

ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

and

ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC

LEASEBACK AGREEMENT

Dated as of January 5, 2024

Oneida County Industrial Development Agency
2024 Real Estate Lease
(Rome Taberg Road Solar Facility)

THIS LEASEBACK AGREEMENT (the "Leaseback Agreement"), dated as of January 5, 2024, 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 800 Gessner Road, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77024 (the "Company") and **ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**, a public benefit corporation duly existing under the laws of the State of New York with offices at 584 Phoenix Drive, Rome, New York 13441 (the "Agency").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Enabling Act") was duly enacted into law as Chapter 1030 of the Laws of 1969 of the State of New York (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act authorizes the creation of industrial development agencies for the benefit of the several counties, cities, villages and towns in the State and empowers such agencies, among other things, to acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, renovate, refurbish, equip, lease, maintain, sell and dispose of land and any building or other improvement, and all real and personal properties, including but not limited to, machinery and equipment deemed necessary in connection therewith, whether now in existence or under construction, which shall be suitable for manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial or industrial facilities, in order to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and the economic welfare of the people of the State and to improve their standard of living; and

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act further authorizes each such agency to lease any or all of its facilities at such rentals and on such other terms and conditions as it deems advisable; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Enabling Act, Chapter 372 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York (hereinafter collectively, the "Act") created the Agency, which is empowered under the Act to undertake the leasing of the facility described below; 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 26.3± 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 between the Owner and Above Grid Solar, LLC, which was assigned to the Company by way of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement dated June 14, 2022 (the "Ground Lease"); and

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Company to develop the Facility, the Agency is willing to take a leasehold interest in the Land, Improvements and Equipment constituting the Facility and lease said Land, Improvements and Equipment back to the Company pursuant to the terms and conditions contained herein; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2020 as amended on April 30, 2021 and March 25, 2022, the Agency adopted a Uniform Tax Exemption Policy to encourage the development of community solar projects in Oneida County in support of clean energy initiatives (the "Community Solar Policy"); and

WHEREAS, the Company and the City of Rome (the "Host Community") are party to a Host Community Agreement dated January 5, 2024 (the "Host Community Agreement") with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted to the Host Community a Decommissioning Plan dated May 11, 2023 (the "Decommissioning Plan") which provides an overview of activities that will occur during the decommissioning phase of the Facility and requires the Company to secure a surety bond (the "Decommissioning Bond") and keep the Decommissioning Bond in full force and effect during the Lease Term; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined that providing the Facility will accomplish, in part, its public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Company has agreed with the Agency, on behalf of the Agency and as the Agency's agent, to acquire, construct, renovate and equip the Facility in accordance with the Plans and Specifications presented to the Agency members (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency proposes to lease the Facility to the Company, and the Company desires to rent the Facility from the Agency, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth in this Leaseback Agreement.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby formally covenant, agree and bind themselves as follows:

Section 1.1 Representations and Covenants of Agency.

The Agency makes the following representations and covenants as the basis for the undertakings on its part herein contained:

(a) The Agency is duly established and validly existing under the provisions of the Act and has full legal right, power and authority to execute, deliver, and perform each of the Agency Documents and the other documents contemplated thereby. Each of the Agency Documents and the other documents contemplated thereby has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Agency.

(b) The Agency will take a leasehold interest in the Facility, lease the Facility to the Company pursuant to this Leaseback Agreement and designate the Company as its agent for purposes of the Project, all for the purpose of promoting the industry, health, welfare, convenience and prosperity of the inhabitants of the State and the County of Oneida and improving their standard of living.

(c) By resolution adopted on September 15, 2023, the Agency determined that, based upon the review by the Agency of the materials submitted and the representations made by the Company relating to the Facility, the Facility would not have a "significant impact" or "significant effect" on the environment within the meaning of the SEQRA Act.

(d) Neither the execution and delivery of any of the Agency Documents and the other documents contemplated thereby nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of any of the Agency Documents and the other documents contemplated thereby, will conflict with or result in a breach of or constitute a default under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the Act, any other law or ordinance of the State or any political subdivision thereof or of the Agency's Certificate of Establishment or Bylaws, as amended, or of any corporate restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the Agency is a party or by which it is bound, or result in the creation or imposition of any Lien of any nature upon any of the Property of the Agency under the terms of the Act or any such law, ordinance, Certificate of Establishment, Bylaws, restriction, agreement or instrument.

(e) Each of the Agency Documents and the other documents contemplated thereby constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Agency enforceable against the Agency in accordance with its terms.

(f) The Agency has been induced to enter into this Leaseback Agreement by the undertaking of the Company to acquire, construct, renovate, equip, maintain and repair the Facility and to encourage the generation of clean energy in Oneida County, New York.

Section 1.2 Representations and Covenants of Company.

The Company makes the following representations and covenants as the basis for the undertakings on its part herein contained:

(a) The Company is a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York, and has full legal right, power and authority to execute, deliver and perform each of the Company Documents and the other documents contemplated thereby. Each of the Company Documents and the other documents contemplated thereby has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and each constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its respective terms.

(b) Neither the execution and delivery of any of the Company Documents and the other documents contemplated thereby nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of any of the Company Documents and the other documents contemplated thereby, will conflict with or result in a breach of or constitute a default under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the Articles of Organization of the Company, the Operating Agreement of the Company, any law or ordinance of the State or any political subdivision thereof, or any restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound, or result in the creation or imposition of any Lien of any nature upon any of the Property of the Company under the terms of any such law, ordinance, restriction, agreement or instrument.

(c) The providing of the Facility by the Agency and the leasing thereof by the Agency to the Company will not result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant, facility or other commercial activity of the Company from one area of the State to another area of the State nor result in the abandonment of one or more commercial or manufacturing plants or facilities of the Company located within the State; and the Agency has found that, based on the Company's application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.

(d) The Facility and the design, construction, equipping and operation thereof will conform with all applicable zoning, planning, building and environmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Facility. The Company shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency for expenses, including attorneys' fees, resulting from any failure of the Company to comply with the provisions of this subsection (d).

(e) The Company has caused to be transferred to the Agency a leasehold interest in all those properties and assets contemplated by this Leaseback Agreement and all documents related hereto, and has not transferred to the Agency any properties and assets not contemplated by this Leaseback Agreement.

(f) There is no action, litigation, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body, pending, or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company, to which the Company is a party, and in which an adverse result would in any way diminish or adversely impact on the Company's ability to fulfill its obligations under this Leaseback Agreement or any of Company Documents or the transactions contemplated therein.

(g) The Company covenants that the Facility will comply in all respects with all environmental laws and regulations and, except in compliance with environmental laws and regulations, (i) that no pollutants, contaminants, solid wastes, or toxic or hazardous substances will be stored, treated, generated, disposed of, or allowed to exist on the Facility except in compliance with all material applicable laws, (ii) the Company will take all reasonable and prudent steps to prevent an unlawful release of hazardous substances onto the Facility or onto any other property, (iii) that no asbestos will be incorporated into or disposed of on the Facility,

(iv) that no underground storage tanks will be located on the Facility, and (v) that no investigation, order, agreement, notice, demand or settlement with respect to any of the above is threatened, anticipated or in existence. The Company upon receiving any information or notice contrary to the representations contained in this Section shall immediately notify the Agency in writing with full details regarding the same. The Company hereby releases the Agency from liability with respect to, and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Agency, its executive director, directors, members, officers, employees, agents (except the Company), representatives, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, orders, liabilities, penalties and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) related in any way to any violation of the covenants or failure to be accurate of the representations contained in this Section. In the event the Agency in its reasonable discretion deems it necessary to perform due diligence with respect to any of the above, or to have an environmental audit performed with respect to the Facility, the Company agrees to pay the expenses of same to the Agency upon demand, and agrees that upon failure to do so, its obligation for such expense shall be deemed to be additional rent.

(h) In its Application for Financial Assistance dated September 1, 2023 (the "Application"), the Company made representations that it would construct and equip the Project as described in the Application (the "Project Obligation"). The Company acknowledges that the financial assistance granted by the Agency in connection with the Facility is conditioned upon the Company completing the Project as described in the Project Obligation, and 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.

ARTICLE II

DEMISING CLAUSES AND RENTAL PROVISIONS

Section 2.1 Agreement to Convey to Agency.

The Company has conveyed to the Agency a leasehold interest in real property, including any buildings, structures or improvements thereon, described in Exhibit A attached hereto and the Company has or will convey all of the interest in the Equipment described in Exhibit B. The Company agrees that the Agency's interest in the Facility resulting from said conveyances will be sufficient for the purposes intended by this Leaseback Agreement and agrees that it will defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from any expense or liability arising out of a defect in title or a lien adversely affecting the Facility and will pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any action with respect to title to or a lien affecting the Facility.

Section 2.2 Construction and Equipping of the Facility.

The Company will undertake the Project and will proceed with due diligence to commence and complete the Project, all in accordance with the Project Obligation. The Agency is not appointing the Company as its agent for the purposes of sales tax exemptions.

Section 2.3 Demise of Facility.

The Agency hereby demises and leases the Facility to the Company and the Company hereby rents and leases the Facility from the Agency upon the terms and conditions of this Leaseback Agreement.

Section 2.4 Remedies to be Pursued Against Contractors, Subcontractors, Materialmen and their Sureties.

