

## **LEASEBACK TO COMPANY**

*THIS LEASEBACK TO COMPANY* ("Leaseback Agreement"), made as of December 31, 2024 ("Effective Date") by and between the COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("Agency"), a corporate governmental agency constituting a body corporate and politic and a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, having its principal offices at 548 Broadway, Monticello, New York 12701 and NY FALLSBURG (FRANK BROWN ROAD), LLC, a New York limited liability company, having its principal offices located at 140 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 32B-1, New York, New York 10017 ("Company").

### **RECITALS**

*WHEREAS*, Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York ("Enabling Act") was duly enacted into law as Chapter 1030 of the Laws of 1969 of the State of New York ("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, 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 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 connection with the provisions of the Enabling Act, Chapter 560 of the Laws of 1970 of the State (collectively referred to as the "Act") created the Agency which is empowered under the Act to undertake the providing, financing and leasing of the facility described below; and

*WHEREAS*, the Project (as hereinafter defined) shall be constructed on approximately 45.35 acres on Frank Brown Road located in the Town of Fallsburg (the "Town"), County of Sullivan ("County"), New York, and identified on the Town tax map as Section 28, Block 1, Lot 18.1 (the "Land"); and

*WHEREAS*, on or about November 20, 2024, the Company presented an application to the Agency (the "Application"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project consisting of the construction of an approximately 4MWac solar photovoltaic electricity-generating facility that will be interconnected to the New York State Energy and Gas electrical grid (the "Project"). The Project is new construction and will be comprised of (a) racking to mount the solar modules (such racking generally to be placed

on concrete foundations); (b) solar modules; (c) inverters and transformers to sit on a concrete inverter pad; and (d) assorted electrical components and wiring. The solar array will be constructed on the Land; and

*WHEREAS*, by resolution, dated December 16, 2024 ("Project Authorizing Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Company to act as its agent for the purposes of constructing the Project and conferred on the Company certain financial assistance consisting of: (a) an exemption from all State and local sales and use tax for the purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Project or used in the construction of the Project, and (b) a partial abatement from real property taxes for a period of five (5) years following the statutory exemption from real property taxes under Real Property Tax Law Section 487, which exemption shall be conferred through a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement requiring the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT Agreement") for the benefit of each municipality and school district having taxing jurisdiction over the Project (collectively, the sales and use tax exemption, the mortgage recording tax exemption, and the partial abatement from real property taxes, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Financial Assistance"); and

*WHEREAS*, subsequent to the adoption by the Agency of the Project Authorizing Resolution, the Company confirmed that the solar photovoltaic power would equal 2.5MWac; and

*WHEREAS*, in order to induce the Company to develop the Project, the Agency is willing to enter into a lease/leaseback transaction involving a lease of the Project from the Company to the Agency and a lease of the Project from the Agency to the Company; and

*WHEREAS*, the development of the Project will further the State's goal of having fifty (50%) percent of the State's electricity generated from renewable sources by the year 2030, which is a goal of the New York Reforming the Energy Vision initiative enacted by the Public Service Commission in 2015; and

*WHEREAS*, the Company has agreed with the Agency, on behalf of the Agency and as the Agency's agent, to construct the Project in accordance with the plans presented to the Agency; and

*WHEREAS*, the Agency proposes to lease the Project to the Company and the Company desires to rent the Project from the Agency, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth in this Leaseback Agreement subject to the terms of that certain Payment In Lieu of Tax Agreement, of even date herewith ("PILOT Agreement").

*NOW THEREFORE*, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual terms, conditions, limitations and agreements set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

- 1.1. Representations and Covenants of the 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 under the provisions of the Act and has the power to enter into the transaction contemplated by this Leaseback Agreement and to carry out its obligations hereunder. Based upon the representations of the Company as to the utilization of the Project, the Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act.
  - (b) The Agency has been duly authorized to execute and deliver this Leaseback Agreement.
  - (c) The Agency will take or has taken a leasehold interest in the Project, will lease the Project to the Company pursuant to this Leaseback Agreement and designate the Company as its agent for purposes of constructing the Solar Array, all for the purpose of promoting the industry, health, welfare, convenience and prosperity of the inhabitants of the State and the County of Sullivan and improving their standard of living.
  - (d) Neither the execution and delivery of this Leaseback Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of this Leaseback Agreement will conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the Act or of any corporate restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the Agency is a party or by which it is bound, or will constitute default under any of the foregoing, 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 any such instrument or agreement.
  - (e) The Agency has been induced to enter into this Leaseback Agreement by the undertaking of the Company to construct the Solar Array and the related jobs resulting therefrom in the County.
- 1.2. Representations and Covenants of the 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, existing and in good standing under the laws of the State, has the authority to enter into this Leaseback Agreement and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Leaseback Agreement.

