

INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT AND PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT AND PROJECT AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE **ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC FACILITY** (the "AGREEMENT") is between the **ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, with offices at 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, New York 13441 (the "Agency"), and **ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC**, a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 516 Route 33 West, Building 2, Suite 101, Millstone Twp, New Jersey 08535 (the "Company").

Article 1. Preliminary Statement. Among the matters of mutual inducement which have resulted in the execution of this AGREEMENT are the following:

1.01. The Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York as amended, and Chapter 372 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York, as may be amended from time to time (collectively, the "Act") to undertake "Projects" (as defined in the Act) and to lease the same upon such terms and conditions as the Agency may deem advisable.

1.02. The purposes of the Act are (i) to promote industry and develop trade by inducing manufacturing, industrial, warehousing, research, recreation and commercial enterprises to locate or remain in the State and (ii) to encourage and assist in the providing of industrial pollution control facilities, (iii) to promote the economic welfare and prosperity of the inhabitants of the State and (iv) to promote the development of renewable energy projects to support New York State's renewable energy goals as may be established or amended from time to time. The Act vests the Agency with all powers necessary to enable it to accomplish such purposes.

1.03. (a) The Company submitted to the Agency an Application for Financial Assistance dated August 31, 2023, which Application may be amended from time to time prior to closing of the lease-leaseback transaction described below (the "Application") requesting that the Agency 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 previous 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").

(b) Rome Industrial Development Corporation (the "Owner") leases the Land to the Company pursuant to a Solar Ground Lease dated August 2, 2021 (the "Ground Lease"). The Company will lease the Facility to the Agency, and the Agency will lease the Facility back to the Company pursuant to a Leaseback Agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement").

1.04. The Company hereby represents to the Agency that the Project (a) will not result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant from one area of the State to another area of the State or an abandonment of one or more plants of the Company located in the State; (b) is reasonably necessary to discourage the Company from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State, or (c) is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Company in its industry. The construction and equipping of the Facility has not/did not commence(d) as of September 15, 2023.

1.05. The Agency has determined that the Project, as described in the Company's Application, will promote and further the purposes of the Act.

1.06. On September 15, 2023, the Agency adopted a resolution (the "Resolution" or the "Inducement Resolution") agreeing to undertake the Project in order to assist the Company and to effectuate the purposes of the Act and, subject to the happening of all acts, conditions and things required precedent to such undertaking and the satisfactory completion of such additional acts and reviews as the Agency may deem appropriate, to undertake a lease-leaseback transaction in connection with the Project.

1.07. (a) In the Resolution, the Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance to the Company in connection with the Project in the form of provision for a fixed payment in lieu of taxes (the "PILOT Payments") to be made by the Company to the Agency for a period of twenty-five years, during which time the Company shall make PILOT Payments equal to \$10,000 per MW-AC of nameplate capacity with an annual increase of two percent (2%) applied during year 2 through year 25, which will be allocated among the affected tax jurisdictions in the same proportion that taxes would have been paid but for the Agency's involvement (the "Financial Assistance"), which Financial Assistance is consistent with the Solar UTEP, and which will be more particularly set forth in a final authorizing resolution.

(b) Based upon representations made by the Company in the Application, the value of the Financial Assistance currently authorized by the Agency is as follows:

- Real property tax abatement \$34,817.00 (approximately)
- Mortgage recording tax exemption Not requested

1.09. It is understood and agreed by the parties that the purpose of the Agency's provision of Financial Assistance with respect to the Project is to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of the Project facility to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Oneida County, to support New York State's renewable energy goals as may be established or amended from time to time, and to otherwise accomplish the public purpose of the Act.

1.10. Attached as Exhibit A to this Agreement is a copy of the PILOT Agreement that reflects the Financial Assistance currently contemplated by the Agency in the Resolution. The Company acknowledges that the Agency (a) reserves all rights to amend the PILOT Agreement to reflect the terms of the Financial Assistance for which the Agency grants final approval as it authorizes in the final authorizing resolution and (b) is under no obligation to enter into the PILOT Agreement unless all conditions described in Section 4.02 hereof are met to the satisfaction of the Agency.

Article 2. Undertakings on the Part of the Agency. Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Company regarding the Facility and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Agency hereby confirms and acknowledges:

2.01. Upon satisfactory completion of the conditions precedent set forth herein and in the Resolution and the satisfactory completion of such additional acts and reviews as the Agency may deem appropriate, the Agency will (A) adopt, or cause to be adopted, such proceedings and authorize the execution of such documents as may be necessary or advisable for (i) a lease-leaseback transaction, (ii) the construction and equipping of the Facility, and (iii) the leasing of the Facility to the Company pursuant to the Leaseback Agreement, all as shall be authorized by law and be mutually satisfactory to the Agency and the Company and (B) shall enter into a lease-leaseback transaction pursuant to the terms of the Act, as then in force, for the purpose of providing Financial Assistance in support of the Project.

2.02. The Leaseback Agreement shall be for an approximately 25-year term and shall obligate the Company to make aggregate payments in the amount of \$2,000.00 when invoiced by the Agency. The Company shall be entitled to terminate the Agency's leasehold interest in the Facility for an aggregate amount of \$1.00, plus such additional amounts as shall be prescribed in the Leaseback Agreement. Specifically, the Leaseback Agreement shall contain a provision that will allow the Company to terminate the Leaseback Agreement at any time upon written notice to the Agency and upon payment by the Company of all applicable fees, penalties and recapture of benefits, if applicable. The Leaseback Agreement shall contain all provisions required by law and such other provisions as shall be mutually acceptable to the Agency and the Company.

2.03. That all services, costs and expenses of whatever nature incurred in connection with the Project and the installation, replacement, rebuilding, restoration, repair, maintenance and operation of the Facility have been and will continue to be

undertaken by the Company as the Agency is not providing exemptions from sales tax for the Project.

2.04. That, in connection with any lease by the Agency to the Company that is, in turn, subleased or leased by the Company, it is the intent of all parties to the transactions that any sublease or lease is undertaken by the Company as agent for the Agency.

2.05. That, at the request of the Company, and subject to the agreement between the Agency and the Company, any future transfers of fee or leasehold interest of any portion of real property upon which the Facility is located and not owned by the Agency, are hereby authorized, such transfers to be from the Company to the Agency, and there shall be no need for any further official action on behalf of the Agency other than the execution of the appropriate documents evidencing such transfer.