In the event of a default by any contractor, subcontractor, materialman or other person under any contract made by it in connection with the Facility or in the event of a breach of warranty or other liability with respect to any materials, workmanship, or performance guaranty, the Company at its expense, either separately or in conjunction with others, may pursue any and all remedies available to it and the Agency, as appropriate, against the contractor, subcontractor, materialman or other Person so in default and against any surety for the performance of such contract. The Company, in its own name or in the name of the Agency, may prosecute or defend any action or proceeding or take any other action involving any such contractor, subcontractor, materialman or surety or other person which the Company deems reasonably necessary, and in such event the Agency, at the Company's expense, hereby agrees to cooperate fully with the Company and to take all action necessary to effect the substitution of the Company for the Agency in any such action or proceeding. The Company shall advise the Agency of any actions or proceedings taken hereunder. The Agency may but shall not be obligated to prosecute or defend any action or proceeding or take any other action involving any such contractor, subcontractor, materialman or surety or other person which the Agency deems reasonably necessary, at the Company's expense.

Section 2.5 Duration of Lease Term; Quiet Enjoyment.

(a) The Agency shall deliver to the Company sole and exclusive possession of the Facility (subject to Sections 5.3 and 7.1 hereof) and the leasehold estate created hereby shall commence on the Closing Date and the Company shall accept possession of the Facility on the Closing Date.

(b) The leasehold estate created hereby shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2050 or on such earlier date as may be permitted by (i) Section 8.1 hereof or (ii) the results of the Agency's Annual Project Review as described in the Project Completion and Recapture Agreement.

(c) The period commencing on the date described in Section 2.5(a) herein through the date described in Section 2.5(b) herein shall be herein defined as the Lease Term.

(d) Except as provided in Sections 5.3 and 7.1 hereof, the Agency shall neither take nor suffer or permit any action to prevent the Company during the Lease Term from having quiet and peaceable possession and enjoyment of the Facility and will, at the request of the Company and at the Company's cost, cooperate with the Company in order that the Company may have quiet and peaceable possession and enjoyment of the Facility as hereinabove provided.

Section 2.6 Rents and Other Amounts Payable.

(a) The Company shall pay basic rent for the Facility as follows: Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year commencing on the Closing Date and on the First Business Day of each and every January thereafter during the Lease Term.

(b) In addition to the payments of rent pursuant to Section 2.6(a) hereof, throughout the Lease Term, the Company shall pay to the Agency as additional rent, within ten (10) days of receipt of demand therefore, the reasonable expenses of the Agency and the members thereof incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees, (i) by reason of the Agency's ownership or leasing of the Facility or (ii) in connection with the carrying out of the Agency's duties and obligations under the Agency Documents, the payment of which is not otherwise provided for under this Leaseback Agreement. The foregoing shall not be deemed to include any annual or continuing administrative or management fee beyond any initial administrative fee or fee for services rendered by the Agency.

(c) If for any reason the Host Community Agreement shall no longer be in effect during the Lease Term, the Company shall provide written notice of the same to the Agency within thirty (30) days of expiration or termination of the Host Community Agreement. In such event, unless such Host Community Agreement is superseded by another agreement or agreements among the parties, in addition to the payments described above, the Company shall pay to the Host Community an annual payment equal to five percent of the total PILOT Payment (the "Host Community Payment"). Such payment shall be billed by the Host Community and shall be paid by the Company directly to the Host Community.

(d) The Company, under the provisions of this Section 2.6, agrees to make the above-mentioned payments in immediately available funds and without any further notice in lawful money of the United States of America. In the event the Company shall fail to timely make any payment required in Section 2.6(a), 2.6(b) or 2.6(c), the Company shall pay the same together with interest on such payment at a rate equal to two percent (2%) plus the prime rate as established by Bank of America, but in no event at a rate higher than the maximum lawful prevailing rate, from the date on which such payment was due until the date on which such payment is made.

Section 2.7 Obligations of Company Hereunder Unconditional. The obligations of the Company to make the payments required in Section 2.6 hereof, and to perform and observe any and all of the other covenants and agreements on its part contained herein shall be general obligations of the Company, and shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of any defense or any rights of setoff, recoupment or counterclaim it may otherwise have against the Agency or any other Person. The Company agrees it will not (i) suspend, discontinue or abate any payment required hereunder, (ii) fail to observe any of its other covenants or agreement in this Leaseback Agreement or (iii) terminate this Leaseback Agreement for any cause whatsoever except as otherwise herein provided.

Subject to the foregoing provisions, nothing contained in this Section 2.7 shall be construed to release the Agency from the performance of any of the agreements on its part contained in this Leaseback Agreement or to affect the right of the Company to seek reimbursement, and in the event the Agency should fail to perform any such agreement, the Company may institute such separate action against the Agency as the Company may deem necessary to compel performance or recover damages for non-performance, and the Agency covenants that it will not, subject to the provisions of Section 5.2 hereof, take, suffer or permit

any action which will adversely affect, or create any defect in its title to the Facility or which will otherwise adversely affect the rights or estate of the Company hereunder, except upon written consent of the Company.

Section 2.8 Special Obligation.

(a) The obligations of the Agency under the Agency Documents constitute a special obligation of the Agency, and all charges payable pursuant to or expenses or liabilities incurred thereunder shall be payable solely out of the revenues and other moneys of the Agency derived and to be derived from the leasing of the Facility, any sale or other disposition of the Equipment and as otherwise provided in the Authorizing Resolution, the Lease Agreement, this Leaseback Agreement and the PILOT Agreement. Neither the members, officers, agents (except the Company) or employees of the Agency, nor any person executing the Agency Documents, shall be liable personally or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the leasing, construction, construction, equipping or operation of the Facility. The obligations of the Agency under the Agency Documents are not and shall not be an obligation of the State or any municipality of the State and neither the State nor any such municipality (including, without limitation, the City of Rome or Oneida County) shall be liable thereon.

(b) All payments made by the Agency or on behalf of the Company pursuant to the Agency Documents shall, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, satisfy and discharge the liability of the Agency for moneys payable pursuant to the Agency Documents.

ARTICLE III

MAINTENANCE, MODIFICATIONS, TAXES AND INSURANCE

Section 3.1 Maintenance and Modifications of Facility by Company.

(a) The Company shall not abandon the Facility or cause or permit any waste to the Improvements. During the Lease Term, the Company shall not remove any part of the Facility outside of the jurisdiction of the Agency and shall (i) keep the Facility in as reasonably safe condition as its operation shall permit; (ii) make all necessary repairs and replacements to the Facility (whether ordinary or extraordinary, structural or nonstructural, foreseen or unforeseen); and (iii) operate the Facility in a sound and economic manner.

(b) With the written consent of the Agency, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, the Company at its own expense from time to time may make any structural additions, modifications or improvements to the Facility or any part thereof, provided such actions do not adversely affect the structural integrity of the Facility. All such additions, modifications or improvements made by the Company shall become a part of the Facility and the Property of the Agency; provided, however, the Company shall not be qualified for a sales and use tax exemption when making said additions, modifications or improvements. The Company agrees to deliver to the Agency all documents that may be necessary or appropriate to convey to the Agency title to such Property.

Section 3.2 Installation of Additional Equipment.

The Company or any permitted sublessee of the Company from time to time may install additional machinery, equipment or other personal property in the Facility (which may be attached or affixed to the Facility), and such machinery, equipment or other personal property shall not become, or be deemed to become, a part of the Facility. The Company from time to time may remove or permit the removal of such machinery, equipment and other personal property from the Facility, provided that any such removal of such machinery, equipment or other personal property shall not occur (i) if any Event of Default which has not been cured has occurred; or (ii) if any such removal shall adversely affect the structural integrity of the Facility or impair the overall operating efficiency of the Facility for the purposes for which it is intended, and provided further, that if any damage is occasioned to the Facility by such removal, the Company agrees to promptly repair such damage at its own expense; or (iii) if any such removal results in the Facility to not constitute a "Project" as such term is defined in the Act.

Section 3.3 Taxes, Assessments and Utility Charges.

(a) The Company agrees to pay, or cause to be paid, as the same become due and before any fine, penalty, interest (except interest which is payable in connection with legally permissible installment payments) or other cost may be added thereto or becomes due or be imposed by operation of law for the non-payment thereof, (i) all taxes, payments in lieu of taxes and governmental charges of any kind whatsoever which may at any time be lawfully assessed or levied against or with respect to the Facility and any machinery, equipment or other Property installed or brought by the Company therein or thereon, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any sales or use taxes imposed with respect to the Facility or any part or component thereof, or the rental or sale of the Facility or any part thereof and any taxes levied upon or with respect to the income or revenues of the Agency from the Facility; (ii) all utility and other charges, including service charges, incurred or imposed for or with respect to the operation, maintenance, use, occupancy, upkeep and improvement of the Facility; (iii) all assessments and charges of any kind whatsoever lawfully made by any governmental body for public improvements, including payments required under the Host Community Agreement, if any; and (iv) all payments under the PILOT Agreement; provided that, with respect to special assessments or other governmental charges that may lawfully be paid in installments over a period of years, the Company shall be obligated under this Leaseback Agreement to pay only such installments as are required to be paid during the Lease Term.