- (b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Leaseback Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of this Leaseback Agreement will conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction or any agreement or instrument to which it is bound, or will constitute a default under any of the foregoing, 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 instrument or agreement.
- (c) The construction of the Project 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 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 located within the State.
- (d) The Project and the operation thereof will conform with all applicable zoning, planning, building and environmental laws and regulations of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project, and the Company shall defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from any liability or expenses resulting from any failure by the Company to comply with the provisions of this subsection (d) and subsection (f) below.
- (e) The Company has caused to be transferred to the Agency pursuant to the Lease to Agency dated as of even date herewith (the "Lease Agreement") a leasehold interest in all those properties and assets contemplated by this Leaseback Agreement.
- (f) There is no action, 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 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.
- (g) The Company covenants (i) that the Project will comply in all respects with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, (ii) that no pollutants, contaminants, solid wastes, or toxic or hazardous substances will be stored, treated, generated, disposed of, or allowed to exist on the Project except in compliance with all applicable laws, (iii) the Company will take all reasonable and prudent steps to prevent an unlawful release of hazardous substances onto the Project or onto any other property, (iv) that no asbestos will be incorporated into or disposed of on the Project, (v) that no underground storage tanks will be located on the Project except in full compliance at all times with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and (vi) 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 (g) 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 chief executive officer, executive director, directors, officers, employees, members, agents (except the Company), representatives, and their respective successors and assigns and personal representatives 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 (g). In the event the Agency has reasonable grounds to believe that Company may be in violation of any of the above, and if Company does not provide evidence to the contrary reasonably satisfactory to the Agency within twenty (20) days after notice thereof, the Company agrees to pay the third party expenses of the Agency incurred in order to determine whether such violation has occurred upon demand, and agrees that upon failure to do so, its obligation for such expenses shall be deemed to be additional rent.

- (h) The Company covenants and agrees that, in consideration of the participation of the Agency in the transactions contemplated herein, it will, except as otherwise provided by the collective bargaining contracts to which it is a party, cause any new employment opportunities created in connection with the Project to be listed with the New York State Department of Labor, Community Services Division and with the administrative entity of the service delivery area created pursuant to the Job Training Partnership Act (PL 97-300) in which the Project is located (collectively referred to as the "Referral Agencies"). The Company also agrees that it will, except as otherwise provided by the collective bargaining contracts to which it is a party, first consider for such new employment opportunities persons eligible to participate in federal job training partnership (PL 97-300) programs who shall be referred by the Referral Agencies.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **DEMISING CLAUSES AND RENTAL PROVISIONS**

- 2.1. Agreement to Transfer Leasehold Interest to Agency. The Company has leased and demised or has caused to be leased and demised to the Agency a leasehold interest in the Land as more particularly described on Schedule A attached hereto, including any buildings, structures or improvements thereon, and the Company shall procure the equipment to be used for the construction of the Solar Array as agent of the Agency pursuant to the Agent and Project Agreement dated as of the Effective Date by and between the Company and the Agency ("Agent Agreement"). At the Company's request, the Agency shall convey the Solar Array to the Company pursuant to a bill of sale and the Company has or will lease to the Agency all of its interest in the Project. The Company agrees the Agency's interest in the Project resulting from said transfers and/or 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 or loss or damage arising out of a lien (other than any lien arising from the actions of the Agency) adversely affecting the Project and will pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any action respecting any such lien adversely affecting the Project.

- 2.2. Construction of the Solar Array. The Company, as agent for the Agency, will construct the Solar Array. The Company hereby covenants and agrees to file when required with the State Department of Taxation and Finance the statement required by General Municipal Law Section 874(8) concerning the value of sales tax exemptions claimed.
- 2.3. Demise of Project. The Agency hereby transfers, leases and demises to the Company all its right, title and interest in the Project granted pursuant to that certain Lease to Agency, dated as of the Effective Date by and between the Company and the Agency, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, whereby the Company granted to the Agency a leasehold interest in the Project as more particularly described in Schedule A hereto, including any buildings, structures or improvements thereon constituting the Project and the Company hereby rents and leases the Project from the Agency upon the terms and conditions of this Leaseback Agreement.
- 2.4. Remedies to be Pursued Against Contractors and Subcontractors and its Sureties. In the event of a default by any contractor, subcontractor or any other person under any contract made by it in connection with the Project or in the event of a breach of warranty or other liability with respect to any materials, workmanship, or performance, or guaranty, the Company at its expense, either separately or in conjunction with others, may pursue any and all remedies available to them and the Agency, as appropriate, against the contractor, subcontractor, manufacturer, supplier or other person so in default and against such 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, manufacturer, supplier or surety or other person which is reasonably necessary, and in such events 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 (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees) in any such action or proceeding.
- 2.5. Duration of Lease Term; Quiet Enjoyment.
  - (a) The Agency shall deliver to the Company sole and exclusive possession of the Project (subject to the provisions hereof) and the leasehold estate created hereby shall commence on the date hereof.
  - (b) The leasehold estate created hereby shall terminate on the earlier of (i) 11:59 P.M. on February 15, 2046, (ii) upon termination of the Lease Agreement, or (iii) on such earlier date as may be permitted by Section 8.1 hereof.
  - (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) The Agency shall, subject to the provisions hereof, neither take nor suffer nor permit any action, other than pursuant to Articles VII or VIII of this Leaseback Agreement, to prevent the Company during the Lease Term from having quiet and peaceable possession and enjoyment of the Project 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 Project as hereinabove provided.

2.6. Rents and Other Consideration. The Company shall pay rent for the Project as follows:

- (a) ONE and 00/100 (\$1.00) DOLLAR upon execution of this Leaseback Agreement.
- (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 thirty (30) days of the receipt of demand therefor, an amount equal to the sum of the reasonable third party expenses of the Agency and the members thereof incurred (i) by reason of the Agency's leasehold interest in the Project or its leasing of the Project to the Company and (ii) in connection with the carrying out of the Agency's duties and obligations under this Leaseback Agreement.
- (c) The Company agrees to make the above-mentioned payments, without any further notice, in lawful money of the United States of America as, at the time of payment, shall be legal tender for the payment of public or private debts. In the event the Company shall fail to timely make any payment required in this Section 2.6, the Company shall pay the same together with interest from the date said payment is due at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum.