2.06. The Agency will take or cause to be taken such other acts and adopt such further proceedings as may be required to implement the aforesaid undertakings or as it may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof.

Article 3. Undertakings on the Part of the Company. Based upon the statements, representations and undertakings of the Agency herein and in the Resolution and subject to the conditions set forth herein and in the Resolution, the Company agrees as follows:

3.01. The Company hereby agrees to (i) complete and operate the Project substantially as presented to the Agency in the Application; (ii) repair and maintain the Facility and (iii) make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, and in general to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing and operating the Facility.

3.02. The Company acknowledges that the Financial Assistance is conditioned upon the Company completing and operating the Project substantially as it represented in the Application (the "Project Obligation"). Failure to achieve and maintain the Project Obligation for the term of the Leaseback Agreement could subject the Company to termination or recapture of Financial Assistance.

3.03. (a) If the Company has not negotiated a Host Community Agreement with City of Rome (the "Host Community"), or if the Host Community Agreement is terminated prior to payment in full of all fees due to the Host Community thereunder, the Company will be required to pay directly to the Host Community a Host Community Payment equal to five percent (5.00%) of the annual PILOT Payment. The Host Community Payment is in addition to PILOT Payments to be made by the Company and is not considered a PILOT Payment.

(b) The Company must provide (i) an executed Host Community Agreement between the Company and the Host Community; (ii) a decommissioning plan, prepared by a licensed engineer, detailing a plan to decommission the Facility with estimated costs including inflation to the time of decommissioning, with written evidence that the Host Community has approved; and (iii) evidence that the Company has made provision to reserve funds for decommissioning, either through the posting of a bond or establishment of an escrow account, with written evidence that the Host Community has approved and which provides for the Agency to receive a copy of all notices issued relating to the decommissioning bond or fund reserve.

(c) The Company shall provide written notice to the Agency if at any time during the Lease Term the Company submits a request to change the nameplate capacity of the Facility.

3.04. Contemporaneously with the closing of the lease-leaseback transaction the Company will enter into the Leaseback Agreement with the Agency containing, among other things, the terms and conditions described in Section 2.02 hereof.

3.05. (a) The Company shall not permit to stand, and will, at its own expense, take all steps reasonably necessary to remove (or bond the same if acceptable to the Agency and its counsel), any mechanics' or other liens against the Facility for labor or materials furnished in connection with the Project. The Company shall forever defend, indemnify and hold the Agency, its members, officers, employees, and agents, and anyone for whose acts or omissions the Agency or any of them may be liable, harmless from and against all costs, losses, expenses, claims, damages and liabilities of whatever kind or nature arising, directly or indirectly, out of or based on labor, services, materials and supplies, including equipment, ordered or used in connection with the Project or arising out of any contract or other arrangement therefor (and including any expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any claims, suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing).

(b) The Company shall forever defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency, its members, officers, employees and agents, and anyone for whose acts or omissions the Agency or any of them may be liable, from and against all claims, causes of action, liabilities and expenses (including without limitation attorneys' fees) howsoever arising for loss or damage to property or any injury to or death of any person (including, without limitation, death of or injury to any employee of the Company or any sublessee) that may occur subsequent to the date hereof by any cause whatsoever in relation to the Facility including the failure to comply with the provisions of Article 3.05 hereof, or arising, directly or indirectly, out of the Project or the ownership, acquisition, operation, maintenance, repair or financing of the Facility, and including, without limitation, any expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any claims, suits or actions which may arise as a result of the foregoing.

(c) The defense and indemnities provided for in this Article 3 shall apply whether or not the claim, liability, cause of action or expense is caused or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the activities, acts, fault or negligence of the Agency, its members, officers, employees and agents, anyone under the direction and control of any of them, or anyone for whose acts or omissions the Agency or any of them may be liable, and whether or not based upon the breach of a statutory duty or obligation or any theory or rule of comparative or apportioned liability, subject only to any specific prohibition relating to the scope of indemnities imposed by law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the foregoing indemnifications shall apply to and encompass any action (or alleged failure to act) of the Agency pursuant to the SEQR Act.

(d) The Company shall provide and carry workers' compensation and disability insurance as required by law and comprehensive liability insurance with such coverages (including, without limitation, owner's protective for the benefit of the Agency and contractual coverage covering the indemnities herein provided for), with such limits and with such companies as may be approved by the Agency. Attached hereto as Exhibit B are the Agency's insurance requirements that will be contained in the Leaseback Agreement. Upon the request of the Agency, the Company shall provide certificates of insurance in form satisfactory to the Agency evidencing such insurance.

3.06. With the exception of the authorizations required to be adopted by the Agency for the Agency to enter into the lease-leaseback transaction, the Company agrees that it will comply with all the requirements of all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations of whatever kind and howsoever denominated applicable to the Agency and/or the Company with respect to the Facility, the Project, the operation and maintenance of the Facility and the financing thereof. Every provision required by law to be inserted herein shall be deemed to be set forth herein as if set forth in full; and upon the request of either party, this Agreement shall be amended to specifically set forth any such provision or provisions. The Company certifies, under penalty of perjury, that it is in substantial compliance with all local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.

3.07. The Company will take such further action and adopt such further proceedings as may be required to implement its aforesaid undertakings or as it may deem appropriate in pursuance thereof.

3.08. If it should be determined that any State or local sales or compensatory use taxes or similar taxes however denominated are payable with respect to the acquisition, purchase or rental of machinery or equipment, materials or supplies in connection with the Project, or are in any manner otherwise payable directly or indirectly in connection with the Project, the Company shall pay the same and defend and indemnify the Agency from and against any liability, expenses and penalties arising out of, directly or indirectly, the imposition of any such taxes.

3.09. The Company shall provide annually to the Agency a certified statement and documentation: (i) enumerating the full time equivalent jobs retained and the full time equivalent jobs created as a result of the Financial Assistance, by category, including full time equivalent independent contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the Project location, (ii) indicating that the salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created that was provided in the application for Financial Assistance is still accurate and if it is not still accurate, providing a revised list of salary and fringe benefit averages or ranges for categories of jobs retained and jobs created, and (iii) confirming that the Project Obligation is being achieved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is acknowledged that no full time equivalent jobs will be created by the Project. Exhibit C contains the form of annual certification as well as additional Project assessment information that the Agency requires, on an annual basis, to be submitted to the Agency by the Company. If the Company does not provide said annual certified statement to the Agency by the stated due date, a \$500.00 late fee will be charged to the Company for each thirty (30) day period the report is late beyond the due date, up until the time the report is submitted. The Company shall provide annually to the Agency at the same time as the other information required by this Section, a certification regarding the nameplate capacity of the Project and whether any changes to the nameplate capacity have been made or copies of the Company's annual reports to NYS/NYSERDA, if any (or such other documentation acceptable to the Agency) that validates the Project's megawatt production and benefit to the community.