(b) The Company, at its own expense and in its own name and on behalf of or in the name of the Agency but with notice to the Agency, may in good faith contest any such taxes, assessments and other charges. In the event of any such proceedings, the Company may permit the taxes, assessments or other charges so contested to remain unpaid during the period of such proceedings and any appeal therefrom, provided, however, that (i) neither the Facility nor any part thereof or interest therein would be in any immediate danger of being sold, forfeited or lost by reason of such proceedings and (ii) the Company shall have set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto and shall have furnished such security, if any, as may be required in such proceedings or requested by the Agency.

(c) The Agency agrees that if it or the Company contests any taxes, assessments or other charges provided for in paragraph (b) hereof, all sums returned, as a result thereof, will be promptly transmitted by the Agency to the Company and that the Company shall be entitled to retain all such amounts.

(d) Within thirty (30) days of receipt of written request therefor, the Company shall deliver to the Agency official receipts of the appropriate taxing authorities or other proof reasonably satisfactory to the Agency evidencing payment of any tax or PILOT Payment.

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 building, equipment, 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. 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.

(f) **Environmental/Pollution 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 damages and liability arising from release of pollutants and environmental contamination with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 per claim/aggregate. This requirement will be waived upon presentation of evidence satisfactory to the Agency that neither the Facility nor the operations and activities of the Company or any occupant of the Facility present the potential for environmental liability exposure. The policy shall provide coverage for cleanup, third party liability and business interruption from contaminants.

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 (a) shall contain appropriate waivers of subrogation. The policies under Section 3.4 (b), (c) and (f) shall contain waivers 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 Section 3.4 shall be submitted to the Agency on or before the Closing Date or the date on which the Agency appoints the Company as its agent for making exempt purchases, whichever date is earlier; provided, however, that if the insurance required by Section 3.4(f) is to be provided by the general contractor, the Company will submit certificates to the Agency at the time the Company enters into a written agreement with the general contractor evidencing coverage is in effect on the date of said written agreement. Attached to the certificate(s) of insurance for liability policies shall be a copy of the additional insured endorsement. 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

Section 3.6 Application of Proceeds of Insurance. The proceeds of the insurance carried pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.4 hereof shall be applied as set forth in the Mortgage (if any), and in any event shall continue to protect the Agency from any liability whatsoever. Once the Mortgage (if any) has been released, the proceeds shall be applied as follows: (i) the proceeds of the insurance required by Sections 3.4(a) and (e) hereof shall be applied as provided in Section 4.1 hereof, and (ii) the proceeds of the insurance required by

Sections 3.4(b), (c), and (d) hereof shall be applied toward extinguishment or satisfaction of the liability with respect to which such insurance proceeds may be paid.

Section 3.7 Right of Agency to Pay Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Charges.

If the Company fails (i) to pay any tax, together with any fine, penalty, interest or cost which may have been added thereto or become due or been imposed by operation of law for nonpayment thereof, or payments-in-lieu-of-taxes pursuant to the PILOT Agreement, assessment or other governmental charge required to be paid by Section 3.3 hereof, (ii) to maintain any insurance required to be maintained by Section 3.4 hereof, (iii) to pay any amount required to be paid by any law or ordinance relating to the use or occupancy of the Facility or by any requirement, order or notice of violation thereof issued by any governmental person, (iv) to pay any mechanic's Lien which is recorded or filed against the Facility or any part thereof (unless contested in accordance with the provision of Section 5.7(b) hereof), (v) to pay any real property transfer gains tax, together with any interest and penalties thereon, which is due and payable by reason of a conveyance of the leasehold estate in and to the Facility pursuant to a judicial sale in any foreclosure action or by deed and/or assignment in lieu of foreclosure or (vi) to pay any other amount or perform any act hereunder required to be paid or performed by the Company hereunder, including but not limited to the Host Community Payment, the Agency may but shall not be obligated to pay or cause to be paid such tax or payments-in-lieu-of-tax pursuant to the PILOT Agreement, assessment or other governmental charge or the premium for such insurance or any such other payment or may perform any such act. No such payment shall be made or act performed by the Agency until at least twenty (20) business days shall have elapsed since notice shall have been given by the Agency to the Company, and in the case of any tax, assessment or governmental charge or the amounts specified in paragraphs (iii), (v) and (vi) hereof, no such payment shall be made in any event if the Company is contesting the same in good faith to the extent and as permitted by this Leaseback Agreement unless an Event of Default hereunder shall have occurred and be continuing. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 3.7, if, because of the Company's failure to make payments as described in this Section 3.7, either the Agency, or any of its respective members, directors, officers, agents (except the Company), or employees, shall be threatened with a fine, liability, expense or imprisonment, then the Agency may immediately make payment on behalf of the Company in avoidance thereof. No such payment by the Agency shall affect or impair any rights of the Agency hereunder arising in consequence of such failure by the Company. The Company shall, on demand, reimburse the Agency for any amount so paid or for expenses or costs incurred in the performance of any such act by the Agency pursuant to this Section (which shall include all legal fees and disbursements), together with interest thereon from the date of payment of such amount, expense or cost by the Agency at one percent above the prime rate as established by Bank of America, but in no event more than to the extent permitted by law.

Section 3.8 Decommissioning Bond. The Company shall maintain the Decommissioning Bond in full force and effect for the duration of the Lease Term. The Decommissioning Bond shall provide for at least thirty (30) day's prior written notice to the Agency of the restriction, cancellation or modification thereof. The Company shall provide such further information with respect to the Decommissioning Bond as the Agency may from time to time reasonably require.

ARTICLE IV

DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION AND CONDEMNATION

Section 4.1 Damage or Destruction of the Facility.

(a) If the Facility or any part or component shall be damaged or destroyed (in whole or in part) at any time during the Lease Term:

(i) the Agency shall have no obligation to replace, repair, rebuild, restore or relocate the Facility; and

(ii) there shall be no abatement or reduction in the amounts payable by the Company under this Leaseback Agreement (whether or not the Facility is replaced, repaired, rebuilt, restored or relocated); and

(iii) upon the occurrence of such damage or destruction, the net proceeds derived from the insurance shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage (if any), so long as the Mortgage is in effect. After the release of the Mortgage (if any), the proceeds derived from the insurance shall be paid to the Company, except as otherwise provided in Section 8.1 and subsection (d) hereof.

(b) Any replacements, repairs, rebuilding, restorations or relocations of the Facility by the Company after the occurrence of such damages or destruction shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) the Facility shall be in substantially the same condition and value as an operating entity as existed prior to the damage or destruction;

(ii) the Facility shall continue to constitute a "project" as such term is defined in the Act; and

(iii) the Facility will be subject to no Liens, other than Permitted Encumbrances.

(c) All such repair, replacement, rebuilding, restoration or relocation of the Facility shall be effected with due diligence in a good and workmanlike manner in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, shall be promptly and fully paid for by the Company in accordance with the terms of the applicable contracts, and shall automatically become a part of the Facility as if the same were specifically provided herein.

(d) If the Company shall exercise its option to terminate this Leaseback Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1 hereof such proceeds shall be applied to the payment of the amounts required to be paid by Section 8.2 hereof. If an Event of Default hereunder shall have occurred and the Agency shall have exercised its remedies under Section 7.2 hereof such proceeds shall be applied to the payment of the amounts required to be paid by Section 7.2 and Section 7.4 hereof.

Section 4.2 Condemnation.

(a) If title to or use of the Facility shall be taken by Condemnation (in whole or in part) at any time during the Lease Term:

(i) the Agency shall have no obligation to replace, repair, rebuild, restore or relocate the Facility or acquire, by construction or otherwise, facilities of substantially the same nature as the Facility ("Substitute Facilities"); and

(ii) there shall be no abatement or reduction in the amounts payable by the Company under this Leaseback Agreement (whether or not the Facility is replaced, repaired, rebuilt, restored or relocated or Substitute Facilities acquired); and

(iii) upon the occurrence of such Condemnation, the proceeds derived therefrom shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage, if any, so long as the Mortgage is in effect. After the release of the Mortgage, the proceeds derived therefrom shall be paid to the Company except as otherwise provided in Section 8.1 and subsection (d) hereof.

(b) Any replacements, repairs, rebuilding, restorations, relocations of the Facility by the Company after the occurrence of such Condemnation or acquisitions by the Company of Substitute Facilities shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) the Facility or the Substitute Facilities shall be in substantially the same condition and value as an operating entity as existed prior to the Condemnation;

(ii) the Facility or the Substitute Facilities shall continue to constitute a "project" as such term is defined in the Act; and

(iii) the Facility or the Substitute Facilities will be subject to no Liens, other than Permitted Encumbrances.

(c) All such repair, replacement, rebuilding, restoration or relocation of the Facility shall be effected with due diligence in a good and workmanlike manner in compliance with all applicable legal requirements, shall be promptly and fully paid for by the Company in accordance with the terms of the applicable contracts, and shall automatically become a part of the Facility as if the same were specifically described herein.

(d) If the Company shall exercise its option to terminate this Leaseback Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1 hereof such proceeds shall be applied to the Payment of the amounts required to be paid by Section 8.2 hereof. If any Event of Default hereunder shall have occurred and the Agency shall have exercised its remedies under Section 7.2 hereof such proceeds shall be applied to the payment of the amounts required to be paid by Section 7.2 and Section 7.4 hereof.

Section 4.3 Condemnation of Company-Owned Property. The Company shall be entitled to the proceeds of any Condemnation award or portion thereof made for damage to or taking of any Property, which, at the time of such damage or taking, is not part of the Facility.