2.7. Obligations of the 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 a general obligation 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. The Company agrees it will not (i) suspend, discontinue or abate any payment required by Section 2.6 hereof, (ii) fail to observe any of its other covenants or agreements in this Leaseback Agreement or (iii) except as provided in Section 8.1 hereof, terminate this Leaseback Agreement for any cause whatsoever including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, failure to complete the Project, or any defect in the design, operation, merchantability, fitness or condition of the Project or in the suitability of the Project for the Company's purposes and needs, or failure of consideration, destruction of or damage to the Project, commercial frustration of purpose, or the taking by condemnation of the use of all or any part of the Project, any change in the tax or other laws of the United States of America or administrative rulings of or administrative actions by the State or any political subdivision of either, or any failure of the Agency to perform and observe any

agreement, whether expressed or implied, or any duty, liability or obligation arising out of or in connection with this Leaseback Agreement, or otherwise. 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 nonperformance, and the Agency covenants that it will not, subject to the provisions of Section 5.2 hereof, take any action that will adversely affect the Project or that will otherwise adversely affect the rights of estates of the Company hereunder, except upon written consent of the Company. None of the foregoing shall relieve the Company of its obligations under Section 5.2 hereof.

- 2.8 Subordination to the Mortgage. This Leaseback Agreement and all rights of the Agency hereunder, except for any rights of the Agency under Sections 3.3 and 3.7 of this Leaseback Agreement or the Unassigned Rights (as such term is defined in Section 6.1 of this Leaseback Agreement), are and shall be subordinate to any lien or mortgage (the "Mortgage") by any financing party, if any, on the Project. The subordination of this Leaseback Agreement to the Mortgage shall be automatic, without the execution of any further subordination agreement by the Agency. Nonetheless, if the lender requires a further written subordination agreement, the Agency hereby agrees to execute, acknowledge and deliver the same.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **MAINTENANCE, MODIFICATIONS, TAXES AND INSURANCE**

- 3.1. Maintenance and Modifications of Project by the Company.

- (a) The Company agrees that during the Lease Term it will (i) keep the Project in reasonably safe condition; (iii) use and maintain the Project in a sound manner consistent with prudent industry practices; and (iv) operate the Project such that it continues to qualify under the Act and pursuant to the terms contained herein. The Company will indemnify, defend and hold the Agency harmless from any liability or expenses from the failure by the Company to comply with this subsection (a).
- (b) The Company, at its own expense, and without the prior written approval of the Agency from time to time may make any structural additions, modifications or improvements to the Project or any addition, modifications or improvements to the Project or any part thereof which it may deem desirable for its business purposes and uses that do not substantially change the nature of the Project. All such structural additions, modifications or improvements so made by the Company shall become a part of the Project; provided, however, the Company shall not be qualified for a sales and use tax exemption when making said additions, modifications or improvements except to the extent (i) the Company is acting as agent for the



Agency under an Agent Agreement between the Agency and the Company that contemplates said additions, modifications or improvements or (ii) as otherwise provided by law. The Company agrees to deliver to the Agency all documents that may be necessary or appropriate to transfer to the Agency a leasehold interest in the Project.

3.2. Installation of Additional Equipment. The Company from time to time may install additional equipment or other personal property in the Project (which may be attached or affixed to the Land), and such equipment or other personal property shall, if so elected by Company, not become, or be deemed to become, a part of the Project. The Company from time to time may remove or permit the removal of such equipment or other personal property; provided that any such removal of such equipment or other personal property shall not adversely affect the purposes for which it is intended.

3.3. Taxes, Assessments and Utility Charges.

(a) The Company agrees to pay, as the same respectively become due, (i) all taxes and governmental charges of any kind whatsoever which may at any time be lawfully assessed or levied against or with respect to the Project and any machinery, equipment or other property installed or brought by the Company therein or thereon, subject to any tax abatement or exemption available to the Company; (ii) all utility and other charges, including "service charges," incurred or imposed for the operation, maintenance, use, occupancy, upkeep and improvement of the Project; and (iii) all assessments and charges of any kind whatsoever lawfully made by any governmental body for public improvements; 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, may in good faith contest any such taxes, assessments and other charges. In the event of any such contest, the Company may, with prior written notice to the Agency, permit the taxes, assessments or other charges so contested to remain unpaid during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom, unless the Agency reasonably requests payment prior to settlement.

3.4. Insurance Required. At all times throughout the Lease Term, including without limitation during any period of construction of the Solar Array, the Company shall maintain or cause to be maintained insurance against such risks and for such amounts as are customarily insured against by businesses of like size and type paying, as the same become due and payable, all premiums in respect thereto, including, but not necessarily limited to:

(a) Worker's Compensation insurance, disability benefits insurance, and each other form of insurance which the Agency or the Company is required by law to provide,

covering loss resulting from injury, sickness, disability or death of employees of the Company who are located at or assigned to the Project.

- (b) Insurance against loss or losses from liabilities 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 and death or damage to the property of others caused by any accident or occurrence, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident or occurrence on account of personal injury, including death resulting therefrom, and \$1,000,000 per accident or occurrence on account of damage to the property of others, excluding liability imposed upon the Company by any applicable Worker's Compensation Law; and a blanket excess liability policy in the amount not less than \$2,000,000, protecting the Company against any loss or liability or damage for personal injury or property damage.

3.5. Additional Provisions Respecting Insurance.

- (a) All insurance required by Section 3.4(b) hereof shall name the Agency as an additional insured. Such insurance shall be written with deductible amounts not exceeding \$10,000.00. All policies of insurance shall be primary and non-contributory. All insurance shall be procured and maintained in financially sound and generally recognized responsible insurance companies selected by the Company (and reasonably satisfactory to the Agency) and authorized to write such insurance in the State. All policies evidencing such insurance shall provide for at least thirty (30) days written notice of the cancellation thereof to the Company and the Agency.
- (b) All such certificates of insurance of the insurers that such insurance is in force and effect, shall be deposited with the Agency on or before the commencement of the term of this Leaseback Agreement. Prior to expiration of the policy evidenced by said certificates, the Company shall furnish the Agency evidence that the policy has been renewed or replaced or is no longer required by this Leaseback Agreement.