3.10. The Company covenants and agrees that it may be subject to recapture of any and all Financial Assistance if it is determined by the Agency that:

(a) the Company has knowingly made a material false or misleading statement, or knowingly omitted any information which, if included, would have rendered any information in the application or supporting documentation false or misleading in any material respect, on its application for Financial Assistance; or

(b) the Company fails to meet and maintain the Project Obligation; or

(c) the Company failed to submit to the Agency its annual report so that the Agency can confirm that the Project is achieving the Project Obligation and other objectives of the Project.

If the Agency determines to recapture any Financial Assistance, the Company agrees and covenants that it will (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any or all Financial Assistance obtained by the Company and (ii) promptly pay over any or all such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands in connection therewith. Upon receipt of such amounts, the Agency shall then redistribute such amounts to the appropriate affected tax jurisdiction(s), unless agreed to otherwise by any tax jurisdiction(s).

3.11. If the Facility is leased to another party by the Agency and subleased to the Company, then in such event, the Company guarantees all of the covenants, undertakings and indemnities of such other party as set forth in this Article 3.

3.12. The Company acknowledges that the Agency's Financial Assistance is considered to be public funds under Section 224-a of the New York State Labor Law ("Prevailing Wage Requirements"). The Agency has determined that the Financial Assistance amounts to \$34,817.00 in the aggregate. The Company is obligated under Subdivision 8(a) of the Prevailing Wage Requirements to certify under penalty of perjury within five (5) days of commencement of construction work whether the Project is subject to the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Requirements. Compliance with Prevailing Wage Requirements is wholly the obligation of the Company, and failure to comply may result in a stop-work order.

Article 4. General Provisions.

4.01. This AGREEMENT sets forth the terms and conditions under which Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company; no Financial Assistance shall be provided to the Company prior to the effective date of this Agreement. This AGREEMENT shall remain in effect until the Leaseback Agreement becomes effective. It is the intent of the Agency and the Company that this AGREEMENT be superseded in its entirety by the Leaseback Agreement, except for the indemnities and guarantee of indemnities contained herein, which shall survive.

4.02. It is understood and agreed by the Agency and the Company that entering into the lease-leaseback transaction and the execution of the Leaseback Agreement and related documents are subject to (i) obtaining all necessary governmental approvals, (ii) approval of the members of the Company, (iii) approval of the members of the Agency, (iv) satisfactory completion of the environmental review of the Facility by the Agency in compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act, (v) agreement by the Agency and the Company upon mutually acceptable terms and conditions for the Leaseback Agreement and other documentation usual and customary to transactions of this nature, (vi) the condition that there are no changes in New York State Law which prohibit or limit the Agency from fulfilling its obligation and commitment as herein set forth to enter into the lease-leaseback transaction, (vii) evidence of support of the affected tax jurisdictions in the form of zoning or planning board approval, or in absence of such, a letter of support from the Host Community, (viii) a decommissioning plan consistent with the Solar UTEP and acceptable to the Host Community, (ix) evidence that provision has been made to reserve funds for decommissioning of the Project consistent with the Solar UTEP, (x) an executed Host Community Agreement or in absence of such, inclusion of a provision in the Leaseback Agreement for a Host Community Payment and (xi) payment by the Company of the Agency's transaction fee and the fees and disbursements of bond counsel or transaction counsel. The Agency's transaction fee is calculated based upon the size of

the project; based upon the projections in the Company's Application, the transaction fee for the Project is estimated at \$57,068.00, which will be payable in full at closing.

4.03. The Company agrees that it will reimburse the Agency for all reasonable and necessary direct out-of-pocket expenses that the Agency may incur as a consequence of executing this AGREEMENT or performing its obligations hereunder. Examples of such expenses include, but are not limited to, photocopies, phone and fax charges, postage and other shipping charges incurred in connection with closing the lease-leaseback transaction or complying with any requests after closing relating to the lease-leaseback transaction.

4.04. This AGREEMENT and the Financial Assistance contemplated by the Agency hereunder shall be valid for a period of twelve (12) months from the Inducement Date. If for any reason the lease-leaseback transaction does not close on or before twelve (12) months from the Inducement Date, the Company shall submit a written request to the Agency describing the reasons for the delay and requesting this AGREEMENT be extended for a period of twelve (12) months under the same terms and conditions contained herein. At the time of the extension, the Company will pay any out-of-pocket expenses of members of the Agency, counsel for the Agency and Transaction Counsel incurred in connection with the Project as of the extension date and will pay the reasonable fees of counsel for the Agency and Transaction Counsel for legal services relating to the Project as of the extension date.

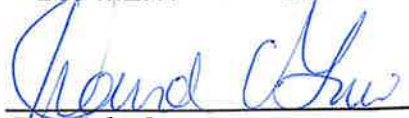
4.05. If for any reason the lease-leaseback transaction does not close on or before twelve (12) months from the Inducement Date and is not extended by written agreement of the parties, the provisions of this AGREEMENT (other than the provisions of Articles 3.05, 3.06, 3.07 and 3.08 above, which shall survive) shall terminate and be of no further force or effect, and following such termination neither party shall have any rights against the other party except:

(a) The Company shall pay the Agency for all expenses which were authorized by the Company and incurred by the Agency in connection with the Project; and

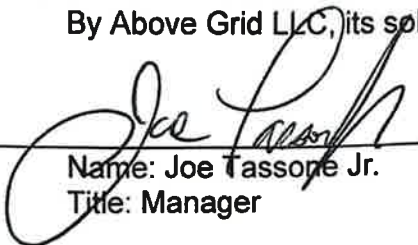
(b) The Company will pay the out-of-pocket expenses of members of the Agency, counsel for the Agency and Transaction Counsel incurred in connection with the Project and will pay the reasonable fees of counsel for the Agency and Transaction Counsel for legal services relating to the Project or the proposed financing thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this AGREEMENT to be effective as of September 15, 2023.

ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: 
David C. Grow
Chairman

ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC
By Above Grid LLC, its sole member

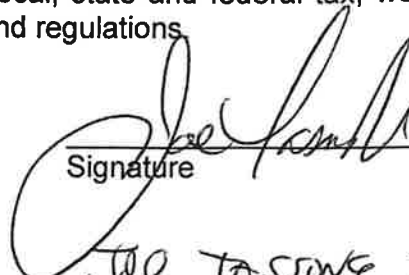
By: 
Name: Joe Tassone Jr.
Title: Manager

CERTIFICATION BY PROJECT OPERATOR

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ~~NEW YORK~~) ss.:
SARATOGA

Joe Tassone, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

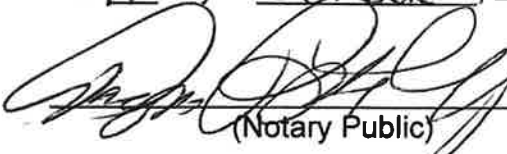
1. That I am an authorized signatory of Above Grid LLC, the Sole Member of **Above Grid Rome Solar LLC** (the "Company") and that I am duly authorized on behalf of the Company to bind the Company and to execute this Agreement.
2. That the Company confirms and acknowledges that the owner, occupant, or operator receiving Financial Assistance for the Project is in substantial compliance with all applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.



Signature
JOE TASSONE JR

Printed Name

Subscribed and affirmed to me under penalties of perjury
this 19th day of October, 2023



(Notary Public)

JACQUELINE PHILLIPS-MURRAY
Notary Public State of New York
Qualified in Albany County
No. 02PH6003751
Commission Expires March 9, 2026

EXHIBIT A
FORM OF PILOT AGREEMENT

Transcript Document No. 3

ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC
and
ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT

Oneida County Industrial Development Agency
2023 Real Estate Lease
(Rome Taberg Road Community Solar Facility)

Oneida County, City of Rome, Rome City School District

Tax Account No.: 222.000-0001-039.001 (portion of)

PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT

THIS PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT, dated as of _____, 2023, is by and between **ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC**, a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, with offices at 516 Route 33 West, Building 2, Suite 101, Millstone Twp NJ 08535 (the "Company") and **ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, an industrial development agency and a public benefit corporation of the State of New York having its principal office at 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, New York 13441 (the "Agency").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 99 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended, (the "Enabling Act"), and Chapter 372 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York, as amended, constituting Section 901 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, among others, renewable energy projects, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry in order 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, to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration, and to support New York State's renewable energy goals as may be established or amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Company desires that the Agency assist in the 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"); and

WHEREAS, the Land is leased by Rome Industrial Development Corporation (the "Owner") to the Company pursuant to a Solar Ground Lease dated August 2, 2021 (the "Ground Lease"); and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Company to develop the Facility, the Agency is willing to accept a leasehold interest in the Facility, pursuant to a Lease Agreement dated of even date herewith and lease the Facility back to the Company pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in a Leaseback Agreement dated of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has agreed to acquire a leasehold interest in the Facility in order to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Facility will be exempt from real property taxes, general property taxes, general school district taxes, general assessments, service charges or other governmental charges of a similar nature levied and/or assessed upon the Facility or the interest therein of the Company or the occupancy thereof by the Company (the "Exempt Taxes") effective July 30, 2024, because the Agency is acquiring an interest in the Facility and the Facility is used for a purpose within the meaning of the applicable Constitutional and statutory provisions, including the Enabling Act, provided, however, such exemption does not extend to special assessments or ad valorem levies; and

WHEREAS, the Company understands that it, as lessee of the Facility leased by the Agency, will, in fact, have Exempt Taxes to pay under the provisions of this Agreement in the form of PILOT Payments (defined below) from the first date of the Exemption Term through the term of the Leaseback Agreement as more particularly described on Schedule B attached hereto (the "Exemption Term"); and

WHEREAS, each year of the Exemption Term is more particularly set forth on Schedule B attached hereto (each year being referred to as an "Exemption Year"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency and the Company deem it necessary and proper to enter into an agreement making provision for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes and such assessments by the Company to the City of Rome or any existing incorporated village or any village which may be incorporated after the date hereof, within which the Facility is or may be, wholly or partially located, Oneida County, the Rome City School District and appropriate special districts more specifically set forth on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof (hereinafter each a "Taxing Authority" and collectively the "Taxing Authorities") in which any part of the Facility is or is to be located; and

WHEREAS, all defined terms herein as indicated by the capitalization of the first letter thereof and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms as set forth in the Leaseback Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, to provide for certain payments to the Taxing Authorities, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Company shall pay to each Taxing Authority:

(a) all taxes and payments-in-lieu-of-taxes that are due with respect to the Facility prior to the Exemption Term, no later than the last day during which such payments may be made without penalty; and

(b) all special assessments and ad valorem taxes coming due and payable during the term of the Lease Agreement and the Leaseback Agreement for which the Facility is not exempt, no later than the last day during which such payments may be made without penalty (such special assessments and ad valorem taxes to be billed directly by the Tax Authority).

2. (a) The Company shall pay to each Taxing Authority its allocated portion of a fixed amount in lieu of the Exempt Taxes (the "PILOT Payments") during each Exemption Year as follows:

(i) During Exemption Year 1, a fixed PILOT Payment equal to \$50,000.00 (or \$10,000.00 per MW-AC of nameplate capacity x 3.3 MW-AC of nameplate capacity) (the "Minimum PILOT Payment"); and

(ii) During Exemption Years 2 through and including 25, a fixed PILOT Payment equal to the greater of (x) the Minimum PILOT Payment or (y) \$50,000.00 per MW-AC of nameplate capacity in the immediately preceding calendar year, plus an incremental increase of two percent (2.00%) for each Exemption Year; and

(iii) 100% of Exempt Taxes after Exemption Year 25.

(b) Such PILOT Payments shall be billed by and allocated among the Taxing Authorities in the same proportion as taxes would have been allocated but for the Agency's involvement, unless the Taxing Authorities have consented in writing to a specific allocation. For the purposes of allocating PILOT Payments, each Taxing Authority shall use the tax rate for the prior Exemption Year. If an annual report

submitted by the Company to the Agency reflects that the Company increased the nameplate capacity of the Facility in the prior year, the Agency will so notify the Taxing Authorities who will be authorized to issue a supplemental PILOT bill or bills to the Company.