ARTICLE V

SPECIAL COVENANTS

Section 5.1 No Warranty of Condition or Suitability by Agency.

THE AGENCY MAKES NO WARRANTY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE CONDITION, TITLE, DESIGN, OPERATION, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS OF THE FACILITY OR THAT IT IS OR WILL BE SUITABLE FOR THE COMPANY'S PURPOSES OR NEEDS.

Section 5.2 Hold Harmless Provisions.

(a) The Company agrees that the Agency, its directors, members, officers, agents (except the Company) and employees shall not be liable for and agree to defend, indemnify, release and hold the Agency, its directors, members, officers, agents (except the Company) and employees harmless from and against any and all (i) liability for loss or damage to Property or injury to or death of any and all Persons that may be occasioned by, directly or indirectly, any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Facility or arising by reason of or in connection with the occupation or the use thereof or the presence of any Person or Property on, in or about the Facility or the Land or (ii) liability arising from or expense incurred by the Agency's financing, acquiring, constructing, equipping, owning and leasing of the Facility, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all claims arising from the breach by the Company of any of its covenants contained herein, and all causes of action and attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any claims, suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing, provided that any such losses, damages, liabilities or expenses of the Agency are not incurred or do not result from the gross negligence or intentional or willful wrongdoing of the Agency, or any of its directors, members, agents (except the Company) or employees.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Leaseback Agreement, the obligations of the Company pursuant to this Section 5.2 shall remain in full force and effect after the termination of this Leaseback Agreement until the expiration of the period stated in the applicable statute of limitations during which a claim, cause of action or prosecution relating to the matters herein described may be brought and payment in full or the satisfaction of such claim, cause of action or prosecution relating to the matters herein described and the payment of all expenses and charges incurred by the Agency, or its respective members, directors, officers, agents and employees, relating to the enforcement of the provisions herein specified.

(c) In the event of any claim against the Agency or its members, directors, officers, agents or employees by any employee or contractor of the Company or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the obligation of the Company hereunder shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, disability benefits or other employee benefit acts.

Section 5.3 Right to Inspect Facility.

The Agency and the duly authorized agents of the Agency shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect the Facility. The Agency shall honor and comply with any restricted access policy of the Company relating to the Facility.

Section 5.4 Company to Maintain Its Existence.

The Company agrees that during the Lease Term it will maintain its existence, will not dissolve, liquidate or otherwise dispose of substantially all of its assets and will not consolidate with or merge into another corporation or permit one or more corporations to consolidate with or merge into it, except as otherwise provided for in Section 6.3(a) of this Leaseback Agreement.

Section 5.5 Qualification in State.

The Company throughout the Lease Term shall continue to be duly authorized to do business in the State.

Section 5.6 Agreement to File Annual Statements and Provide Information.

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 Sublessee, by category, including full time equivalent independent contractors or employees of independent contractors that work at the Project location, if any; (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, if any; and (iii) certifying the Project continues to meet its stated goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is acknowledged that no full time equivalent jobs will be created by the Project. The Company shall provide annually to the Agency 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. 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 further agrees whenever requested by the Agency to provide and certify or cause to be provided and certified such information concerning the Company, its finances, its operations and its affairs necessary to enable the Agency to make any report required by law, governmental regulation or any of the Agency Documents.

Section 5.7 Books of Record and Account; Financial Statements.

The Company at all times agrees to maintain proper accounts, records and book in which full and correct entries shall be made, in accordance with generally accepted

accounting principles, of all transactions and events relating to the business and affairs of the Company.

Section 5.8 Compliance With Orders, Ordinances, Etc.

(a) The Company, throughout the Lease Term, agrees that it will promptly comply, and cause any sublessee or occupant of the Facility to comply, with all statutes, codes, laws, acts, ordinances, orders, judgments, authorizations, directions and requirements, ordinary or extraordinary, which now or at any time hereafter may be applicable to the Facility or any part thereof or to the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping thereof, or to any use, manner of use or condition of the Facility or any part thereof, of all federal, state, county, municipal and other governments, departments, commissions, boards, courts, authorities, officials and officers and companies or associations insuring the premises having jurisdiction of the Facility or any part thereof, or to the acquisition, construction and equipping thereof, or to any use, manner of use or condition of the Facility or any part thereof. Nothing in this Leaseback Agreement shall be interpreted to mean that the Agency has any obligation to monitor the use, manner of use, condition or operation of the Facility.

(b) The Company shall construct, renovate, equip, use, operate and manage the Facility, in accordance with all applicable Environmental Laws and Environmental Permits (as such terms are defined in the Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement), and shall cause all operators, tenants, subtenants, licensees and occupants of the Facility to construct, equip, use, operate and manage the Facility in accordance with any applicable Environmental Laws and Environmental Permits, and shall not cause, allow or permit the Facility or any part thereof to be operated or used for the storage, treatment, generation, transportation, processing, handling, production, management or disposal of any Hazardous Substances other than in accordance with all applicable Environmental Laws and Environmental Permits. The Company shall obtain and comply with, and shall cause all contractors, subcontractors, operators, tenants, subtenants, licensees and occupants of the Facility to obtain and comply with, all Environmental Permits. The Company shall not cause or permit any change to be made in the present or intended construction, equipping, use or operation of the Facility which would (i) involve the storage, treatment, generation, transportation, processing, handling, management, production or disposal of any Hazardous Substance other than in accordance with any applicable Environmental Law, or the renovation, equipping, use or operation of the Facility as a landfill or waste management or disposal site or for manufacturing or industrial purposes or for the storage of petroleum or petroleum based products other than in accordance with any applicable Environmental Law, (ii) violate any applicable Environmental Laws, (iii) constitute a violation or non-compliance with any Environmental Permit or (iv) increase the risk of a Release of any Hazardous Substance (as such terms are defined in the Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement). The Company shall promptly provide the Agency with a copy of all notifications which the Company gives or receives with respect to environmental conditions at or in the vicinity of the Facility, any past or present Release or the threat of a Release of any Hazardous Substance on, at or from the Facility or any property adjacent to or within the immediate vicinity of the Facility. If the Company receives or becomes aware of any such notification that is not in writing or otherwise capable of being copied, the Company shall promptly advise the Agency of such verbal, telephonic or electronic notification and confirm such notice in writing. If required by any Order of a State or Federal Agency, the Company shall undertake and complete all investigations, studies, sampling and testing and all removal or remedial actions necessary to contain, remove and clean up all

Hazardous Substances that are or may become present at the Facility and are required to be removed and/or remediated in accordance with all applicable Environmental Laws and all Environmental Permits. The Company shall allow the Agency, its officers, members, employees, agents, representatives, contractors and subcontractors reasonable access to the Facility during regular business hours of the Company for the purposes of ascertaining the environmental conditions at, on or in the vicinity of the Facility, including, but not limited to, subsurface conditions. If at any time the Agency obtains any notice or information that the Company or the Facility or the construction, equipping, use or operation of the Facility may be in violation of an Environmental Law or in non-compliance with any Environmental Permit or standard, the Agency may require that a full or supplemental environmental inspection and audit report with respect to the Facility of a scope and level of detail reasonably satisfactory to the Agency be prepared by a professional environmental engineer or other qualified environmental scientist acceptable to the Agency, at the Company's sole cost and expense. Said audit may, but is not required to or limited to, include a physical inspection of the Facility, a records search, a visual inspection of any property adjacent to or within the immediate vicinity of the Facility, personnel interviews, review of all Environmental Permits and the conduct of a scientific testing. If necessary to determine whether a violation of an Environmental Law exists, such inspection shall also include subsurface testing for the presence of Hazardous Substances in the soil, subsoil, bedrock, surface water and/or groundwater. If said audit report indicates the presence of any Hazardous Substance or a Release or Disposal (as such terms are defined in the Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement) or the threat of a Release or Disposal of any Hazardous Substance on, at or from the Facility, the Company shall promptly undertake and diligently pursue to completion all necessary, appropriate investigative, containment, removal, cleanup and other remedial actions required by any Environmental Law, using methods recommended by the professional engineer or other environmental scientist who prepared said audit report and acceptable to the appropriate federal, state and local agencies or authorities. For purposes of this Section, "Hazardous Materials" includes, without limitation, any flammable explosives, radioactive materials, hazardous materials, hazardous wastes, hazardous or toxic substances, or related materials defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 9601, et seq.), the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (Pub.L. No. 99-499, 100 stat. 1613 (1986)), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. Sections 1801, et seq.), and in the regulations adopted and publications promulgated pursuant thereto, or any other federal, state or local environmental law, ordinance, rule, or regulation. The provisions of this Section shall be in addition to any and all other obligations and liabilities the Company may have to the Agency at common law or otherwise, and shall survive the transactions contemplated herein.