3.6. Application of Net Proceeds of Insurance. The net proceeds of the insurance carried pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.4 hereof shall first be applied toward extinguishment or satisfaction of the liability with respect to which such insurance proceeds may be paid, and any excess shall be paid to the Company.

3.7. Right of Agency to Pay Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Charges. If the Company fails, after at least fifteen (15) days prior written notice from Agency (i) to pay any tax, assessment or other governmental charge required to be paid by Section 3.3 hereof or (ii) to maintain any insurance required to be maintained by Section 3.4 hereof, the Agency may pay such tax, assessment or other governmental charge or the premium for such insurance. The Company shall, on demand, reimburse the Agency for any amount so paid together with interest thereon from the date of payment at twelve percent (12%) per annum.

## ARTICLE IV

### DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION AND CONDEMNATION

#### 4.1. Damage or Destruction.

- (a) If the Project 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 or restore the Project;
  - (ii) there shall be no abatement or reduction in the amounts payable by the Company under this Leaseback Agreement; and
  - (iii) Subject to subsection (b) of this Section 4.1, the Company may in its discretion replace, repair, rebuild or restore the Project, with such changes, alterations and modifications as may be desired by the Company and may use insurance proceeds for all such purposes.

All such replacements, repairs, rebuilding or restoration made pursuant to this Section 4.1, whether or not requiring the expenditure of the Company's own money, shall automatically become a part of the Project as if the same were specifically described herein.

- (b) In the event the Project is damaged or destroyed such that it is no longer operational, and the Company decides not to replace, repair, rebuild or restore the Project, the Company shall notify the Agency of such determination and upon receipt of such notice the Company shall be deemed to have exercised its option to terminate this Leaseback Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1 hereof.
- (c) The Company may adjust all claims under any policies of insurance insuring against damage to property and will be exclusively entitled to all proceeds payable in connection with such policies.

#### 4.2. Condemnation.

- (a) If at any time during the Lease Term the whole or any part of title to, or the use of, the Project shall be taken by condemnation, the Agency shall have no obligation to restore or replace the Project and there shall be no abatement or reduction in the amounts payable by the Company under this Leaseback Agreement. The Agency shall not have any interest whatsoever in any condemnation award, and the Company shall have the exclusive right to same.

Subject to subsection (b) of this Section 4.2, the Company may in its discretion

elect to:

- (i) restore all or a portion of the Project (excluding any land taken by condemnation), or
- (ii) acquire, by construction or otherwise, facilities of substantially the same nature and value as an operating entity as the Project subject to Agency consent.

The Project, as so restored, or the substitute facility, whether or not requiring the expenditure of the Company's own moneys, shall automatically become part of the Project as if the same were specifically described herein.

- (b) In the event the Project is taken by condemnation such that it is no longer operational, and the Company decides not to restore or substitute the Project, the Company shall notify the Agency of such determination and upon receipt of such notice the Company shall be deemed to have exercised its option to terminate this Leaseback Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1 hereof.
- (c) The Agency shall cooperate fully with the Company in the handling and conduct of any condemnation proceeding with respect to the Project. In no event shall the Agency voluntarily settle, or consent to the settlement of, any condemnation proceeding with respect to the Project without the written consent of the Company.
- (d) The Company hereby waives the provisions of Real Property Law Section 227 or any law of like import now or hereafter in effect.

- 4.3. Condemnation of the 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 Project.

## ARTICLE V

### SPECIAL COVENANTS

- 5.1. No Warranty of Condition or Suitability by the Agency. THE AGENCY MAKES NO WARRANTY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE CONDITION, TITLE, DESIGN, OPERATION, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS OF THE PROJECT OR THAT IT IS OR WILL BE SUITABLE FOR THE COMPANY'S PURPOSES OR NEEDS.
- 5.2. Hold Harmless Provisions. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Company hereby releases the Agency from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Agency, its chief executive officer, executive director, directors, officers, employees, members, agents (except the Company),

representatives, and their respective successors and assigns and personal representatives 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 any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project or arising by reason of or in connection with the occupation or the use thereof or the presence on, in or about the Project or (ii) liability arising from or expense incurred by the Agency's financing, constructing and leasing of the Project to the Company, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and reasonable attorneys' fees and any other reasonable expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions that may arise as a result of any of the foregoing; except, however, that such indemnities will not be applicable with respect to willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the indemnified party. The foregoing indemnities shall apply notwithstanding the breach of a statutory obligation or the application of any rule of comparative or apportioned liability. The foregoing obligations of the Company shall remain in full force and effect after the termination of this Leaseback Agreement.