(c) Anything herein to the contrary, notwithstanding, the term "Exempt Taxes" is intended to mean any increase in real property taxes attributable to construction of the Project. The Taxing Authorities shall bill to the Company, and the Company shall pay to the Taxing Authorities taxes, or make payments in lieu of taxes, on the Land and existing facilities thereon (other than the Improvements and equipment), as if the Agency had no leasehold or other interest therein. If the Land Lease provides that the Owner is responsible for payment of taxes, or payments in lieu of taxes, on the Land and existing facilities thereon (other than the Improvements and equipment) the Company agrees to make such payments if the Owner fails to do so.

(d) Anything herein to the contrary, notwithstanding, this Agreement shall terminate on the date on which the Leaseback Agreement shall terminate and the Agency shall terminate its leasehold interest in the Facility pursuant to the Leaseback Agreement. The benefits under this Agreement are subject to the terms and conditions of a certain Project Obligation and Recapture Agreement dated as of even date herewith (the "Recapture Agreement").

(e) Anything herein to the contrary, notwithstanding, upon the failure of the Company in making any payment when due hereunder and upon failure to cure such default within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice as herein provided, shall constitute an Event of Default under Section 7.1(a)(vi) of the Leaseback Agreement, and the Agency may take any one or all remedial steps afforded it in Section 7.2 of the Leaseback Agreement; provided, however, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to limit any other rights and remedies the Agency may have hereunder or under any other Transaction Document.

3. (a) The Company will make PILOT Payments to each Taxing Authority hereunder for each Exemption Year by making the required payment to such Taxing Authority no later than the last day during which such Exempt Taxes could otherwise be made without penalty as if the Agency did not have a leasehold or other interest in the Facility.

(b) PILOT Payments that are delinquent under this Agreement shall be subject to a late penalty of five percent (5%) of the amount due which shall be paid by the Company to the affected Taxing Authority at the time the PILOT Payment is paid. For each month, or part thereof, that the PILOT Payment is delinquent beyond the first

month, interest shall accrue to and be paid to the affected Taxing Authority on the total amount due plus a late payment penalty in the amount of one percent (1%) per month until the payment is made. Anything herein to the contrary, notwithstanding, upon the failure of the Company in making any payment (or causing any payment to be made) when due hereunder and upon failure to cure such default within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice as herein provided, the Agency shall have the right to terminate the Leaseback Agreement and this PILOT Agreement, and the Company shall henceforth pay one hundred (100%) percent of the Exempt Taxes, together with all costs of collection, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to limit any other rights and remedies the Agency may have hereunder or under any other Transaction Document.

4. The PILOT Payments to be made by the Company pursuant to this Agreement are intended to be in lieu of all Exempt Taxes that would have to be paid by the Company on the Facility leased to the Company by the Leaseback Agreement if the Agency did not have a leasehold or other interest in the Facility.

5. If by reason of a change in the Constitution or laws of the State of New York, or an interpretation of the Constitution or the laws of the State of New York by the Court of Appeals (or such lower court from which the time to appeal has expired) of the State of New York, or for any other reason, the Company is required to pay any tax which the payments specified herein are intended to be in lieu of, the Company may deduct the aggregate of any such payments made by it from the amount herein agreed to be paid in lieu of such taxes and need only pay the difference. Furthermore, inasmuch as the PILOT Payments herein agreed to be made by the Company are intended to be in lieu of all Exempt Taxes, it is agreed that said payments shall not, as to any Exemption Year, be in an amount greater than would be payable for such year for such Exempt Taxes, in the aggregate, by a private corporation on account of its ownership of the Facility, and accordingly the annual payment will be adjusted in any Exemption Year to be the lesser of the amount that would be payable in taxes or the PILOT Payment.

6. This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties.

7. It is the intent of the parties that the Company will have all the rights and remedies of a taxpayer with respect to any real property or other tax, service charge, special benefit, ad valorem levy, assessment or special assessment or service charge because of which, or in lieu of which, the Company is obligated to make a payment hereunder, as if and to the same extent as if the Agency did not have a leasehold or other interest in the Facility. It is the further intent of the parties that the Company will have all of the rights and remedies of a taxpayer as if and to the same extent as if the

Agency did not have a leasehold or other interest in the Facility with respect to any proposed assessment or change in assessment concerning the property, or any portion thereof, whether through an assessor, board of assessment review, court of law, or otherwise and likewise will be entitled to protest before and be heard by such assessor, board of assessment review, court of law or otherwise and will be entitled to take any and all appropriate appeals or initiate any proceedings to review the validity or amount of any assessment or the validity or amount of any taxes that would have been payable but for the provisions hereof, provided, however, that the Company is required to provide written notification to the Agency at least forty-five (45) days before filing for a change of assessment. In the event, however, that a court of competent jurisdiction shall enter an order or judgment determining or declaring that, by reason of the Agency's interest in the Facility, the Company does not have the right to bring a proceeding to review such assessment under the Real Property Tax Law or any other law, then the Company shall have the right to contest such assessment in the name and as the agent of the Agency, and the Agency agrees to cooperate with the Company in all respects in any such proceeding at the sole cost and expense of the Company. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, for so long as this Agreement is in effect, the Company hereby unconditionally and irrevocably waives its right, if any, to apply for and/or receive the benefit of any other real property tax exemption with respect to the Facility, including, without limitation, the real property tax exemption that may be available under Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law.

8. All amounts payable by the Company hereunder will be paid to the Taxing Authorities and will be payable in such lawful money of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, including a check payable in such money.

9. (a) If any term or provision hereof should be for any reason held or adjudged to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such term or provision will be deemed separate and independent and the remainder hereof will remain in full force and effect and will not be invalidated, impaired or otherwise affected by such holding or adjudication.

(b) This Agreement may not be effectively amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except by an instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto.

(c) All notices, certificates or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when (i) mailed by United States registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or (ii) when delivered by a commercial overnight courier that

guarantees next day delivery and provides a receipt, to the Agency or the Company, as the case may be, addressed as follows:

To the Agency: Oneida County Industrial Development Agency
584 Phoenix Drive
Rome, New York 13441-4105
Attn.: Chairman

With a Copy To: Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC
501 Main Street
Utica, New York 13501
Attn.: Linda E. Romano, Esq.

To the Company: Above Grid Rome Solar LLC
516 Route 33 West
Building 2, Suite 101
Millstone Twp NJ 08535
Attn.: Joe Tassone, Jr.

With a Copy To: Barclay Damon LLP
80 State Street
Albany, New York 12207
Attn.: Genevieve Trigg, Esq.

provided, that the Agency or the Company may, by notice given hereunder to the other, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates or other communications to them shall be sent.