(c) The Company hereby covenants and agrees, at its sole cost and expense, to indemnify, protect, defend, save and hold harmless the Agency, its officers, directors, members, employees, agents and representatives acting in their official capacity, from and against any and all damages, losses, liabilities, obligations, penalties, claims, litigation, demands, defenses, judgments, suits, actions, proceedings, costs, disbursements or expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' and experts' fees, expenses and disbursements, and attorneys' fees incurred to enforce the terms, conditions and provisions of this agreement) of any kind or nature whatsoever which may at any time be imposed upon, incurred by or asserted or awarded against the Agency, its officers, members, employees, agents (except the Company), representatives, contractors and subcontractors relating to, resulting from or arising out of (i) the environmental conditions at or on the Facility, (ii) the acquisition, construction,

equipping, operation or use of the Facility in violation of any applicable Environmental Law for the storage, treatment, generation, transportation, processing, handling, management, production or disposal of any Hazardous Substance or as a landfill or other waste disposal site, or for military, manufacturing or industrial purposes or for the commercial storage of petroleum or petroleum based products, (iii) the presence of any Hazardous Substance or a Release or Disposal or the threat of a Release or Disposal of any Hazardous Substance or waste on, at or from the Facility, (iv) the failure to promptly undertake and diligently pursue to completion all necessary, appropriate and legally authorized investigative, containment, removal, clean up and other remedial actions with respect to a Release or the threat of a Release of any Hazardous Substance on, at or from the Facility, required by any Environmental Law, (v) human exposure to any Hazardous Substance, noises, vibrations or nuisances of whatever kind to the extent the same arise from the condition of the Facility or the acquisition, construction, equipping, ownership, use, sale, operation, conveyance or operation thereof in violation of any Environmental Law, (vi) a violation of any applicable Environmental Law, (vii) non-compliance with any Environmental Permit or (viii) a material misrepresentation or inaccuracy in any representation or warranty or a material breach of or failure to perform any covenant made by the Company in the Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement (collectively, the "Indemnified Matters").

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (c) hereof, the Company may in good faith contest the validity or the applicability of any requirement of the nature referred to in such subsections (a) and (b) by appropriate legal proceedings conducted in good faith and with due diligence. In such event, the Company may fail to comply with the requirement or requirements so contested during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom, unless the Agency shall notify the Company that by failure to comply with such requirement or requirements, the Facility or any part thereof may be subject to loss, penalty or forfeiture, in which event the Company shall promptly take such action with respect thereto or provide such security as shall be satisfactory to the Agency. If at any time the then existing use or occupancy of the Facility shall, pursuant to any zoning or other law, ordinance or regulation, be permitted only so long as such use or occupancy shall continue, the Company shall use its best efforts to not cause or permit such use or occupancy to be discontinued without the prior written consent of the Agency.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 5.8, if, because of a breach or violation of the provisions of subsections (a), (b) or (c) hereof (without giving effect to subsection (d) hereof), the Agency or any of its members, directors, officers, agents, or employees, shall be threatened with a fine, liability, expense or imprisonment, then, upon notice from the Agency, the Company shall immediately provide legal protection and/or pay amounts necessary in the opinion of the Agency and its members, directors, officers, agents and employees deem sufficient, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to remove the threat of such fine, liability, expense or imprisonment.

(f) Notwithstanding any provisions of this Section, the Agency retains the right to defend itself in any action or actions which are based upon or in any way related to such Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Substances. In any such defense of itself, the Agency shall select its own counsel, and any and all costs of such defense, including, without limitation, attorney and consultant fees, investigation and laboratory fees, court costs, and litigation expenses, shall be paid by the Company.

Section 5.9 Discharge of Liens and Encumbrances.

(a) The Company, throughout the Lease Term, shall not permit or create or suffer to be permitted or created any Lien, except for Permitted Encumbrances, upon the Facility or any part thereof by reason of any labor, services or materials rendered or supplied or claimed to be rendered or supplied with respect to the Facility or any part thereof.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) hereof, the Company may in good faith contest any such Lien. In such event, the Company may permit the items so contested to remain undischarged and unsatisfied during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom, unless the Agency shall notify the Company that by nonpayment of any such item or items, the Facility or any part thereof may be subject to loss or forfeiture, in which event the Company shall promptly secure payment of all such unpaid items by filing a bond, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agency, thereby causing such Lien to be removed or by taking such other actions as may be satisfactory to the Agency to protect their respective interests. Mechanics' Liens shall be discharged or bonded within thirty (30) days of the filing or perfection thereof.

Section 5.10 Depreciation Deductions and Investment Tax Credit.

The parties agree that, as between them, the Company shall be entitled to all depreciation deductions with respect to any depreciable property comprising a part of the Facility and to any investment, environmental, or tax credit with respect to any part of the Facility.

Section 5.11 Intentionally Omitted.

Section 5.12 Limitation of Liability of the Agency.

The liability of the Agency to the Company under this Leaseback Agreement shall be enforceable only out of the Agency's interest under this Leaseback Agreement, and there shall be no other recourse against the Agency, its officers, members, agents and employees, past, present or future, or any of the property now or hereafter owned by it or them.

Section 5.13 Prevailing Wage.

The Company acknowledges that the financial assistance provided by the Agency 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 value of financial assistance amounts to approximately \$34,817.00 in the aggregate. If the Company determines that the Project is a "covered project" as said term is defined in the Prevailing Wage Requirements, the Company acknowledges it is obligated under Subdivision 8(a) of the Prevailing Wage Requirements to certify under penalty of perjury within five (5) days of commencement of the Construction Period whether the Project is subject to the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Requirements. Compliance with Prevailing Wage Requirements, if required, is wholly the obligation of the Company, and failure to comply may result in a stop-work order.

ARTICLE VI

RELEASE OF CERTAIN LAND; ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBLEASING; PLEDGE OF INTERESTS

Section 6.1 Restriction on Sale of Facility; Release of Certain Land.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Article VI and in Article VII hereof, the Agency shall not sell, convey, transfer, encumber or otherwise dispose of the Facility or any part thereof or any of its rights under this Leaseback Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Company.

(b) The Agency and the Company from time to time may release from the provisions of this Leaseback Agreement and the leasehold estate created hereby any part of, or interest in, the Land which is not necessary, desirable or useful for the Facility. In such event, the Agency, at the Company's sole cost and expense, shall execute and deliver, any and all instruments necessary or appropriate to so release such part of, or interest in, the Land and convey such title thereto or interest therein to the Company or such other Person as the Company may designate.

(c) No conveyance of any part of, or interest in the Land affected under the provisions of this Section 6.1 shall entitle the Company to any abatement or diminution of the rents payable by it under this Leaseback Agreement.

Section 6.2 Removal of Equipment.

(a) The Agency shall not be under any obligation to remove, repair or replace any inadequate, obsolete, worn out, unsuitable, undesirable or unnecessary item of Equipment. In any instance where the Company determines that any item of Equipment (except for the fixtures) has become inadequate, obsolete, worn out, unsuitable, undesirable or unnecessary, the Company with the prior written consent of the Agency (which consent may not be unreasonably withheld but may be subject to such conditions as the Agency may deem appropriate), may remove such items from the Facility and may sell, trade-in, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same, as a whole or in part, provided that such removal will not materially impair the operation of the Facility for the purpose for which it is intended or change the nature of the Facility so that it does not constitute a "project" under the Act.

(b) The Agency shall execute and deliver to the Company all instruments necessary or appropriate to enable the Company to sell or otherwise dispose of any such item of Equipment. The Company shall pay any costs (including counsel fees) incurred in transferring title to any item of Equipment removed pursuant to this Section 6.2.

(c) The removal of any item of Equipment pursuant to this Section shall not entitle the Company to any abatement or diminution of the rents payable by it under this Leaseback Agreement.

Section 6.3 Assignment and Subleasing.

(a) This Leaseback Agreement may not be assigned, in whole or in part, and the Facility may not be subleased, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Agency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no consent from the Agency shall be required if an assignment of this Agreement is made by the Company to the Company's parent, or any direct or indirect subsidiary or affiliate of the Company. A transfer in excess of 50% of the equity voting interests of the Company to a non-affiliate shall be deemed an assignment and require the prior written consent of the Agency, with such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. Any assignment or sublease shall be on the following conditions, as of the time of such assignment or sublease:

(i) no assignment or sublease shall relieve the Company from primary liability for any of its obligations hereunder;

(ii) the assignee or sublessee shall assume the obligations of the Company hereunder to the extent of the interest assigned or subleased;

(iii) the Company shall, within (10) days after the delivery thereof, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Agency a true and complete copy of such assignment or sublease and the instrument of assumption;

(iv) neither the validity nor the enforceability of the Leaseback Agreement shall be adversely affected thereby

(v) any sublease agreement shall contain the standard provisions required by the Agency, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the Company; and

(vi) the Facility shall continue to constitute a "project" as such quoted term is defined in the Act.

(b) If the Agency shall so request, as of the purported effective date of any assignment or sublease pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section 6.3, the Company at its cost shall furnish the Agency, with an opinion, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agency, (i) of Transaction Counsel as to item (v) above, and (ii) of Independent Counsel as to item (iv) above.

Section 6.4 Pledge of Agency's Interests to Bank. The Agency may be requested to mortgage, pledge and assign its rights to and interest in this Leaseback Agreement and in all amounts payable by the Company pursuant to Section 2.3 hereof and all other provisions of this Leaseback Agreement (other than Unassigned Rights), to a lending institution. The Agency shall not unreasonably withhold its consent to such mortgage, pledge and assignment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all indemnities herein contained shall subsequent to such pledge and assignment continue to run to the Agency for its benefit. This Leaseback Agreement and all rights of the Company and the Agency (except for the Unassigned Rights of the Agency) hereunder shall be subordinate to the security interests of any lenders or financing parties that perfect their interests through the recording of any present or future mortgage(s) or the filing of any UCC financing statements, granted by the Company in favor of such lender or financing party (each, a "Financing Party") against the whole or any part of the Project Facility, and all modifications, extensions or renewals thereof. The subordination of this Leaseback Agreement to the interests of a Financing Party is automatic, without the execution of any

further subordination agreement by the Company or the Agency. Nonetheless, if a Financing Party requires a further written subordination agreement, the Company and the Agency hereby agree to execute, acknowledge and deliver the same.

