting in the need for the Agency, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hold a supplemental public hearing with respect to the Project and the amount of the Financial Assistance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Chairman of the Agency (A) caused notice of a second public hearing of the Agency (the "Second 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 January 7, 2022 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 posted on January 14, 2022 on a bulletin board located at Coeymans Town Hall located at 18 Russell Avenue in the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York and on the Agency's website, (C) caused notice of the Public Hearing to be published on January 13, 2022 in the Albany Times Union, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Towns of Guilderland, New Scotland, Bethlehem, and Coeymans, and the Villages of Voorheesville and Ravana, Albany County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on January 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., local time at the Town of Coeymans Town Hall located at 18 Russell Avenue in the Village of Ravana, Town of Coeymans, Albany County, New York, and (E) prepared a report of the Public Hearing (the "Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing and caused copies of said Hearing Report to be made available 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, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations", and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency must satisfy the requirements contained in SEQRA prior to making a final determination whether to undertake the Project; and

WHEREAS, Sections 617.5(a) and 617.5(c)(44) of the Regulations provide that actions requiring a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need under Article VII of the Public Service Law constitute “Type II” actions and are not subject to review under the Regulations, and Section 8-0111 of the SEQR Act further provides that the requirements of the SEQR Act do not apply to actions subject to the provisions requiring a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need in Article VII of the Public Service Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Regulations, the Agency has examined the Application, the Regulations, the SEQR Act, and other relevant materials, in order to classify the Project for purposes of SEQRA review; and

WHEREAS, the Application provides that the Project has been issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need under Article VII of the Public Service Law by the Public Service Commission of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act: (A) the Agency’s Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the “UTEP Policy”) provides a standardized method for the determination of payments in lieu of taxes for a facility similar to the Project Facility, (B) in connection with the Application, the Company made a request to the Agency (the “Pilot Request”) that the Agency deviate from the UTEP Policy with respect to Project Facility, (C) the Chairman of the Agency caused a letter dated October 15, 2021 (the “Initial Pilot Deviation Notice Letter”) to be mailed to the chief executive officers of the “affected tax jurisdictions” (within the meaning of such quoted term in Section 854(16) of the Act) (the “Affected Tax Jurisdictions”) pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act, informing said individuals that the Agency would, at its special meeting on December 15, 2021, consider a proposed deviation from the Policy with respect to the payment in lieu of tax agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Project Facility (the “Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement”), with respect to requiring the Company to obtain the consents of each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, and the reasons for said proposed deviation; (D) further pursuant to the Additional Information, the Chairman of the Agency caused a letter dated January 7, 2022 (the “Second Pilot Deviation Notice Letter”) to be mailed to the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, informing said individuals that the Agency would, at its regular meeting on February 9, 2022, re-consider the proposed deviation from the Policy and the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; and (E) by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on February 9, 2022 (the “Pilot Deviation Approval Resolution”), the members of the Agency determined to deviate from the Policy with respect to the Project and approved a proposed deviation from the Policy with respect to the terms of the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Project Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has a general operating policy (the “Operating Policy”) with respect to the undertaking of its projects, under which the Agency generally defers to local industrial development agencies in Albany County if a project is located within the local industrial development agency’s borders, and (A) in the case of the Project, portions of the Project are located in the Towns of Bethlehem and Guilderland, and such towns each have their own industrial development agency (collectively the “Town Agencies”), and (B) in connection with the Application, the Company made a request to the Agency (the “Town Agency Request”) that the Agency deviate from the Operating Policy with respect to 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 Albany County, New York, (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, (C) that requiring the local approval of the Proposed Pilot Agreement (as such term was defined in the Initial PILOT Deviation Notice Letter) would significantly impact the timetable of the Project, and potentially impact the approvals the Company is seeking in the other New York counties, and (D) that given the fact that the Project spans Albany County for a number of miles and is located within multiple towns, two of which have their own industrial development agency (collectively, the “Local Agencies”), that requiring the Company to divide the Project among the Local Agencies and the Agency would cause significant inefficiencies and time delays; 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 Albany County, New York by undertaking the Project in Albany 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 the Land and all improvements now or hereafter located on the Land (collectively, the “Leased Premises”); (B) a certain license agreement (the “License to Agency” or the “License Agreement”) by and between the Company, as licensor, and the Agency, as licensee, pursuant to which the Company will grant to the Agency (1) a license to enter upon the balance of the Land (the “Licensed Premises”) for the purpose of undertaking and completing the Project and (2) in the event of an occurrence of an Event of Default by the Company, an additional license to enter upon the Licensed Premises for the purpose of pursuing its remedies under the Lease Agreement (as hereinafter defined); (C) 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; (D) 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; (E) 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; (F) 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; (G) 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; (H) 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”); (I) if the Company intends to finance the Project with borrowed money, a mortgage and any other security documents and related documents (collectively, the “Mortgage”) from the Agency and the Company to the Company’s lender with respect to the Project (“the “Lender”), which Mortgage 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”); (J) 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"); (K) 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 (L) various certificates relating to the Project (the "Closing Documents");

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

Section 1. All action taken by the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, Agency Counsel, and Special Agency Counsel with respect to the Public Hearing with respect to the Project is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 2. Based upon an examination of the Application, the Regulations, the SEQR Act, and other relevant materials, the Agency determines that the Project constitutes a "Type II" action within the meaning of SEQRA and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA.