(e) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

[signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this **PILOT Agreement** as of the date first above written.

ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC
By Above Grid LLC, its sole member

By: _____
Name:
Title:

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF ALBANY)

On the _____ day of _____ 2023 before me, the undersigned a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity, and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

SECOND SIGNATURE PAGE TO PILOT AGREEMENT
(ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC FACILITY)

ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: _____
David C. Grow
Chairman

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF ONEIDA)

On the _____ day of _____ 2023 before me, the undersigned a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared **David C. Grow**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

SCHEDULE A

COUNTY OF ONEIDA

Receiver of Taxes
800 Park Avenue
Utica, New York 13501

CITY OF ROME

Receiver of Taxes
Rome City Hall
198 North Washington Street
Rome, New York 13440

ROME CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Receiver of Taxes
409 Bell Street
Rome, New York 13440

SCH A

SCHEDULE B

Exemption Year	County/City Fiscal Year	School Fiscal Year
Year 1	01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025	07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026
Year 2	01/01/2026 – 12/31/2026	07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027
Year 3	01/01/2027 – 12/31/2027	07/01/2027 – 06/30/2028
Year 4	01/01/2028 – 12/31/2028	07/01/2028 – 06/30/2029
Year 5	01/01/2029 – 12/31/2029	07/01/2029 – 06/30/2030
Year 6	01/01/2030 – 12/31/2030	07/01/2030 – 06/30/2031
Year 7	01/01/2031 – 12/31/2031	07/01/2031 – 06/30/2032
Year 8	01/01/2032 – 12/31/2032	07/01/2032 – 06/30/2033
Year 9	01/01/2033 – 12/31/2033	07/01/2033 – 06/30/2034
Year 10	01/01/2034 – 12/31/2034	07/01/2034 – 06/30/2035
Year 11	01/01/2035 – 12/31/2035	07/01/2035 – 06/30/2036
Year 12	01/01/2036 – 12/31/2036	07/01/2036 – 06/30/2037
Year 13	01/01/2037 – 12/31/2037	07/01/2037 – 06/30/2038
Year 14	01/01/2038 – 12/31/2038	07/01/2038 – 06/30/2039
Year 15	01/01/2039 – 12/31/2039	07/01/2039 – 06/30/2040
Year 16	01/01/2040 – 12/31/2040	07/01/2040 – 06/30/2041
Year 17	01/01/2041 – 12/31/2041	07/01/2041 – 06/30/2042
Year 18	01/01/2042 – 12/31/2042	07/01/2042 – 06/30/2043
Year 19	01/01/2043 – 12/31/2043	07/01/2043 – 06/30/2044
Year 20	01/01/2044 – 12/31/2044	07/01/2044 – 06/30/2045
Year 21	01/01/2045 – 12/31/2045	07/01/2045 – 06/30/2046
Year 22	01/01/2046 – 12/31/2046	07/01/2046 – 06/30/2047
Year 23	01/01/2047 – 12/31/2047	07/01/2047 – 06/30/2048
Year 24	01/01/2048 – 12/31/2048	07/01/2048 – 06/30/2049
Year 25	01/01/2049 – 12/31/2049	07/01/2049 – 06/30/2050

EXHIBIT B

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Section 3.4 Insurance Required.

At all times throughout the Lease Term, including, when indicated herein, during the Construction Period, the Company shall, at its sole cost and expense, maintain or cause to be maintained (and cause the Sublessees to maintain, where appropriate) insurance of the following types of coverage and limits of liability with an insurance carrier qualified and admitted to do business in New York State. The Insurance carrier must have at least an A- (excellent) rating by A. M. Best. Company shall pay, as the same become due and payable, all premiums with respect thereto, including, but not necessarily limited to:

(a) **Property Insurance:** Insurance against loss or damage by fire, lightning and other casualties customarily insured against in an all risk policy with special form perils, such insurance to be in an amount not less than the full replacement value of the completed Improvements, exclusive of footings and foundations, as determined by a recognized appraiser or insurer selected by the Company. During the Construction Period, such policy shall be written in the so-called "Builder's Risk Completed Value Non-Reporting Form" and shall contain a provision granting the insured permission to complete and/or occupy.

(b) **Workers' Compensation & Employers Liability Insurance** and **Disability Benefits Insurance** and each other form of insurance that the Company or any permitted sublessee is required by law to provide, covering loss resulting from injury, sickness, disability or death of employees of the Company or any permitted sublessee who are located at or assigned to the Facility. Statutory New York limits shall apply to these policies. This coverage shall be in effect from and after the Completion Date or on such earlier date as any employees of the Company, any permitted sublessee, any contractor or subcontractor first occupy the Facility.

(c) **General Liability Insurance** protecting the Agency, the Company and the owner of the Facility (if the Company is not the owner) against loss or losses from liability imposed by law or assumed in any written contract (including the contractual liability assumed by the Company under Section 5.2 hereof) and arising from personal injury, including bodily injury or death, or damage to the property of others, caused by an accident or occurrence with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. **Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance** including all owned, non-owned and hired autos with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 (combined single limit or equivalent for personal injury, including bodily injury or death, and property damage) protecting the Agency and the Company against any loss or liability or damage for personal injury, including bodily injury or death, or property damage, and **Umbrella Liability Insurance** of not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence. This coverage shall also be in effect during the Construction Period.

(d) During the Construction Period (and for at least two years thereafter in the case of Products and Completed Operations as set forth below), the Company shall cause

the general contractor to carry liability insurance of the type and providing the minimum limits set forth below:

(i) Workers' compensation & employer's liability and disability benefits insurance both with statutory limits in accordance with applicable law.

(ii) Comprehensive general liability providing coverage for:
Premises and Operations
Products and Completed Operations
Contractual Liability
Personal Injury Liability
Broad Form Property Damage
(including completed operations)
Explosion Hazard
Collapse Hazard
Underground Property Damage Hazard

Such insurance shall have a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. The annual aggregate shall apply per project. The contractor's general liability policy shall include coverage for the contractor and any of the additional insureds for any operations performed on residential projects including single or multi-family housing, residential condominiums, residential apartments and assisted living facilities.

(iii) Comprehensive auto liability, including all owned, non-owned and hired autos, with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 (combined single limit for personal injury, including bodily injury or death, and property damage).

(iv) Umbrella Liability with limits of \$5,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 annual aggregate.