Section 6.5 Merger of Agency.

(a) Nothing contained in this Leaseback Agreement shall prevent the consolidation of the Agency with, or merger of the Agency into, or transfer of title to the entire Facility to any other public benefit corporation or political subdivision which has the legal authority to own and lease the Facility, provided that upon any such consolidation, merger or transfer, the due and punctual performance and observance of all the agreements and conditions of this Leaseback Agreement to be kept and performed by the Agency shall be expressly assumed in writing by the public benefit corporation or political subdivision resulting from such consolidation or surviving such merger or to which the Facility shall be transferred.

(b) Within thirty (30) days after the consummation of any such consolidation, merger or transfer of title, the Agency shall give notice thereof in reasonable detail to the Company and shall furnish to the Company, at the sole cost and expense of the Company, a favorable opinion of Independent Counsel as to compliance with the provisions of Section 6.6(a) hereof. The Agency promptly shall furnish such additional information with respect to any such transaction as the Company may reasonably request.

ARTICLE VII

EVENTS OF DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 7.1 Events of Default Defined.

Agreement: (a) The following shall be "Events of Default" under this Leaseback

(i) the failure by the Company to pay or cause to be paid on the date due, the amount specified to be paid pursuant to Section 2.6(a),(b) and (c) hereof and upon failure to cure such default within five (5) days of receipt of notice as herein provided;

(ii) the failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant contained in Sections 5.6 and 6.3 hereof;

(iii) any representation or warranty of the Company herein or in any of the Company's Documents shall prove to have been false or misleading in any material respect;

(iv) the failure by the Company to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement hereunder on its part to be observed or performed within the specified cure period, or if no cure period is specified, for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice by the Agency to the Company, specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied;

(v) the failure by the Company to release, stay, discharge, lift or bond within thirty (30) days any execution, garnishment, judgment or attachment of such consequence as may impair its ability to carry on its operations; or the failure by the Company generally to pay its debts as they become due; or an assignment by the Company for the benefit of creditors; the commencement by the Company (as the debtor) of a case in Bankruptcy or any proceeding under any other insolvency law; or the commencement of a case in Bankruptcy or any proceeding under any other insolvency law against the Company (as the debtor) and a court having jurisdiction in the premises enters a decree or order for relief against the Company as the debtor in such case or proceeding, or such case or proceeding is consented to by the Company or remains undismissed for forty (40) days, or the Company consents to or admits the material allegations against it in any such case or proceeding; or a trustee, receiver or agent (however named) is appointed or authorized to take charge of substantially all of the property of the Company for the purpose of enforcing a lien against such Property or for the purpose of general administration of such Property for the benefit of creditors;

(vi) the failure of the Company to make payments under the PILOT Agreement when due;

(vii) a breach of any covenant or representation contained in Section 5.8 hereof with respect to environmental matters;

(viii) failure to maintain insurance as provided for in Section 3.4 and Section 3.5 herein and upon failure to cure such default prior to the termination date of such insurance; or

(ix) the failure of the Company to maintain a reserve of funds for decommissioning, either through the Decommissioning Bond or by establishment of an escrow account in lieu of the Decommissioning Bond.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7.1(a), if by reason of force majeure any party hereto shall be unable in whole or in part to carry out its obligations under Sections 2.2 and 3.1 of this Leaseback Agreement and if such party shall give notice and full particulars of such force majeure in writing to the other party, within a reasonable time after the occurrence of the event or cause relied upon, such obligations under this Leaseback Agreement of the party giving such notice (and only such obligations), so far as they are affected by such force majeure, shall be suspended during continuance of the inability, which shall include a reasonable time for the removal of the effect thereof. The term "force majeure" as used herein shall include, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, acts of public enemies, acts, priorities or orders of any kind of the government of the United States of America or of the State or any of their departments, agencies, governmental subdivisions, or officials, any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, pandemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fire, hurricanes, storms, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery, transmission pipes or canals, shortages of labor or materials or delays of carriers, partial or entire failure of utilities, shortage of energy or any other cause or event not reasonably

within the control of the party claiming such inability and not due to its fault. The party claiming such inability shall remove the cause for the same with all reasonable promptness. It is agreed that the settlement of strikes, lockouts and other industrial disturbances shall be entirely within the discretion of the party having difficulty, and the party having difficulty shall not be required to settle any strike, lockout and other industrial disturbances by acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties.

Section 7.2 Remedies on Default.

(a) Whenever any Event of Default shall have occurred, the Agency may take, to the extent permitted by law, any one or more of the following remedial steps:

(i) declare, by written notice to the Company, to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable: (A) all unpaid installments of rent payable pursuant to Section 2.6(a), (b) and (c) hereof and (B) all other payments due under this Leaseback Agreement; provided, however, that if an Event of Default specified in Section 7.1(a)(v) hereof shall have occurred, such installments of rent and other payments due under this Leaseback Agreement shall become immediately due and payable without notice to the Company or the taking of any other action by the Agency;

(ii) terminate the leasehold interest in the Facility and terminate the PILOT Agreement. The Agency shall have the right to execute an appropriate termination of leaseback agreement with respect to the Facility and to place the same on record in the Oneida County Clerk's Office, at the expense of the Company, and in such event the Company waives delivery and acceptance of such termination of leaseback agreement. The Company does hereby appoint the Agency as its true and lawful agent to execute such instruments and documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate such termination as aforesaid. Such appointment of the Agency as the agent of the Company shall be deemed to be an agency coupled with an interest and such appointment shall be irrevocable;

(iii) exercise any remedy afforded the Agency under the Recapture Agreement;

(iv) take any other action at law or in equity which may appear necessary or desirable to collect the payments then due or thereafter to become due hereunder, to secure possession of the Facility, and to enforce the obligations, agreements or covenants of the Company under this Leaseback Agreement.

(b) No action taken pursuant to this Section 7.2 shall relieve the Company from its obligation to make all payments required hereunder.

Section 7.3 Remedies Cumulative.

No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Agency is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative

and in addition to every other remedy given under this Leaseback Agreement or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Agency to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article VII, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than such notice as may be herein expressly required in this Leaseback Agreement.

Section 7.4 Agreement to Pay Attorneys' Fees and Expenses.

In the event the Company should default under any of the provisions of this Leaseback Agreement and the Agency should employ attorneys or incur other expenses for the collection of amounts payable hereunder or the enforcement of performance or observance of any obligations or agreements on the part of the Company herein contained, the Company shall, on demand therefor, pay to the Agency the fees of such attorneys and such other expenses so incurred.

Section 7.5 No Additional Waiver Implied by One Waiver.

In the event any agreement contained herein should be breached by any party and thereafter waived by any other party, such waiver shall be limited to the particular breach so waived and shall not be deemed to waive any other breach hereunder.

Section 7.6 Recapture.

The financial assistance granted by the Agency and the lease of the Facility are subject to a Project Completion and Recapture Agreement dated as of January 5, 2024 (the "Recapture Agreement"), which is incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE VIII

EARLY TERMINATION OF LEASEBACK AGREEMENT; OPTION IN FAVOR OF COMPANY

Section 8.1 Early Termination of Leaseback Agreement.

(a) The Company shall have the option to terminate this Leaseback Agreement at any time upon filing with the Agency a certificate signed by an Authorized Representative of the Company stating the Company's intention to do so pursuant to this Section and the date upon which such payments required by Section 8.2 hereof shall be made (which date shall not be less than 45 nor more than 90 days from the date such certificate is filed) and upon compliance with the requirements set forth in Section 8.2 hereof. The Company acknowledges that exercising its option to terminate pursuant to this Section may constitute an Event of Default under the Recapture Agreement.

(b) The Agency shall have the option at any time to terminate this Leaseback Agreement and to demand immediate payment in full of the rental reserved and unpaid as described in Section 2.6 hereof upon written notice to the Company of (i) the occurrence of an

Event of Default hereunder and failure to cure within the prescribed period or (ii) as determined by an Annual Project Review as described in the Recapture Agreement or (iii) the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of the PILOT Agreement.

Section 8.2 Conditions to Early Termination of Leaseback Agreement.

In the event the Company exercises its option to terminate this Leaseback Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.1 hereof, the Company shall make the following payments:

(a) To the Agency or the Taxing Authorities (as such term is defined in the PILOT Agreement), as appropriate pursuant to the terms of the PILOT Agreement: all amounts due and payable under the PILOT Agreement as of the date of the conveyance described in Section 8.3 hereof, including all amounts due and payable resulting from a default under the Recapture Agreement, if any.

(b) To the Host Community: all Host Community Payments due and payable as of the date of the conveyance described in Section 8.3 hereof, if any.

(c) To the Agency: an amount certified by the Agency sufficient to pay all unpaid fees and expenses of the Agency incurred under the Agency Documents.