- 5.3. Right to Inspect the Project. The Agency and its duly authorized agents shall have the right at all reasonable times and upon reasonable prior notice to inspect the Project. The Agency shall honor and comply with any reasonable restricted access and safety policies of the Company relating to the Project.
- 5.4. Agreement to Provide Information. The Company agrees, whenever requested by the Agency, to provide and certify or cause to be provided and certified, without delay, such information concerning the Company, the Project and other topics necessary to enable the Agency to make any report required by law or governmental regulation.
- 5.5. Books of Record and Account; Financial Statements. The Company at all times agrees to maintain proper accounts, records and books in which full and correct entries shall be made, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, of all business and affairs of the Company relating to the Project.
- 5.6. Compliance With Orders, Ordinances, Etc.
  - (a) The Company agrees that it will, throughout the Lease Term, promptly comply in all material respects with all statutes, codes, laws, acts, ordinances, orders, judgments, decrees, injunctions, rules, regulations, permits, licenses, authorizations, directions and requirements of all federal, state, county, municipal and other governments, departments, commissions, boards, companies or associations insuring the premises, courts, authorities, officials and officers, foreseen or unforeseen, ordinary or extraordinary, which now or at any time hereafter may be applicable to the Project or any part thereof, or to any use, manner of use or condition of the Project or any part thereof.
  - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section 5.6, the Company may in good faith contest the validity of the applicability of any requirement of the nature referred to in such subsection (a). 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. The Company shall give prompt notice of the foregoing to the Agency.

5.7. Discharge of Liens and Encumbrances.

- (a) The Company shall not permit or create or suffer to be permitted or created any lien upon the Project 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 Project or any part thereof.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section 5.7, the Company may in good faith contest any such lien. In such event, the Company, with the prior written notice to the Agency 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 to promptly secure payment of all such unpaid items by filing the requisite bond, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agency thereby causing a lien to be removed.

5.8. Depreciation, Deductions and Investment Tax Credit. The Company shall be exclusively entitled to all tax benefits and credits, including without limitation depreciation deductions with respect to any depreciable property in the Project pursuant to Section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code and to any investment credit pursuant to Section 48 of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER; ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBLEASING

6.1. Restriction on Transfer of Project. Except, to the extent specifically requested by Company, for the granting of a mortgage interest or security interests to lenders designated by the Company ("Lender") under a mortgage, security agreement and/or assignment of leases and rents in a form reasonably acceptable to the Agency, Lender and the Company for purposes of constructing and financing the Project along with all modifications, substitutions and/or restatements thereof, the Agency shall not transfer, encumber or otherwise dispose of the Project or any part thereof or any of its rights under this Leaseback Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably denied or delayed. Under no circumstances shall the Agency be required to mortgage, grant a security interest in or assign its rights to receive the rentals described in Section 2.6 hereof or its rights to be indemnified under Sections 1.2(e), 1.2(h), 2.1, 3.1(a) and 5.2 herein (collectively referred to as "Unassigned Rights").

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 has become inadequate, obsolete, worn out, unsuitable, undesirable or unnecessary, the Company may remove such item of Equipment from the Project and may sell, trade-in, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same, as a whole or in part.

- (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 reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred in transferring title to and releasing any item of Equipment removed pursuant to this Section 6.2.
- (c) The removal of any item of Equipment pursuant to this Section 6.2 shall not entitle the Company to any abatement of or diminution of the rents payable under Section 2.6 hereof.

6.3. Maintaining Existence and Assignment and Subleasing.

- (a) The Company agrees during the Lease Term, it will maintain its existence, will not dissolve, liquidate or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets and will not consolidate with or merge into another entity or permit one or more entities to consolidate with or merge into it, without the prior written consent of the Agency which consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- (b) This Leaseback Agreement may not be assigned in whole or in part, and the Project may not be subleased, in whole or in part, except to an affiliate of the Company or pursuant to a collateral assignment to any Lender, without the prior written consent of the Agency in each instance, which consent shall not be denied or delayed. Any assignment or subleases shall be on the following conditions, as of the time of each assignment and sublease:
  - (i) no assignment or sublease shall relieve the Company from primary liability for any of its obligations hereunder;
  - (ii) the assignee shall assume the obligations of the Company hereunder to the extent of the interest assigned;
  - (iii) the sublessee shall take its interest subject to this Leaseback Agreement, however the sublessee shall not be required to assume the obligations of the Company hereunder;
  - (iv) the Company shall, within ten (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; and

- (v) the Project shall continue to constitute a "project" as such quoted term is defined in the Act.
- (c) 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 to the Agency with an opinion, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agency as to items (i), (ii) and (iv) above.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **DEFAULT**

#### **7.1. Events of Default Defined.**

- (a) Each of the following shall be an "Event of Default" under this Leaseback Agreement:
  - (i) If the Company fails to pay the amounts required to be paid pursuant to Sections 3.3 or 3.7 hereof and such failure shall have continued for a period of thirty (30) days after the Agency gives written notice of such failure to the Company;
  - (ii) If there is any purposeful, willful and knowing breach by the Company of any of its other agreements or covenants set forth in this Leaseback Agreement that shall have continued for a period of thirty (30) days after the Agency gives written notice of such breach to the Company;
  - (iii) If there is any failure by the Company to observe or perform any other covenant, condition or agreement required by this Leaseback Agreement to be observed or performed and such failure shall have continued for a period of thirty (30) days after the Agency gives written notice to the Company, specifying that failure and stating that it be remedied, or in the case of any such default which can be cured with due diligence but not within such thirty (30) day period, the Company's failure to proceed promptly to cure such default and thereafter prosecute the curing of such default with due diligence;
  - (iv) If any representation or warranty of the Company contained in this Leaseback Agreement is incorrect, subject to any notice or cure provisions provided herein; or
  - (v) Any default by the Company under the PILOT Agreement [or Agent Agreement] that shall have continued for a period of time beyond the cure period(s) provided for in the PILOT Agreement [or Agent Agreement].



- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 7.1 (a), if by reason of *force majeure* either party hereto shall be unable in whole or in part to carry out its obligations under 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, the obligations under this Leaseback Agreement of the party giving such notice, so far as it is 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 suspension of such obligations for such period pursuant to this subsection (b) shall not be deemed an Event of Default under this Section 7.1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this subsection (b), an event of *force majeure* shall not excuse, delay or in any way diminish the obligations of the Company to or make the payments required by Sections 3.3 and 3.7 hereof, to obtain and continue in full force and effect the insurance required by Section 3.4 hereof, to provide the indemnity required by Section 5.2 hereof and to comply with the terms of Sections 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7 hereof. 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 its departments, agencies, governmental subdivisions, or officials, any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, 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, lock-outs 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.

7.2. Remedies on Default. Whenever any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, 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 the sums under Sections 3.3 and 3.7 hereof; and all other payments due under this Leaseback Agreement.
- (ii) Take any action at law or in equity which may appear necessary or desirable including, without limitation, to seek and obtain damages or other monetary or

equitable relief, and to collect the payments then due or thereafter to become due hereunder, and to enforce the obligations, agreements or covenants of the Company under this Leaseback Agreement; or

- (iii) Terminate this Leaseback Agreement, subject to any notice or cure provisions provided herein. Such termination is in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the Agency hereunder and without mitigation of such rights and remedies. Upon such termination this Leaseback Agreement and the Lease Agreement will terminate and all right and interest in the Project held by Agency will be conveyed from the Agency to the Company. The Company hereby appoints the Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer of the Agency as its attorney-in-fact for the limited purpose of signing any forms which are necessary to accomplish such termination or conveyance. The Company acknowledges that the foregoing appointment is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable.

- 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.
- 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, or for obtaining other relief, the Company shall, on demand therefor, pay to the Agency, the reasonable fees of such attorneys and such other expenses so incurred.
- 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.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### EARLY TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT; OBLIGATIONS OF COMPANY

- 8.1. Early Termination of Agreement. The Company shall have the option at any time to terminate this Leaseback Agreement and the Lease Agreement 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 8.1 and upon compliance with the requirements

set forth in Section 8.2 hereof.

8.2. Option to Terminate Agency's Leasehold Interest in the Project. Upon termination of this Leaseback Agreement in accordance with Section 2.5, 7.2 or Section 8.1 hereof, the Company shall pay all sums due to the Agency under Sections 3.3 and 3.7 and all other sums due under this Leaseback Agreement ("Termination Payment").

8.3. Termination of Leaseback.

(a) Pursuant to Section 8.2 hereof, the Agency shall, within thirty (30) days of (i) written notice from the Company as required by Section 8.1 hereof; and (ii) receipt of the Termination Payment, deliver to the Company all necessary documents to reflect termination of this Leaseback Agreement and the Lease and conveyance of all the Agency's right and interest in the Project to Company, subject only to the following:

(i) any liens to which the Project was subject when leased to the Agency;

(ii) any liens created at the request of the Company or to the creation of which the Company consented; and

(iii) 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.

(b) The Agency shall 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 Project (specifically excluding all rights of the Agency hereunder including its rights to indemnification hereunder).

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

9.1. Notices. All notices provided for by this Leaseback Agreement shall be made in writing, and shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery if personally served on the party to whom notice is to be given, or on the next day after mailing if mailed to the party to whom notice is to be given by overnight courier of national reputation providing evidence of receipt and properly addressed, or on the third day after mailing if mailed to the party to whom notice shall be given by First Class, Certified mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

To the Agency:

County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency  
548 Broadway

Monticello, New York 12701  
Attn: Executive Director

With a copy to:

Walter F. Garigliano P.C.  
449 Broadway, P.O. Drawer 1069  
Monticello, New York 12701  
Attn: Walter F. Garigliano, Esq.

And to:

Harris Beach PLLC  
99 Garnsey Road  
Pittsford, New York 14534  
Attn: Shawn M. Griffin, Esq.

To the Company:

NY Fallsburg (Frank Brown Road), LLC  
140 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 32B-1  
New York, New York 10017  
Attn: Richard Winter, CEO

With a copy to:

Law Office of Richard W. Chun  
1225 Franklin Avenue, Suite 325  
Garden City, New York 11530  
Attn: Richard Chun, Esq.

or to such other addresses or addressees as any party may from time to time furnish to the other party by notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9.1. All notices shall be deemed given when mailed or personally delivered in the manner provided in this Section 9.1.

- 9.2. Binding Effect. This Leaseback Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Agency, the Company and its respective permitted successors and assigns.
- 9.3. Waiver. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Leaseback Agreement shall be deemed to or shall constitute a waiver or any other provision, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.
- 9.4. Severability. If any provision of this Leaseback Agreement shall be determined to be illegal and unenforceable by any court of law or any competent governmental or other authority, the remaining provisions shall be severable and enforceable in accordance with its terms so long as this Leaseback Agreement without such terms or provisions does not

fail of its essential purpose or purposes. The parties will negotiate in good faith to replace any such illegal or unenforceable provision or provisions with suitable substitute provisions which will maintain the economic purposes and intentions of this Leaseback Agreement.