(e) A policy or policies of flood insurance in the maximum amount of flood insurance available with respect to the Facility under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, whichever is less. This requirement will be waived upon presentation of evidence satisfactory to the Agency that no portion of the Land is located within an area identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as having special flood hazards.

Section 3.5 Additional Provisions Respecting Insurance.

(a) All insurance required by Section 3.4 hereof shall be procured and maintained in financially sound and generally recognized responsible insurance companies selected by the entity required to procure the same and authorized to write such insurance in the State. Such insurance may be written with deductible amounts comparable to those on similar policies carried by other companies engaged in businesses similar in size, character and other respects to those in which the procuring entity is engaged. All policies evidencing the insurance required by Section 3.4 hereof shall provide for at least thirty (30) day's prior written notice of the restriction, cancellation or modification thereof to the Agency. The policies evidencing the insurance required by Section 3.4(c) hereof shall name the Agency and the owner of the Facility (if the Company is not the owner) as additional insured on a primary & non-contributory basis. All policies evidencing the insurance required by Sections 3.4(d)(ii) (iii) and (iv) shall name as additional insured the Agency, Company and the owner of the Facility (if the

Company is not the owner) on a primary and non-contributory basis for the ongoing construction phase and for two years following completion during the completed operations phase. The policies under Section 3.4 (b) and (c) shall contain waiver of subrogation in favor of the Agency. The policies under Section 3.4 (d) shall contain waiver of subrogation in favor of the Agency, the Company, and the Owner of the Facility (if the Company is not the owner).

(b) All policies or certificates (or binders) of insurance required by Sections 3.4 hereof shall be submitted to the Agency on or before the Closing Date. Attached to the certificate of insurance shall be a copy of the additional insured endorsement from the Company's General Liability policy. The Company shall deliver to the Agency before the renewal date of each policy a certificate dated not earlier than the immediately preceding month reciting that there is in full force and effect, with a term covering at least the next succeeding calendar year, insurance of the types and in the amounts required by Section 3.4 hereof and complying with the additional requirements of Section 3.5(a) hereof. Prior to the expiration of each such policy, the Company shall furnish the Agency with evidence that such policy has been renewed or replaced or is no longer required by this Leaseback Agreement. The Company shall provide such further information with respect to the insurance coverage required by this Leaseback Agreement as the Agency may from time to time reasonably require.

Agency shall be named as additional insured as follows:

Oneida County Industrial Development Agency, ISAOA
584 Phoenix Drive
Rome, New York 13441

EXHIBIT C

FORM OF ANNUAL REPORT TO AGENCY

In addition to the IDA's standard reporting forms (attached), the Company shall submit the below certification on an annual basis.

PROJECT OBLIGATION AND

FORM OF ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned member of **ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC** (the "Company") attest as follows:

1. I am an authorized representative of the Company, I have actual knowledge of the facts contained herein and I am authorized to make this statement on behalf of the Company.
2. I understand Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will rely upon this statement to complete its Annual Project Review under the Project Obligation and Recapture Agreement dated _____, 2023 (the "Recapture Agreement") between the Company and the Agency, and if any statements made herein are found to be false it could subject the Company to termination, or a recapture, of all or a portion of financial assistance under the Recapture Agreement.
3. The Agency provides financial assistance to the Company in connection with the 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").
4. The Facility is complete, and was constructed and is being operated substantially in accordance with the definition provided above, except as follows: (describe any changes or state "None").
5. The Decommissioning Bond (as defined in the Leaseback Agreement) remains in full force and effect and has not been restricted, canceled or modified except as follows: (describe any changes or state "None").

6. I am submitting herewith copies of the Company's annual report to NYSERDA that confirms the nameplate capacity of the Facility in the immediately preceding year, validates the Project's megawatt production and benefit to the community.

ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC
By Above Grid LLC, its sole member

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Sworn to before me this _____ day
of _____ 20__

Notary Public

Anthony J. Picente Jr.
County Executive
Shawna M. Papale
Secretary/
Executive Director
Jennifer Waters
Assistant Secretary



David C. Crow
Chairman
Michael Fitzgerald
Vice Chairperson
Mary Faith Messenger
Treasurer
Femis Bobrus, Jr.
Kirk Hinman
Eugene Quadraro
Stephen Zogby

January 1, 20__

RESPONSE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, _____

Re: December 31, 20__ Annual Report to the NYS Office of Comptroller, 20__ REPORT YEAR

Project Name: Project Code:

Dear ,

Pursuant to Section 859 of New York State General Municipal Law, all Industrial Development Agencies (IDA) are required to file annual Financial Statements with the Office of the State Comptroller.

Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA) requires annual reporting on the value of all IDA tax exemptions applicable to your lease/PILOT project (sales tax, real property tax, mortgage recording tax), as well as the status of employment. This information must be provided on the enclosed Schedule of Supplemental Information.

Please provide copies of all 20__ PILOT bills paid and any NYS T&F ST-340 Form (Sales and Use Tax Exemption Reporting Form) submitted to New York State for 20__.

The completed and certified forms must be returned no later than, _____ . Failure to provide this information may result in the suspension or revocation of your tax exempt status with the

OCIDA.

Please mail, fax, or e-mail your responses to: Mark Kaucher, Oneida County IDA, 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, NY 13441 Fax: (315) 338-5694. mkaucher@mvedge.org

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mark Kaucher, Timothy Fitzgerald, or me at (315) 338-0393. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Shawna M. Papale
Executive Director inquire

Encls.

Instructions for OCIDA Annual Report

This mailing contains the following:

- ♦ **Customer Info Tab - Please update your information if necessary**
- ♦ **Schedule of Supplemental Information (Page 1 & 2)**

Schedule of Supplemental Information

NOTE: ONLY EDIT FIELDS HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFO PAGE 1 AND 2

Page 1: In the first box, answer whether or not your project was completed in Report Year. If it was completed before the Report Year, you do not need to answer this question.

Tax Exemptions Section

State and Local Sales Tax Column – ENTER STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAX THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PAYABLE DURING REPORT YEAR IF THERE HAD BEEN NO IDA TAX EXEMPTION. Only report sales tax dollars exempted during the Report Year. Local and NYS sales tax exempted must be broken out separately. **Please provide copy of NYS ST-340 for Report Year.**

Real Property Tax Column – ENTER REAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PAYABLE DURING REPORT YEAR IF THERE WERE NO IDA PILOT. Do not include Special District Assessment Tax Bill information, as special district taxes are not exempt through the OCIDA PILOT. (ie: sewer, water, lighting districts, etc.). **Please provide copies of the PILOT bills to the IDA.**

Mortgage Recording Tax Column – ENTER MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PAYABLE DURING REPORT YEAR IF THERE WERE NO IDA MORTGAGE RECORDING TAX EXEMPTION.