Section 8.3 Obligation to Terminate Leasehold Interest. Upon termination or expiration of the Lease Term, in accordance with Sections 2.5 or 8.1 hereof, the Lease Agreement and Leaseback Agreement shall terminate. The Agency shall have the right to execute an appropriate termination or terminations with respect to the Facility and to place the same on record in the Oneida County Clerk's Office, at the expense of the Company, and in such event the Company waives delivery and acceptance of such termination or terminations. The Company does hereby appoint the Agency as its true and lawful agent to execute such instruments and documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate such termination as aforesaid. Such appointment of the Agency as the agent of the Company shall be deemed to be an agency coupled with an interest and such appointment shall be irrevocable.

Section 8.4 Conveyance on Termination.

Upon termination pursuant to Section 8.3 hereof, the Agency shall deliver to the Company all necessary documents (i) to terminate the Agency's leasehold interest in and to the Property, as such Property exists, subject only to the following: (A) any Liens to which title to such Property was subject when the leasehold interest was conveyed to the Agency, (B) any Liens created at the request of the Company, to the creation of which the Company consented or in the creation of which the Company acquiesced, (C) any Permitted Encumbrances and (D) any Liens resulting from the failure of the Company to perform or observe any of the agreements on its part contained in this Leaseback Agreement or arising out of an Event of Default hereunder, and (ii) to release and convey to the Company all of the Agency's rights and interest in and to any rights of action or any net proceeds of insurance or Condemnation awards with respect to the Facility (but not including any Unassigned Rights). Upon the termination of the Agency's leasehold interest pursuant to this Article VIII, all Agency Documents shall terminate.

ARTICLE IX
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.1 Notices.

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
800 Gessner Road
Suite 700
Houston, Texas 77024
Attn.: Legal

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

or at such other address as any party may from time to time furnish to the other party by notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section. All notices shall be deemed given when mailed or personally delivered in the manner provided in this Section.

Section 9.2 Binding Effect.

This Leaseback Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 9.3 Severability.

In the event any provision of this Leaseback Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

Section 9.4 Amendments, Changes and Modifications.

This Leaseback Agreement may not be amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except in a writing executed by the parties hereto.

Section 9.5 Execution of Counterparts.

This Leaseback Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 9.6 Applicable Law.

This Leaseback Agreement shall be governed exclusively by the applicable laws of the State without regard or reference to its conflict of laws principles.

Section 9.7 List of Additional Equipment; Further Assurances.

(a) Upon the Completion Date with respect to the Facility and the installation of all of the Equipment therein, the Company shall prepare and deliver to the Agency a schedule listing all of the Equipment not previously described in this Leaseback Agreement. If requested by the Agency, the Company shall thereafter furnish to the Agency within sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar year, a schedule listing all of the Equipment not theretofore previously described herein or in the aforesaid schedule.

(b) The Agency and the Company shall execute and deliver all instruments and shall furnish all information necessary or appropriate to perfect or protect any security interest created or contemplated by this Leaseback Agreement.

Section 9.8 Survival of Obligations.

This Leaseback Agreement shall survive the performance of the obligations of the Company to make payments hereunder and all indemnities shall survive the foregoing and any termination or expiration of this Leaseback Agreement.

Section 9.9 Table of Contents and Section Headings not Controlling.

The Table of Contents and the headings of the several Sections in this Leaseback Agreement have been prepared for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning of or be taken as an interpretation of any provision of this Leaseback Agreement.

Section 9.10 No Broker.

Agency and Company represent and warrant to the other that neither Agency nor Company has dealt with any broker or finder entitled to any commission, fee, or other compensation by reason of the execution of this Leaseback Agreement, and each party agrees to indemnify and hold the other harmless from any charge, liability or expense (including attorneys' fees) the other may suffer, sustain, or incur with respect to any claim for a

commission, fee or other compensation by a broker or finder claiming by, through or under the other party.

Section 9.11 Recording and Filing.

This Leaseback Agreement or a memorandum thereof, shall be recorded or filed, as the case may be, in the Office of the Clerk of Oneida County, New York, or in such other office as may at the time be provided by law as the property place for the recordation or filing thereof.

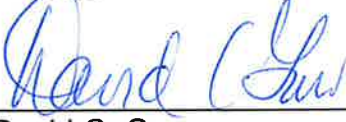
Section 9.12 Definitions.

All capitalized terms used in this Leaseback Agreement and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings assigned thereto in the Schedule of Definitions attached hereto as Schedule A.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Agency and the Company have caused this **Leaseback Agreement** to be executed in their respective names, all as of the date first above written.

ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: 
David C. Grow
Chairman

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


On the 19th day of December 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

SECOND SIGNATURE PAGE OF LEASEBACK AGREEMENT FROM
ONEIDA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO
ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC


ABOVE GRID ROME SOLAR LLC
By: Catalyze GBH Developer, LLC, its sole member

By: 

LamPhung Ngo-Burns
Chief Financial Officer

Texas
STATE OF ~~NEW YORK~~)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF Harris)

On the 19 day of December 2023 before me, the undersigned a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared **LamPhung Ngo-Burns**, 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



EXHIBIT A

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF ROME, ONEIDA COUNTY, NEW YORK BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A POINT WITH NEW YORK STATE PLANE COORDINATE NORTHING 1182197.70 AND EASTING 1106376.15; THENCE S 15° 41' 15"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE THE FOLLOWING 80 COURSES:

1. N 40° 59' 25" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 268.58 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENTIAL CURVE,
2. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE RIGHT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 04° 13' 26", HAVING A RADIUS OF 105.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N 43° 08' 23" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 7.74 FEET.
3. THENCE, N 45° 15' 07" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 179.04 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF NON-TANGENTIAL CURVE,
4. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 45° 33' 16", HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N 22° 46' 38" E FOR A DISTANCE 38.71 FEET.
5. THENCE, N 00° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 73.66 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE,
6. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE RIGHT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 37° 55' 11", HAVING A RADIUS OF 105.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N 18° 57' 36" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 68.23 FEET.
7. THENCE, N 37° 55' 11" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 58.66 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE,
8. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE RIGHT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 52° 04' 49", HAVING A RADIUS OF 105.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N 63° 57' 36" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 92.19 FEET.
9. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 331.06 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF CURVE,
10. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 90° 00' 00", HAVING A RADIUS OF 20.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N 45° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE 28.28 FEET.
11. THENCE, N 00° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 209.96 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
12. THENCE, N 89° 57' 59" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 21.07 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
13. THENCE, NO. 00 ° 02' 01" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 31.76 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.

14. THENCE, 90° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 113.37 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
15. THENCE, NO 76° 35' 51" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 56.08 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
16. THENCE, S 59° 39' 38" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 132.55 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
17. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 234.23 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
18. THENCE, S 00° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 23.02 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
19. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 81.34 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
20. THENCE, NO 00° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 126.33 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
21. THENCE, N 65° 35' 38" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 74.01 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
22. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.45 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
23. THENCE, N 0° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 92.03 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
24. THENCE, N 89° 50' 30" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 99.81 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
25. THENCE, N 00° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 92.53 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
26. THENCE, S 89° 41' 26" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 82.50 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
27. THENCE, N 62° 43' 21" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 149.66 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
28. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 50.63 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
29. THENCE, N 00° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 79.06 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
30. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 382.59 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
31. THENCE, N 00° 00' 00"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 92.36 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
32. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 380.71 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
33. THENCE, S 00° 05' 35" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 278.60 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
34. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 16.64 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
35. THENCE, S 00° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 92.09 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.

36. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 33.28 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
37. THENCE, S 00° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 92.09 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
38. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 83.20 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
39. THENCE, S 00° 10' 03" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 137.58 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
40. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 59.67 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
41. THENCE, S 19° 06' 12" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.46 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
42. THENCE, S 00° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 73.03 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
43. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 16.73 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
44. THENCE, S 00° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 92.27 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
45. THENCE, S 89° 49' 14" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 33.27 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
46. THENCE, S 00° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 149.37 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
47. THENCE, S 68° 29' 57" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.17 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENTIAL CURVE.
48. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 31° 43' 42", HAVING A RADIUS OF 111.01 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S 51° 45' 10" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.69 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH A NON-TANGENTIAL LINE.
49. THENCE, S 67° 07' 01" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 23.51 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE.
50. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH 12° 45' 58", HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S 60° 44' 02" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 22.24 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENTIAL CURVE.
51. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 18° 08' 46", HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S 45° 16' 39" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 31.54 FEET.
52. THENCE, S 36° 12' 16" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 64.16 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
53. THENCE, S 40° 15' 37" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 36.22 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENTIAL CURVE.
54. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 55° 14' 48", HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N 59° 19' 20" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 92.73 FEET.

55. THENCE, N 86° 56' 44" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 47.37 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE,
56. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 21° 57' 50", HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S 82° 04' 21" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 38.10 FEET.
57. THENCE, S 71° 05' 26" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 36.38 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
58. THENCE, S 75° 12' 57" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 68.36 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE,
59. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 23° 40' 25", HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S 63° 22' 44" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 41.03 FEET.
60. THENCE, S 51° 32' 32" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 98.77 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
61. THENCE, S 56° 28' 49" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 10.96 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
62. THENCE, N 72° 02' 15" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 112.76 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE,
63. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 7° 05' 54", HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N 80° 35' 13" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 29.73 FEET.
64. THENCE, N 89° 08' 10" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 44.43 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
65. THENCE, S 85° 39' 50" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 37.67 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
66. THENCE, N 54° 13' 09" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 227.52 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
67. THENCE, N 54° 26' 36" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 7.05 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE,
68. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 9° 05' 15", HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS N 83° 59' 13" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 98.62 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH A NON-TANGENTIAL LINE.
69. THENCE, S 00° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.02 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
70. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 29.82 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENTIAL CURVE,
71. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 86° 46' 39", HAVING A RADIUS OF 100.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S 02° 23' 33" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 137.39 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH A NON-TANGENTIAL LINE.
72. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 228.84 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
73. THENCE, N 00° 00' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 123.84 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.

