

**APPROVING RESOLUTION
MOHAWK SOLAR LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the office of the Agency located at the Old County Courthouse, 9 Park Street, Fonda, New York on December 20, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

John McGlone	Chair
Matthew Beck	Vice Chair
Robert Harris	Treasurer
Amanda Auricchio, Esq.	Member
Mark Kowalczyk	Member
John Snyder	Member

ABSENT:

Carol Shineman	Secretary
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THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Kenneth F. Rose	Chief Executive Officer
Sheila Snell	Chief Financial Officer
Andrew Santillo	Staff Assistant
Karl Gustafson, Jr.	Grant Assistant
Vincenzo Nicosia	Ec. Dev. Specialist
Christopher C. Canada, Esq.	Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Matthew Beck, seconded by John Snyder, to wit:

Resolution No. 18-28

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION
WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR A PROJECT FOR MOHAWK
SOLAR LLC.**

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 666 of the 1970 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-d of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2018, Mohawk Solar LLC (the "Company") submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 1,000 acres of land located in the Town of Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York and the Town of Minden, Montgomery County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a solar generating facility, including, but not limited to, PV modules, metal racks and steel earth screw foundations and electric equipment with related concrete foundations (collectively, the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation of certain machinery and equipment therein and thereon (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be operated by the Company as a solar powered electricity generation facility and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes, and mortgage recording taxes (the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease of the Project Facility to the Company or such other entity or person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on May 17, 2018 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of public hearings of the Agency (collectively, the "Public Hearings") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed on October 10, 2018 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project is or is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Public Hearings to be posted on (i) October 10, 2018 on a bulletin board located at 12 Mitchell Street in the Town of Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York and (ii) October 11, 2018 on a bulletin board located at the Town Clerk's Office in the Town of Minden, Montgomery County, New York, (C) caused notices of the Public Hearings to be posted on October 10, 2018 on the Agency's website; (D) caused notices of the Public Hearings to be published on October 12, 2018 in (i) the Courier Standard Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Town of Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York and (ii) The Recorder, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Town of Minden, Montgomery County, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearings on October 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Municipal Town Building, 134 Highway 80, Fort Plain, New York and at 7:30 p.m., local time, at 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, New York, and (E) prepared reports of the Public Hearings (collectively, the "Hearing Reports") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearings and caused copies of said Hearing Reports to be made available to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on December 20, 2018 (the "SEQRA Resolution"), the Agency determined that the Project is exempt from

review under SEQRA pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the Public Service Law of the State of New York, as amended, and therefore a determination by the Agency as to whether the Project may have a "significant effect on the environment" (as said quoted term is defined under SEQRA) is not required; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on December 20, 2018 (the "Pilot Deviation Approval Resolution"), the members of the Agency determined to deviate from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application, and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to undertake the Project in Montgomery County, New York and (B) the completion of the Project will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area in the State of New York and will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of any occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Montgomery County, New York by undertaking the Project in Montgomery County, New York; and

WHEREAS, in order to consummate the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance described in the notice of the Public Hearing, the Agency proposes to enter into the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Agency Documents"): (A) a certain lease to agency (the "Lease to Agency" or the "Underlying Lease") by and between the Company, as landlord, and the Agency, as tenant, pursuant to which the Company will lease to the Agency a portion of the Land and all improvements now or hereafter located on said portion of the Land (collectively, the "Leased Premises"); (B) a certain license agreement (the "License to Agency" or the "License Agreement") by and between the Company, as licensor, and the Agency, as licensee, pursuant to which the Company will grant to the Agency (1) a license to enter upon the balance of the Land (the "Licensed Premises") for the purpose of undertaking and completing the Project and (2) in the event of an occurrence of an Event of Default by the Company, an additional license to enter upon the Licensed Premises for the purpose of pursuing its remedies under the Lease Agreement (as hereinafter defined); (C) a lease agreement (and a memorandum thereof) (the "Lease Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which, among other things, the Company agrees to undertake the Project as agent of the Agency and the Company further agrees to lease the Project Facility from the Agency and, as rental thereunder, to pay the Agency's administrative fee relating to the Project and to pay all expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project; (D) a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company, pursuant to which the Company will agree to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility; (E) a uniform agency project agreement (the "Uniform Agency Project Agreement") by and between the Agency and the Company regarding the granting of the financial assistance and the potential recapture of such assistance; (F) a certain recapture agreement (the "Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement") by and between the Company and the Agency, required by the Act, regarding the recovery or recapture of certain sales and use taxes; (G) a sales tax exemption letter (the "Sales Tax Exemption Letter") to ensure the granting of the sales tax exemption which forms a part of the Financial Assistance; (H) a New York State Department of Taxation and Finance form entitled "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agency for Sales Tax Purposes" (the form required to be filed pursuant to Section 874(9) of the Act) (the "Thirty-Day Sales Tax Report") and any additional report to the Commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance concerning the amount of sales tax exemption benefit for the Project (the "Additional Thirty-Day Project Report"); (I) if the Company intends to finance the Project with borrowed money, a mortgage and any other security

documents and related documents (collectively, the "Mortgage") from the Agency and the Company to the Company's lender with respect to the Project ("the "Lender"), which Mortgage will grant a lien on and security interest in the Project Facility to secure a loan from the Lender to the Company with respect to the Project (the "Loan"); and (J) various certificates relating to the Project (the "Closing Documents");

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

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

Section 2. The law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP is hereby appointed Special Counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Special Counsel for the Agency is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company, counsel to the Agency and others to prepare, for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. Special Counsel has prepared and submitted an initial draft of the Agency Documents to staff of the Agency.

