

**PILOT DEVIATION APPROVAL RESOLUTION  
GREENIDGE PIPELINE LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of Yates County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session in the offices of the Agency located at One Keuka Business Park in Penn Yan, Yates County, New York on August 17, 2016 at 7:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

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

**PRESENT:**

Gene Pierce	Chairman
Jerry Hiller	Vice Chairman
Mary Ann Zelazny	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Rita Gow	Member
Mark Morris	Member
Taylor Fitch	Member
James Willson	Member

**ABSENT:**

None

**AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:**

Steve Griffin	Chief Executive Officer
Kari DeWick	Community Development Director
A. Joseph Scott, III	Agency Special Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Rita Gow, seconded by Mary Ann Zelazny, to wit:

Resolution No. 0816-

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEVIATION FROM THE AGENCY'S UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO BY THE AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED GREENIDGE PIPELINE LLC PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, Yates County Industrial Development Agency (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 113 of the 1975 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 893-b 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, reconstruct and install one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, Greenidge Pipeline LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Company”), has 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 certain rights of way located in the Towns of Torrey and Milo, Yates County, New York (collectively, the “Land”) (2) the construction of an approximately 4.6 mile natural gas pipeline (the “Facility”), and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery and equipment (the “Equipment”) (the Land, the Facility and Equipment being collectively referred to as the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing to be owned and operated by the Company as a natural gas transmission line 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 (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other 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 November 18, 2015 (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 a public hearing of the Agency (the “First Public Hearing”) 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 July 5, 2016 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the First Public Hearing to be posted on July 5, 2016 on the Agency’s website and also on public bulletin boards located at (1) Yates County Courthouse, located at 415 Liberty Street in the Village of Dresden, Yates County, New York, (2) 137 Main Street in the Village of Penn Yan, Town of Milo, Yates County, New York and (3) 3 Firehouse Avenue in the Village of Dresden, Yates County, New York, (C) caused notice of the First Public Hearing to be published on July 6, 2016 in The Chronicle Express, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Towns of Milo and Torrey, Yates County, New York, (D) conducted the First Public Hearing on July 18, 2016 at 7:00 o’clock p.m., local time at the Dresden Firehouse located at 1 Firehouse Avenue in the Village of Dresden, Yates County, New York, and (E) prepared a report of the First Public Hearing (the “First Public Hearing Report”) fairly summarizing the views presented at such First Public Hearing and caused copies of said First Public Hearing Report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, further pursuant to the authorization contained in the Public Hearing Resolution, the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the “Second Public Hearing”) 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 July 5, 2016 to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Second Public Hearing to be posted on July 5, 2016 on the Agency’s website and also on public bulletin boards located at (1) Yates County Courthouse, located at 415 Liberty Street in the Village of Dresden, Yates County, New York, (2) 137 Main Street in the Village of

Penn Yan, Town of Milo, Yates County, New York and (3) 3 Firehouse Avenue in the Village of Dresden, Yates County, New York, (C) caused notice of the Second Public Hearing to be published on July 6, 2016 in The Chronicle Express, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the Towns of Milo and Torrey, Yates County, New York, (D) conducted the Second Public Hearing on July 19, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time at the Yates County Auditorium, 417 Liberty Street, Village of Penn Yan, Town of Milo, Yates County, New York, and (E) prepared a report of the Second Public Hearing (the "Second Public Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Second Public Hearing and caused copies of said Second Public Hearing Report 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 August 17, 2016 (the "SEQR Resolution"), the Agency determined that the Project constitutes a "Type II Action" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA), and therefore that no further action with respect to the Project was required under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Project, the Company has requested that the Agency deviate from its uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the terms of the proposed payment in lieu of tax agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Project Facility; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency must give the chief executive officers of the County and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is located (collectively, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") written notice of the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy and the reasons therefor no fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the Agency at which the members of the Agency shall consider whether to approve such proposed deviation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer notified the Affected Tax Jurisdictions of the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy in connection with the Project, which proposed deviation is outlined in the letter dated July 18, 2016 (the "Pilot Deviation Letter"), a copy of which Pilot Deviation Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, by the Pilot Deviation Letter the Chief Executive Officer notified the chief executive officers of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions of the proposed deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy and further notified said chief executive officers that the members of the Agency would consider whether to approve such proposed deviation at this meeting;

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

Section 1. The Agency hereby finds and determines as follows:

(A) The Agency has considered any and all responses from the Affected Tax Jurisdictions to the Pilot Deviation Letter.

(B) The Agency has reviewed and responded to all written comments received from any Affected Tax Jurisdiction with respect to the proposed deviation.

(C) The Agency has given all representatives from an Affected Tax Jurisdictions in attendance at this meeting the opportunity to address the members of the Agency regarding the proposed deviation.

Section 2. Based upon (A) the findings and determinations in Section 1 above, (B) any comments received at the Public Hearing, (C) input received at this meeting from the Affected Tax Jurisdictions with respect to the proposed deviation, (D) the Agency's knowledge of the Project, (E) the recommendations of Agency staff, and (F) such further investigation of the Project and the effect of the proposed deviation as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency hereby determines to deviate from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the terms of the proposed payment in lieu of tax agreement to be entered into by the Agency with respect to the Project Facility for the reasons set forth in the Pilot Deviation Letter. Based upon the aforementioned, the Agency hereby approves a deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the terms of the approved deviation to be as described in the attached Pilot Deviation Letter.