74. THENCE, N 90° 00' 00" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 11.86 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
75. THENCE, S 36° 23' 15" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 5.79 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE,
76. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE RIGHT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 12° 18' 04", HAVING A RADIUS OF 105.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S 42° 32' 17" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 22.50 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH A NON-TANGENTIAL LINE.
77. THENCE S 45° 13' 50" W A DISTANCE OF 177.56 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE,
78. SAID CURVE TURNING TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN ANGLE OF 04° 13' 26", HAVING A RADIUS OF 70.00 FEET, AND WHOSE LONG CHORD BEARS S 43° 08' 23" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 5.16 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH A NON-TANGENTIAL LINE.
79. THENCE, S 40° 59' 25" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 268.64 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE.
80. THENCE, N 49° 41' 15" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET TO A POINT, THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 26.300 ACRES OR 1,145,642.74 SQ. FT.

EXHIBIT B

All fixtures, building materials and items of personal property acquired, constructed, renovated and installed and/or to be acquired, constructed, renovated and installed in connection with the completion of the Above Grid Rome Solar LLC (Rome Taberg Road Solar) Facility located at 5727 Rome Taberg Road, City of Rome, Oneida County, New York.

SCHEDULE A

SCHEDULE OF DEFINITIONS

"Act" means, collectively, Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State enacted into law as Chapter 1030 of the Laws of 1969 of the State, as amended together with Chapter 372 of the Laws of 1970 of the State, as amended.

"Agency" means the (i) Oneida County Industrial Development Agency, its successors and assigns, and (ii) any local governmental body resulting from or surviving any consolidation or merger to which the Agency or its successors may be a party.

"Agency Documents" means the Lease Agreement, the Leaseback Agreement, the PILOT Agreement, the Recapture Agreement and the Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement.

"Authorized Representative" means, in the case of the Agency, the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Executive Director of the Agency; in the case of the Company, its Chief Financial Officer; and in the case of both, such additional persons as, at the time, are designated to act on behalf of the Agency or the Company, as the case may be, by written certificate furnished to the Agency or the Company, as the case may be, containing the specimen signature of each such person and signed on behalf of (i) the Agency by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Executive Director of the Agency or (ii) the Company by its Sole Member.

"Authorizing Resolution" means the resolution adopted by the Agency on October 20, 2023 authorizing the execution and delivery of the Agency Documents as such resolution may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in New York, New York are authorized by law or executive order to remain closed.

"Closing Date" means the date of delivery of the Leaseback Agreement.

"Company" means Above Grid Rome Solar LLC, and its successors and assigns.

"Company Documents" means the Lease Agreement, the Leaseback Agreement, the PILOT Agreement, the Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement, and the Recapture Agreement.

"Completion Date" means the date of completion of the Facility, which date shall be not later than one year from the Closing Date.

"Condemnation" means the taking of title to, or the use of, Property under the exercise of the power of eminent domain by any governmental entity or other Person acting under governmental authority.

"Construction Period" means the period (a) beginning on the earlier of (i) the date of commencement of construction and equipping of the Facility, which date shall not be prior to September 15, 2023 or (ii) the Closing Date and (b) ending on the Completion Date.

"Decommissioning Bond" means the surety bond purchased by the Company for the benefit of the Host Community.

"Decommissioning Plan" means the Decommissioning Plan dated May 11, 2023 submitted by the Company to the Host Community.

"Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement" means the Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement dated as of January 5, 2024 between the Company and the Agency, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Equipment" means all machinery, equipment and other personal property used and to be used in connection with the construction and equipping of the Facility as described in Exhibit B to the Leaseback Agreement.

"Event of Default" means any of the events defined as Events of Default by Section 7.1 of the Leaseback Agreement.

"Facility" means the Land, the Improvements and the Equipment leased to the Company under the Leaseback Agreement.

"Facility Services" means all services necessary for the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Facility.

"Ground Lease" means the Solar Ground Lease dated August 2, 2021 between the Owner and Above Grid Solar, LLC, which was assigned to the Company by way of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement dated June 14, 2022.

"Hazardous Substance" means, without limitation, any flammable explosives, radon, radioactive materials, asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum constituents, petroleum products, methane, emerging contaminants, including but not limited to 1,4-dioxane and polyfluoroalkyl substances, hazardous materials, hazardous wastes, hazardous or toxic substances or related materials, pollutants, toxic pollutants, as defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 et seq.), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. Section 1801, et seq.), the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. Sections 6901, et seq.), the Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. Sections 2601, et seq.), the Federal Waters Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. Sections 1251 et seq.), Articles 17 and 27 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Article 12 of the New York State Navigation Law or any other applicable Environmental Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Host Community" means the City of Rome.

"Host Community Agreement" means the Host Community Agreement dated January 5, 2024 between the Company and the Host Community, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Improvements" means all those buildings, improvements, structures and other related facilities (i) affixed or attached to the Land and (ii) not part of the Equipment, all as they may exist from time to time.

"Independent Counsel" means an attorney or attorneys or firm or firms of attorneys duly admitted to practice law before the highest court of any state of the United States of America or in the District of Columbia and not a full time employee of the Agency or the Company.

"Land" means the property leased by the Agency to the Company pursuant to the Leaseback Agreement and more particularly described in Exhibit A attached thereto.

"Lease Agreement" means the Lease Agreement dated as of January 5, 2024 by and between the Company, as lessor, and the Agency, as lessee, with respect to the Facility, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Lease Term" means the duration of the leasehold estate created in the Lease Agreement as specified in Section 3 of the Lease Agreement and shall be coterminous with the term of the Leaseback Agreement.

"Leaseback Agreement" means the Leaseback Agreement dated as of August 1, 2022 by and between the Agency, as lessor, and the Company, as lessee, with respect to the Facility, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Lien" means any interest in Property securing an obligation owed to a Person whether such interest is based on the common law, statute or contract, and including but not limited to, the security interest arising from a mortgage, encumbrance, pledge, conditional sale or trust receipt or a lease, consignment or bailment for security purposes. The term "Lien" includes reservation, exceptions, encroachments, easements, rights-of-way, covenants, conditions, restrictions, leases and other similar title exceptions and encumbrances, including but not limited to mechanics', materialman's, warehousemen's, carriers' and other similar encumbrances, affecting real property. For the purposes of this definition, a Person shall be deemed to be the owner of any Property which it has acquired or holds subject to a conditional sale agreement or other arrangement pursuant to which title to the Property has been retained by or vested in some other Person for security purposes.

"Owner" means Rome Industrial Development Corporation, and its successors and assigns.

"Permitted Encumbrances" means (i) exceptions to title set forth in a title report on the Closing Date, (ii) the Leaseback Agreement, (iii) utility, access and other easements and rights-of-way, restrictions and exceptions that do not materially impair the utility or the value of the Property affected thereby for the purposes for which it is intended, (iv) mechanics', materialmen's, warehousemen's, carriers' and other similar Liens which are approved in writing by the Agency or its Counsel, and (v) Liens for taxes not yet delinquent.

"Person" or "Persons" means an individual, partnership, corporation, trust or unincorporated organization, and a government or agency or political subdivision or branch thereof.

"PILOT Agreement" means the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax Agreement dated as of January 5, 2024 between the Company and the Agency, as amended from time to time.

"Plans and Specifications" means the plans and specifications for the Improvements, prepared for the Company and approved by the Agency, as revised from time to time in accordance with the Leaseback Agreement.

"Property" means any interest in any kind of property or asset, whether real, personal or mixed, or tangible or intangible.

"Public Purposes" shall mean the State's objective to create industrial development agencies for the benefit of the several counties, cities, villages and towns in the State and to empower such agencies, among other things, to acquire, construct, reconstruct, lease, improve, maintain, equip and sell land and any building or other improvement, and all real and personal properties, including, but not limited to, machinery and equipment deemed necessary in connection therewith, whether or not now in existence or under construction, which shall be suitable for manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial, recreation or industrial facilities, including industrial pollution control facilities, in order to advance job opportunities, health, general prosperity and the economic welfare of the people of the State and to improve their standard of living.

"Recapture Agreement" means the Project Completion and Recapture Agreement dated as of January 5, 2024 between the Company and the Agency, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Schedule of Definitions" means the words and terms set forth in this Schedule of Definitions attached to the Leaseback Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"SEQR Act" means the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder.

"State" means the State of New York.

"Substitute Facilities" means facilities of substantially the same nature as the proposed Facility.

"Transaction Counsel" means the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC.

"Transaction Documents" means the Agency Documents and the Company Documents.

"Unassigned Rights" means the rights of the Agency and moneys payable pursuant to and under Sections 2.6(a),(b) and (c), 3.4, 3.7, 5.2, 5.8, 7.2(a), 7.4 and 8.2 of the Leaseback Agreement.