Section 3. The Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act;

(B) The Project constitutes a "project," as such term is defined in the Act;

(C) The Project site is located entirely within the boundaries of Montgomery County, New York;

(D) It is estimated at the present time that the costs of the planning, development, acquisition, construction, reconstruction and installation of the Project Facility (collectively, the "Project Costs") will be approximately \$135,000,000;

(E) The completion of the Project will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area in the State of New York and will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of any occupant of the Project Facility located in the State of New York;

(F) The Project Facility does not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods and/or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one third of the total cost of the Project Facility;

(G) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project will promote and maintain the job opportunities, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of Montgomery County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act;

(H) The Agency has reviewed the Public Hearing Report and has fully considered all comments contained therein;

(I) The Project should receive the Financial Assistance in the form of exemption from sales tax and mortgage recording tax and real property tax abatement based on the description of expected public benefits to occur as a result of this Project, as described on Exhibit A attached hereto; and

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

Section 4. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to: (A) accept the License Agreement; (B) lease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Lease Agreement; (C) acquire, construct and install the Project Facility, or cause the Project Facility to be acquired, installed and constructed; (D) enter into the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement; (E) enter into the Uniform Agency Project Agreement; (F) enter into the Section 875 GML Recapture Agreement; (G) secure the Loan by entering into the Mortgage; and (H) grant the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project.

Section 5. The Agency is hereby authorized (A) to acquire a license in the Licensed Premises pursuant to the License Agreement, (B) to acquire a leasehold interest in the Leased Premises pursuant to the Underlying Lease, (C) to acquire title to the Equipment pursuant to a bill of sale (the "Bill of Sale to Agency") from the Company to the Agency, and (D) to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisitions are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 6. The Agency is hereby authorized to acquire, construct and install the Project Facility as described in the Lease Agreement and to do all things necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment thereof, and all acts heretofore taken by the Agency with respect to such acquisition, construction and installation are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 7. The Chairman, Vice Chairman or Chief Executive Officer of the Agency, with the assistance of Agency Counsel and/or Special Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and approve the form and substance of the Agency Documents.

Section 8. (A) The Chairman, Vice Chairman or Chief Executive Officer of the Agency is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agency Documents, and, where appropriate, the Secretary (or Assistant Secretary) of the Agency is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Agency thereto and to attest the same, all in the forms thereof as the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Chief Executive Officer shall approve, the execution thereof by the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Chief Executive Officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(B) The Chairman, Vice Chairman or Chief Executive Officer of the Agency is hereby further authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives of the Agency (as defined in and pursuant to the Lease Agreement).

Section 9. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Agency Documents, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing Resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Agency Documents binding upon the Agency.

Section 10. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

John McGlone	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Matthew Beck	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Carol Shineman	VOTING	<u>ABSENT</u>
Robert Harris	VOTING	<u>ABTAIN</u>
Amanda Auricchio, Esq.	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Mark Kowalczyk	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
John Snyder	VOTING	<u>YES</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY)

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on December 20, 2018 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 20th day of December, 2018.



(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPECTED PUBLIC BENEFITS

In the discussions had between the Project Beneficiary and the Agency with respect to the Project Beneficiary's request for Financial Assistance from the Agency with respect to the Project, the Project Beneficiary has represented to the Agency that the Project is expected to provide the following benefits to the Agency and/or to the residents of Montgomery County, New York (the "Public Benefits"):

Description of Benefit		Applicable to Project (indicate Yes or NO)		Expected Benefit
1.	Retention of existing jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This is a new project so there are no retained jobs.
2.	Creation of new permanent jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Five (5) full-time equivalent new jobs at the Project Facility within one (1) year from the date hereof.
3.	Creation of construction employment for local labor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Approximately 300 full-time equivalent construction jobs at the Project Facility.
4.	Private sector investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Approximately \$135,000,000 of private sector investment at the Project Facility within two (2) years of the date hereof.
5.	Likelihood of project being accomplished in a timely fashion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	High likelihood of project being completed in a timely manner.
6.	Extent of new revenue provided to local taxing jurisdictions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	The Project will result in increased revenues to the local taxing jurisdictions.
7.	Any additional public benefits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	The Project will assist New York State in meeting its goal of 50% clean energy by 2030.
8.	Local labor construction jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	The Company will make efforts to use local labor during construction.
9.	Regional wealth creation (% of sales/customers outside of the County)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	N/A
10.	Located in a highly distressed census tract	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	N/A

11.	Alignment with local planning and development efforts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	The Project is consistent with local planning and development efforts.
12.	Promotes walkable community areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	The Project site is not located in an urban setting with sidewalks.
13.	Elimination or reduction of blight	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	The Project site is not a blighted area.
14.	Proximity/support of regional tourism attractions/facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	N/A
15.	Local or County official support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	The Project has local and County support.
16.	Building or site has historic designation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	There is no historic designation.
17.	Provides brownfield remediation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	No brownfields present.

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