- 9.5. Governing Law, Venue. This Leaseback Agreement shall be governed, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York for contracts to be wholly performed therein. The parties hereby designate a court of proper jurisdiction located in the County of Sullivan as the exclusive venue for resolution of any disputes which may arise under or by reason of this Leaseback Agreement.
- 9.6. Survival of Obligations. The obligations of the Company to make payments required by Sections 3.7 hereof, all other payments due under this Leaseback Agreement and all indemnities shall survive any termination or expiration of this Leaseback Agreement.
- 9.7. Section Headings Not Controlling. The headings of the several sections in this Leaseback Agreement have been prepared for convenience of reference only and shall not control, affect the meaning or be taken as an interpretation of any provision of this Leaseback Agreement.
- 9.8. 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 the County of Sullivan, in the State of New York or in such other office as may at the time be provided by law as the proper place for the recordation or filing thereof.
- 9.9. Merger of Agency.
- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary or otherwise contained in this Leaseback Agreement, nothing contained in this Leaseback Agreement shall prevent the consolidation of the Agency with, or merger of the Agency into, or transfer of its leasehold interest in the Project to any other public benefit corporation or political subdivision which has the legal authority to lease the Project; provided, however that such merger or transfer shall not impact the tax exempt status of the Project, 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 Project shall be transferred.
- (b) Within thirty (30) days after the consummation of any such consolidation, merger or transfer of its leasehold interest, the Agency shall give notice thereof in reasonable detail to the Company. The Agency shall furnish such additional information with respect to any such transaction as the Company may reasonably

request.

9.10. No Recourse; Special Obligation.

- (a) The obligations and agreements of the Agency contained herein and any other instrument or document executed in connection herewith, and any other instrument or document supplemental thereto or hereto, shall be deemed the obligations and agreements of the Agency, and not any director, officer, employee, member, agent (other than the Company) or representative of the Agency in his individual capacity, and the directors, officers, employees, members, agents (other than the Company) or representatives of the Agency shall not be liable personally hereon or thereon or be subject to any personal liability or accountability based upon or in respect hereof or thereof or of any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby.
- (b) The obligations and agreements of the Agency contained hereby shall not constitute or give rise to an obligation of the State of New York or of the County of Sullivan and neither the State of New York nor the County of Sullivan shall be liable hereon or thereon, and, further, such obligations and agreements shall not constitute or give rise to a general obligation of the Agency, but rather shall constitute limited obligations of the Agency, payable solely from the revenues of the Agency derived and to be derived from the Agency's interest in the Project.
- (c) No order or decree of specific performance with respect to any of the obligations of the Agency hereunder shall be sought or enforced against the Agency unless (i) the party seeking such order or decree shall first have requested the Agency in writing to take the action sought in such order or decree of specific performance, and ten (10) days shall have elapsed from the date of receipt of such request, and the Agency shall have refused to comply with such request (or, if compliance therewith would reasonably be expected to take longer than ten (10) days, shall have failed to institute and diligently pursue action to cause compliance with such request) or failed to respond within such notice period, (ii) if the Agency refuses to comply with such request and the Agency's refusal to comply is based on its reasonable expectation that it will incur fees and expenses, the party seeking such order or decree shall have placed in an account with the Agency an amount or undertaking sufficient to cover such reasonable fees and expenses, and (iii) if the Agency refuses to comply with such request and the Agency's refusal to comply is based on its reasonable expectation that it or any of its directors, officers, employees, members, agents (other than the Company) or representatives of the Agency shall be subject to potential liability, the party seeking such order or decree shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and its directors, officers, employees, members, agents (other than the Company) and representatives of the Agency against all liability expected to be incurred as a result of compliance with such request.
- (d) The obligations and agreements of the Company contained herein and any other

instrument or document executed in connection herewith, and any other instrument or document supplemental thereto or hereto, shall be deemed the obligations and agreements of the Company, and not of any member, direct or indirect beneficial owners, affiliates, partners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees or representatives of the Company in his or their individual capacity, and the members, direct or indirect beneficial owners, affiliates, partners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents and employees or representatives of the Company shall not be liable personally hereon or thereon or be subject to any personal liability or accountability based upon or in respect hereof or thereof or of any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby.

- 9.11. Entire Agreement. This Leaseback Agreement together with the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement and the PILOT Agreement sets forth the entire agreement and understanding between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior discussions and negotiations between them. This Leaseback Agreement may not be amended in any respect except by a written amendment expressly referring to this Leaseback Agreement and executed by the parties to be bound thereby.

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

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

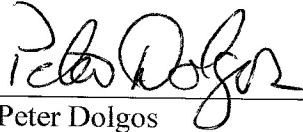
By:   
Name: Jennifer Flad  
Title: Executive Director



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NY FALLSBURG (FRANK BROWN ROAD), LLC

By:   
Name: Peter Dolgos  
Title: Senior Vice President

**EXHIBIT A**  
LEASE TO AGENCY

## **LEASE TO AGENCY**

*THIS LEASE TO AGENCY* (hereinafter, the "Lease Agreement"), effective as of December 31, 2024, is by and between NY FALLSBURG (FRANK BROWN ROAD), LLC, a New York limited liability company, having its principal offices located at 140 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 32B-1, New York, New York 10017 ("Company") and the COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a corporate governmental agency constituting a body corporate and politic and a public benefit corporation of the State of New York, having its principal offices located at 548 Broadway, Monticello, New York 12701 ("Agency").

### **RECITALS**

*WHEREAS*, Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York ("Enabling Act") was duly enacted into law as Chapter 1030 of the Laws of 1969 of the State of New York ("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, 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 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 its 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*, the Agency was created pursuant to and in connection with the provisions of the Enabling Act, Chapter 560 of the Laws of 1970 of the State (collectively, referred to as the "Act") and is empowered under the Act to undertake the providing, financing and leasing of the facility described below; and

*WHEREAS*, the Project (as hereinafter defined) shall be constructed on approximately 45.35 acres on Frank Brown Road located in the Town of Fallsburg ("Town"), County of Sullivan ("County"), New York, and identified on the Town tax map as Section 28, Block 1, Lot 18.1, and any lands located in Sullivan County, New York, and occupied by license or easement during construction or improved by third parties for the benefit of the Project ("Land"); and

