

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing (the “Public Hearing”) pursuant to Section 859-a(2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the “Act”) will be held by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) on April 22, 2021 at 10:00 o’clock a.m., local time, in connection with the RPNY Solar 1, LLC Gouverneur Project as described below. As a result of the (1) ban on large meetings or gatherings pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020, as supplemented, (2) ban on non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason pursuant to Executive Order 202.10 issued on March 23, 2020, as supplemented and (3) suspension of the Open Meetings Law relating to public hearings pursuant to Executive Order 202.15 issued on April 9, 2020, as supplemented, each as issued by Governor Cuomo in response to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Public Hearing will be held electronically via webinar rather than in person. Members of the public may attend the Public Hearing by viewing and commenting on the Project and the benefits to be granted to the Company (as defined below) by the Agency during the Public Hearing by logging into Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86438758330?pwd=bk9KVStya0R6OFRXZ0ZoZXlldUZrUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 3875 8330

Passcode: 737219

RPNY SOLAR 1, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the “Company”), filed an application with the Agency requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) consisting of: (A) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 89.4 acres of land located at 587 and 599 County Road 11, Town of Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, State of New York 13642 (the “Land”); (B) the installation on approximately 29 acres of the Land of a 3.5 MW-AC solar array comprised of a ground-mounted solar energy system of approximately 496 fixed-tilt freestanding solar tables consisting of approximately 12,896 modules/panels, 28 string inverters, new electrical equipment, accessories, including underground aboveground electrical lines, gravel access road and fence and related improvements (collectively, the “Improvements”) (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment, fixtures, furniture and other incidental tangible personal property (collectively, the “Equipment”, and together with the Land and the Improvements, the “Facility”); and (D) the lease of the Issuer’s interest in the Facility back to the Company pursuant to a project/leaseback agreement;

The Company will own a leasehold interest in the Facility from the current owner through a long-term lease. The Agency will acquire an interest in the Facility. The financial assistance contemplated by the Agency will consist generally of (i) exemptions from mortgage recording taxes (other than the portion of the mortgage’s recording tax allocated to transportation districts referred to in Section 253(2)(a) of the Tax Law) for one or more mortgages in connection with the financing of the installation, improvement and equipping of the Facility and any future financing, refinancing or permanent financing of the costs of renovating, improving and equipping the Facility, and (ii) the exemption from taxation expected to be claimed by the Company as a result of the Agency taking an interest in, possession or control (by lease, license or otherwise) of the Facility, or of the Company acting as the agent of the Agency, consisting of an exemption from general real property taxation with respect to the Facility, which exemption shall be offset, in whole or in part, by contractual payments in lieu of taxes (the “PILOT”) by the Company for the benefit of the affected tax jurisdictions.

A representative of the Agency will be available at the above stated time to hear all persons with views in favor of, or opposed to, either the location or nature of the Facility, or the proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency. In addition, at, or prior to, such hearing, interested parties may submit to the Agency written materials pertaining to such matters. Such materials may be submitted to the Agency at 19 Commerce Lane, Suite 1, Canton, New York 13617 or at rwilliams@slcida.com and must be received no later than 10:00 am, local time, on April 21, 2021 to be considered part of the public hearing minutes.

A transcript of the public hearing will be made available at a later date. The public will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live and provide comments. Comments can be provided through the written chat section of the Zoom meeting, in addition to providing written comments via email, as outlined in the paragraph above. Please check the meeting information posted on the Agency website for further instructions to access the meeting, and to find copies of the application and the cost benefit analysis.

DATED: March 31, 2021

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