Total Exemptions – This formula will add all Sales Tax, Real Property Taxes, and Mortgage Recording Tax for you.

Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) PAID Section

ENTER THE ACTUAL PILOT PAYMENTS PAID TO THE TAXING JURISDICTIONS. Do not include Special District Assessment Tax payments (sewer and water, lighting districts, etc.) in your paid amounts. **Provide us with copies of the actual invoices you paid from.**

TOTAL PILOTS PAID Column – This formula will add all County, Local PILOT, and School District PILOTS for you.

Example:

If full County of Oneida taxes WITHOUT a PILOT would have equaled \$1,000. You would enter \$1,000 in the Real Property Tax column in the Exemptions Section. However, because you have a PILOT, you might only pay 1/3 of your taxes due (\$333). Thus, you would enter \$333 in the County column in the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS).

Page 2: # Current Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees" / "# FTE Jobs Created/ # FTE Jobs Retained AS OF THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31 of the Report Year.

"FTE" shall mean a full time employee that has a minimum of thirty-five (35) scheduled hours per week, or any combination of two or more part-time employees that work a minimum of fifteen (15) scheduled hours per week, when combined together, constitute the equivalent of a minimum of thirty-five (35) scheduled hours per week, and whose workplace location is the project facility. For this purpose an employee shall include a leased employee regularly retained by the Company

If any **Construction Jobs** were created during the Report Year as a result of your project, include in the # FTE Construction Jobs Created column.

For Projects that Closed with the IDA After July 2016 - Salary & Fringe Benefits Section: Read the sentence in bold print beneath the Job Reporting chart and determine whether or not you are able to check the box. Fill out chart if you cannot check the box.

REPORT CERTIFICATION – Bottom of Page 2

Review and update the Contact Information questions at the bottom of Page 2, then SIGN TO CERTIFY the information provided.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mark Kaucher, Timothy Fitzgerald or Shawna Papale at 315-338-0393 or e-mail us at:

mkaucher@mvedge.org tfitzgerald@mvedge.org spapale@mvedge.org

Please update contact information below if inaccurate. If you need to update your address, please do so on the tab "Supplemental Info Page 2".

Contact	
Contact Email	
Form Filler	
Form Filler Email	

Applicant Name	
Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
City	
State	
Postal Code	
Country	

20 Schedule of Supplemental Information (Straight Lease) PAGE 1

Project Code:	
Type ("Lease" or "Bond/Note Issuance" or "Tax Exemption"):	
Project Name:	
Project Address Street line 1:	
Project Address Street line 2:	
City:	
State (Abbreviated):	
Postal Zipcode:	
Country:	
Total Project Amount:	
Approval Date:	
Is the project part of or related to an existing multi-phase project (Y/N)	
If yes: What is the original project code	
Project Purpose Category	
Did the IDA take Leashold Interest to the property (Y/N)	
Date IDA took leashold interest:	
Benefited Project Amount:	
Bond Amount	
Annual Lease Payment	
Federal Tax Status of Bonds	
Year Financial Assist Planned to end:	
There is no debt outstanding for this project (Y/N)	
IDA does not hold title to the property (Y/N)	
The project receives no tax exemptions (Y/N)	
Non-Profit (Y/N):	

Was your project completed in 2021? (Please mark the appropriate box with an X)

YES NO

If YES, what was the final project cost total?

\$

20 Exemptions - Amounts that WOULD HAVE been payable AS FULL TAXES, without IDA Assistance			
(Please enter amounts in the fields highlighted in GREEN)			
Sales Tax (ST)	Real Property Taxes (RPT)	Mortgage Recording Tax (MR)	Total Tax Exemptions (Sum of ST, RPT and MRT)
State: \$ -	County: \$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local: \$ -	Local (Sum of City/Town/Village): \$ -		
	School: \$ -		

Please check box with an X if applicable:

Not all of the data is reported. A letter for the explanation will be returned with this report.

20 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS) PAID.			
DO NOT INCLUDE SPECIAL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS (ie: sewer, water, lighting etc. districts)			
County PILOT	Local PILOT (sum of city/town/village)	School District PILOT	TOTAL PILOTS PAID
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Straight Lease: Identify method of financial assistance utilized by project other than tax expemtions claimed by project. Identify by AMOUNT and TYPE:

FORM CONTINUED ON NEXT TAB "Supplemental Info Page 2" →

20 Schedule of Supplemental Information (Straight Lease) PAGE 2

Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Created and Retained - As of December 31, 2021 (see report instructions tab for more information)							
# FTE Employees at Project Location Prior to IDA Status	Original Estimate of Jobs to be Created	Original Estimate of Jobs to be Retained	Estimated average annual salary of jobs to be retained	# Current FTE Employees	# FTE Jobs Created During Fiscal Year	# FTE Jobs Retained During Fiscal Year	# FTE Contruction Jobs Created during Fiscal Year

Project Code:	0
Type:	0
Project Name:	0

FOR PROJECTS CLOSED WITH THE AGENCY AFTER JULY 2016 ONLY. If the salary and benefit information for categories of jobs retained and jobs created that was provided in the original project application is still accurate, please mark the box with an X. If the information is no longer accurate please complete the chart below.

Category of Jobs to be Retained and Created	# Of Current FTE Per Category	Average Annual Salary or Range of Salary				Average Annual Fringe Benefits or Range of Fringe Benefits
		Average	Range From	-	Range To	
Management				-		
Administrative				-		
Production				-		
Independent Contractor				-		
Other				-		

Contact Information (If different from Supplemental Info Page 1)	
NAME:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
Email:	
Person Completing Form:	

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief all of the information on page 1 and 2 of the Annual Report is correct. I also understand that failure to report completely and accurately may result in enforcement of provisions of my agreement, including but not limited to voidance of the agreement and potential claw back of benefits.

For instructions on how to sign your name in excel please see below this box.

Signed:	
	(Authorized Company Representative)
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Date:	

To draw your name in excel:

- Click on the "Insert" Tab
- Click on "Illustrations"
- Select the "Shapes" Option
- Select the "Lines" subcategory
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