Section 3. The law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP is hereby appointed Special Agency Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Special Agency Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with Agency Counsel, 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.

Section 4. 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 Albany County, New York;

(D) It is estimated at the present time that the costs of the planning, development, acquisition, construction and installation of the Project Facility (collectively, the "Project Costs") will be approximately \$229,000,000;

(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) (1) 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 (2) 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 Albany 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 Reports and has fully considered all comments contained therein;

(I) The Agency has considered the deviation from the UTEP Policy and has determined not to require the Company to obtain the consents of each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions;

(J) The Agency has considered the deviation from the Operating Policy and has determined to undertake the Project in the Towns of Bethlehem and Guilderland;

(K) The Project should receive the Financial Assistance in the form of exemptions from sales tax, mortgage recording tax and a real property tax abatement based on an evaluation of the Project based on the Agency's Uniform Criteria for the Evaluation of Projects Policy and the description of expected public benefits to occur as a result of this Project, as described on Exhibit A attached hereto; and

(L) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to enter into the Agency Documents.

Section 5. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to: (A) accept the License Agreement; (B) lease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Lease Agreement; (C) acquire, construct and install the Project Facility, or cause the Project Facility to be acquired, installed and constructed; (D) enter into the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; (E) enter into the Uniform Agency Project Agreement; (F) enter into the Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement; (G) secure the Loan by entering into the Mortgage; (H) enter into the Contractor Documents; (I) enter into the Interim Documents; and (J) grant the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project.

Section 6. The Agency is hereby authorized (A) to acquire a license in the Licensed Premises pursuant to the License Agreement, (B) to acquire a leasehold interest in the Leased Premises pursuant to the Underlying Lease, (C) to acquire title to the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale (the "Bill of Sale to Agency") from the Company to the Agency, and (D) 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 7. 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 8. The Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of the Agency, with the assistance of Agency Counsel and/or Special Agency Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and approve the form and substance of the Agency Documents.

Section 9. (A) The Chairman (or Vice Chairman) 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 Chairman) shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(B) The Chairman (or Vice Chairman) 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 10. The Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of the Agency is hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate and arrange with the Local Agencies for the of a portion of the administrative fee that the Agency will collect from the Company in connection with the undertaking of the Project.

Section 11. 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 12. 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:

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| Hon. William M. Clay | VOTING | YES    |
| Michael Paparian     | VOTING | YES    |
| Marlene McTigue      | VOTING | YES    |
| Anton Dreslin        | VOTING | YES    |
| Paul M. Engel, Jr.   | VOTING | ABSENT |
| Travon T. Jackson    | VOTING | YES    |
| Douglas Roether      | VOTING | ABSENT |

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF ALBANY ) SS.:  
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I, the undersigned Secretary of Albany 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 February 9, 2022 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 Issuer had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021, as amended (the "2022 Laws"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Issuer, either in person or attending remotely in accordance with the 2022 Laws, 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 28th day of February, 2022.



M. J. McTigue  
Secretary

(SEAL)

## 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 Albany County, New York (the "Public Benefits"):

| Description of Benefit |   | Applicable to Project<br>(indicate Yes or NO) |  | Expected Benefit   |
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| 1.                     | Retention of existing jobs  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | N/A  |
| 2.                     | Creation of new permanent jobs  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | Although no permanent employment at the Project site, the Project will create construction and secondary jobs.   |
| 3.                     | Estimated value of tax exemptions                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | As described in the Application and related schedules.   |
| 4.                     | Private sector investment   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | Estimate \$229,000,000.  |
| 5.                     | Likelihood of project being accomplished in a timely fashion          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | High likelihood of 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            | The Project will provide a revenue source to the "affected tax jurisdictions" in the form of PILOT payments and host community benefit payments.   |
| 7.                     | Any additional public benefits  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | The Transmission System will play a key role in New York's energy transformation, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, creating jobs, and generating billions of dollars in new investment in New York's economy while delivering low-cost renewable energy to New York State. |
| 8.                     | Local labor construction jobs   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes       | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | The Company will endeavor to use local labor for the construction jobs.  |
| 9.                     | Regional wealth creation (% of sales/customers outside of the County) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                  | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | N/A  |
| 10.                    | Located in a highly distressed census tract                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                  | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | N/A  |
| 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.  |

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| 13. | Elimination or reduction of blight                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | The Project site is not located in a blighted area. |
| 14. | Proximity/support of regional tourism attractions/facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | N/A   |
| 15. | Local or County official support                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No            | The Project has local and County support.           |
| 16. | Building or site has historic designation                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | There is no historic designation.                   |
| 17. | Provides brownfield remediation                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | No brownfields present.                             |