Section 3. Upon preparation by counsel to the Agency of a payment in lieu of tax agreement with respect to the Project Facility reflecting the terms of this resolution (the "Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement") and approval of same by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of the Agency, the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) of the Agency is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, 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 such form as is approved by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman), the execution thereof by the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

Section 4. 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 Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement, 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 Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement binding upon the Agency.

Section 5. 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:

Gene Pierce	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
Jerry Hiller	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
Mary Ann Zelazny	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
Rita Gow	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
Mark Morris	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
Taylor Fitch	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>
James Willson	VOTING	<u>Yes</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

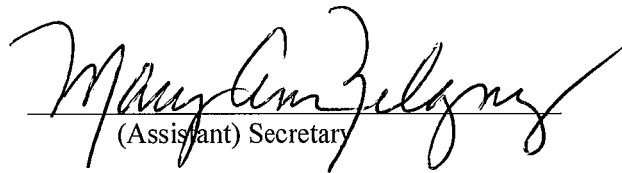
STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
  ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF YATES            )

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of Yates County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on August 17, 2016 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 contained 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

  
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(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

**EXHIBIT A**  
**PILOT DEVIATION LETTER**

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July 18, 2016

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RE: Proposed Deviation from Uniform Tax Exemption Policy by  
Yates County Industrial Development Agency in connection with its Proposed  
Greenidge Pipeline LLC Project

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is delivered to you pursuant to Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law.

On November 18, 2015, Yates County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") adopted a resolution (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), pursuant to which the Agency agreed to accept an application (the "Application") from Greenidge Pipeline LLC (the "Company"), which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project to consist of the following: (A) (1) the construction on the Plant Land of an approximately 4.6 mile natural gas pipeline (the "Pipeline"), and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery

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received by each Affected Tax Jurisdiction had the Project Facility not been tax exempt due to the status of the Agency.

The Policy provides that, for a facility similar to the Project Facility, payments in lieu of taxes will normally be determined as follows: the Company would have the benefit of a 50% abatement in real property taxes on the Facility and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property pursuant to the New York Real Property Tax Law (collectively with the Facility, the "Improvements") in year one of the payment in lieu of tax agreement with a five percent per year increase over the term of the ten year payment in lieu of tax agreement.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of such Pilot Request and that the Agency is considering whether to grant the Pilot Request and to approve a Proposed Pilot Agreement conforming to the terms of the Pilot Request. The Agency expects to consider whether to approve the terms of the Proposed Pilot Agreement at its meeting scheduled for August 17, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., local time at the offices of the Agency located in the offices of the Agency located at One Keuka Business Park in Penn Yan, Yates County, New York (the "Meeting"). This letter is forwarded to you for purposes of complying with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, which requires a thirty (30) day notice prior to the Agency taking final action with respect to the Proposed Pilot Agreement (if said Proposed Pilot Agreement may deviate from the provisions of the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy).

The Agency considered the following factors in considering the proposed deviation:

1. **The nature of the Project:** A natural gas transmission line.
2. **The present use of the property:** Vacant land.
3. **The economic condition of the area at the time of the request of the Company and the economic multiplying effect that the Project will have on the area:** Agricultural activity only.
4. **The extent to which the Project will create or retain permanent, private sector jobs and the number of jobs to be created or retained and the salary range of such jobs:** The Project also anticipates creating 60 to 80 construction jobs in conjunction with the modification of the generating plant.
5. **The economic impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on affected tax jurisdictions:** The Proposed Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement will produce \$625,343 in payments to the taxing jurisdictions in addition to those taxes already paid on the lands through which the pipeline will be constructed.

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6. **The impact of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on existing and proposed businesses and economic development projects in the vicinity:** The Project will generate significant tax revenue that will support the schools and vital public services in the Towns of Milo and Torrey and Yates County. The Project will also act as a catalyst for further development of industry and business enterprises in the region that will indirectly create considerable employment opportunities for individuals in all socio-economic levels.

7. **The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated by the Proposed Pilot Agreement:** Twenty-five Million Dollars including the modifications to the generating facility.

8. **The effect of the Proposed Pilot Agreement on the environment:** The Pipeline Facility is a Type II action not subject to review under SEQRA pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(35) as an action requiring a certificate under the Public Service Law.

9. **Project Timing:** Construction of the related pipeline and the plant modifications will commence as soon as the requisite permits and approvals are received.

10. **The extent to which the Proposed Pilot Agreement will require the provision of additional services including, but not limited to, additional educational, transportation, police, emergency medical or fire services:** No additional services are required.

11. **Anticipated tax Revenues:** \$625,343.

12. **The extent to which the Proposed Pilot Agreement will provide a benefit (economic or otherwise) not otherwise available within the municipality in which the Project Facility is located:** The Project will provide a needed source of energy, capacity, voltage support and other value power generation-related services, at no risk to the industries, manufacturers, other businesses enterprises or residents of the region and the State of New York who collectively are the captive retail power customers.

The Agency will consider the Proposed Pilot Agreement (and the proposed deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy) at the Meeting. The Agency would welcome any written comments that you might have on this proposed deviation from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy. In accordance with Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law, prior to taking final action at the Meeting, the Agency will review and respond to any written comments received from any affected tax jurisdiction with respect to the proposed deviation. The Agency will also allow any representative of any affected tax jurisdiction present at the Meeting to address the Agency regarding the proposed deviation.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above telephone number.

Sincerely yours,

/s/Steve Griffin  
Chief Executive Officer

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