

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, will be held by the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on October 18, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., local time, at 584 Phoenix Drive, City of Rome, Oneida County, New York in connection with the following matters:

Above Grid Rome Solar LLC, on behalf of itself and/or the principals of Above Grid Rome Solar LLC, and/or an entity formed or to be formed on behalf of any of the foregoing (collectively, the "Company") applied to the Agency to enter into a transaction in which the Agency will assist in construction of an approximately 5 megawatt AC ground-mounted solar energy system/community solar array with solar panels connected to a single-axis tracking racking system consisting of two pervious gravel access roads, inverter pads, a fence surrounding the entirety of the equipment, underground wiring, and overhead utility interconnection to equipment (collectively, the "Improvements"), situated on a 50± acre portion of a 174.40± acre parcel of land located at 5727 Rome Taberg Road, City of Rome, County of Oneida (the "Land"), all for the purpose of furthering the mission of New York State renewable energy goals by providing renewable energy for consumers in the region under the New York State Community Solar Program (the Land and the Improvements are referred to collectively as the "Facility" and the construction of the Improvements is referred to as the "Project"). The Facility will be initially operated and/or managed by the Company. Rome Industrial Development Corporation (the "Owner") owns the Land and leases it to the Company, and the Company will lease the Facility to the Agency.

The Agency contemplates providing financial assistance to the Company in the form of reduction of real property taxes for a period of twenty-five years, during which time the Company shall make PILOT Payments on the assessment relating to the Improvements equal to \$10,000.00 per MW-AC of nameplate capacity with an annual increase of two percent (2%) applied during year 2 through year 25, which financial assistance is consistent with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (Community Solar Policy), to be more particularly described in a Final Authorizing Resolution to be adopted by the Agency prior to the closing of the transactions described herein.

A representative of the Agency will at the above-stated time and place hear and accept written comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to either the proposed financial assistance to the Company or the location or nature of the Facility. Members of the public may access the Public Hearing by calling 1-408-418-9388 (Access code: 2634 415 5314). Comments may also be submitted to the Agency in writing or electronically prior to the Public Hearing. Minutes of the Public Hearing will be transcribed and posted on the Agency's website together with a video recording of the hearing. A copy of the Application for Financial Assistance filed by the Company with the Agency, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the proposed Project, is available for public inspection at the offices of the Agency, 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, New York and on the Agency's website.

ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: /s/ Shawna M. Papale, Executive Director

Dated: October 4, 2023