

INITIAL RESOLUTION
(NY Benton I, LLC Project)

A regular meeting of the Yates County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

The following resolution was duly offered by Dr. K. Williams and seconded by S. Garcia, to wit:

Resolution No. 08/2020 - _____

RESOLUTION OF THE YATES COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THE "AGENCY") (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF NY BENTON I, LLC, FOR ITSELF AND/OR ON BEHALF OF AN ENTITY OR ENTITIES TO BE FORMED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY") WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW, THE "PROJECT"), (ii) AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT AND (iii) DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title I of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "State"), as amended, and Chapter 113 of the Laws of 1975 of the State (collectively, the "Act"), the **YATES COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, **NY BENTON I, LLC**, for itself or on behalf of an entity to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with respect to a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold or other interest in certain property located at State Route 14A, Town of Benton, Yates County, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 17.01-1-5, as may be subdivided); (B) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 5MWac solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); and (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain items of equipment, machinery and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18-A of the Act the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the financial assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Agency will hold a public hearing and (i) negotiate a project agreement (the "Project Agreement"), whereby the Agency will designate the Company as its agent for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project; (ii) negotiate and enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), a leaseback agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), a tax agreement (the "Tax Agreement") and related documents with the Company; (iii) take a leasehold interest in the Land, the Existing Improvements, if any, the Improvements, the Equipment and the personal property constituting the Project (once the Lease Agreement, the Leaseback Agreement and the Tax Agreement have been negotiated); and (iv) provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of (a) a sales and use tax exemption for purchases and rentals related to the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project, (b) a partial real property tax abatement structured through the Tax Agreement, and (c) a mortgage recording tax exemption for the financing related to the Project (collectively, the "Financial Assistance").

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

Section 1. The Company has presented the Application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, 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; and

(B) The Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and

(C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in Yates County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and

(D) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the 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.

Section 2. The Chairman, Vice Chairman or Chief Executive Officer of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to hold a public hearing in compliance with the Act and negotiate (but not execute or deliver) the terms of (A) the Project Agreement, whereby the Agency appoints the Company as its agent to undertake the Project, (B) the Lease Agreement, whereby the Company leases the Project to the Agency, (C) the related Leaseback Agreement, whereby the Agency conveys the Project back to the Company, (D) the Tax Agreement, (E) a mortgage and (F) related documents; provided that the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project.

Section 3. The Agency is hereby authorized to conduct a public hearing in compliance with the Act.

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 and to execute and deliver all such 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 resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 5. These Resolutions 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:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Gene Pierce	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Rita Gow	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Ryan Hallings	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Dr. Kim Williams	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Sirene Garcia	[X]	[]	[]	[]
William Holgate	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Janice Gaub	[X]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

CERTIFICATION
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF YATES) ss.:

I, the undersigned Secretary of Yates County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

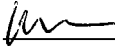
That I have compared the annexed extract of minutes of the meeting of Yates County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), including the resolution contained therein, held on August 19, 2020, with the original thereof on file in the office of the Agency, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that all members of the Agency had due notice of the meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), the meeting was open to the general public and that public notice of the time and place of the meeting was duly given in accordance with such Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that 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 modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Agency this 19th day of August, 2020.



Secretary