*WHEREAS*, on or about November 20, 2024, the Company presented an application to the Agency ("Application"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project consisting of the construction of an approximately 4MWac solar photovoltaic electricity-generating facility that will be interconnected to the New York State Energy and Gas electrical grid (the "Project"). The Project is new construction and will be comprised of (a) racking to mount the solar modules (such racking generally to be placed on

concrete foundations); (b) solar modules; (c) inverters and transformers to sit on a concrete inverter pad; and (d) assorted electrical components and wiring. The solar array will be constructed on the Land; and

*WHEREAS*, by resolution, dated December 16, 2024 ("Project Authorizing Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Company to act as its agent for the purposes of constructing the Project and conferred on the Company certain financial assistance consisting of: (a) an exemption from all State and local sales and use tax for the purchases and rentals related to the Project with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Project or used in the construction of the Project, and (b) a partial abatement from real property taxes for a period of five (5) years following the statutory exemption from real property taxes under Real Property Tax Law Section 487, which exemption shall be conferred through a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement requiring the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT Agreement") for the benefit of each municipality and school district having taxing jurisdiction over the Project (collectively, the sales and use tax exemption and the partial abatement from real property taxes, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Financial Assistance"). Provision of Financial Assistance is subject to the Company entering into this Agreement; and

*WHEREAS*, subsequent to the adoption by the Agency of the Project Authorizing Resolution, the Company confirmed that the solar photovoltaic power would equal 2.5MWac; and

*WHEREAS*, in order to induce the Company to develop the Project, the Agency is willing to enter into a lease/leaseback transaction involving a lease of the Project from the Company to the Agency and a leaseback of the Project from the Agency to the Company; and

*WHEREAS*, the Company has agreed with the Agency, on behalf of the Agency and as the Agency's agent, to construct the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications presented to the Agency.

*NOW THEREFORE*, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual terms, conditions, limitations and agreements set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

1.1. Representations and Covenants of the 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 under the provisions of the Act and has the power to enter into the transaction contemplated by this Lease Agreement and to carry out its obligations hereunder. Based upon the representations of the Company as to the utilization of the Project, the Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act.

- (b) The Agency has been duly authorized to execute and deliver this Lease Agreement.
- (c) The Agency will lease the Land from the Company pursuant to this Lease Agreement and lease the Land back to the Company pursuant to the Leaseback Agreement of even date herewith ("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 and improving their standard of living.
- (d) Neither the execution and delivery of this Lease Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of this Lease Agreement will conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of the Act or of any corporate restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the Agency is a party or by which it is bound, or will constitute default under any of the foregoing, 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 any such instrument or agreement.
- (e) The Agency has been induced to enter into this Lease Agreement by the undertaking of the Company to construct the Project and the related jobs resulting therefrom in the County, State.

1.2. Representations and Covenants of the 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, existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of New York has the authority to enter into this Lease Agreement and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Lease Agreement.
- (b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Lease Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the provisions of this Lease Agreement will conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction or any agreement or instrument to which it is bound, or will constitute a default under any of the foregoing, 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 instrument or agreement.

## ARTICLE II

### DEMISING CLAUSES AND RENTAL PROVISIONS

2.1. Agreement to Lease to Agency. The Company has leased or has caused to be leased to the Agency a leasehold interest in the real property, including any buildings, structures

or improvements thereon, described in Schedule A attached hereto, and the Company shall procure the equipment to be used for the construction of the Solar Array as agent of the Agency pursuant to the Agent and Project Agreement dated as of December 31, 2024, by and between the Company and the Agency ("Agent Agreement"). At the Company's request, the Agency shall convey the Solar Array to the Company pursuant to a bill of sale and the Company has or will lease to the Agency all of its interest in the Solar Array. The Company agrees the Agency's interest in the Project resulting from said conveyances and purchase of equipment as agent of the Agency will be sufficient for the purposes intended by this Lease Agreement and agrees that it will defend, indemnify and hold the Agency harmless from any expense or liability or loss or damage arising out of the lease or a lien adversely affecting the Project (except in each case to the extent arising from any breach by the Agency of its obligations under this Agreement or the Leaseback Agreement) and will pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Agency in defending any such action.

- 2.2. Demise of Project. The Company hereby demises and leases the Project to the Agency and the Agency hereby rents and leases the Project from the Company upon the terms and conditions of this Lease Agreement.
- 2.3. Remedies to be Pursued Against Contractors and Subcontractors and its Sureties. In the event of a default by any contractor, subcontractor or any other person under any contract made by it in connection with the Project or in the event of a breach of warranty or other liability with respect to any materials, workmanship, or performance, or guaranty, the Company at its expense, either separately or in conjunction with others, may pursue any and all remedies available to them and the Agency, as appropriate, against the contractor, subcontractor, manufacturer, supplier or other person so in default and against such 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, manufacturer, supplier or surety or other person which is reasonably necessary, and in such events 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 (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees) in any such action or proceeding.
- 2.4. Duration of Lease Term; Quiet Enjoyment.
  - (a) The Company shall deliver to the Agency possession of the Project (subject to the provisions hereof) and the leasehold estate created hereby shall commence as of the date hereof.
  - (b) The leasehold estate created hereby shall terminate the earlier of (i) at 11:59 P.M. on February 15, 2046; (ii) the date on which the Leaseback Agreement is terminated, and (iii) the day immediately following the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Agreement as set forth under Article VI hereunder.

- (c) The period commencing on the date described in Section 2.4(a) herein through the date described in Section 2.4(b) herein shall be herein defined as the "Lease Term".
- 2.5. Rents. The rental under this Lease Agreement shall be One and 00/100 (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the Company.
- 2.6. Use; Lease Agreement.
- (a) The Agency shall hold and use the Project only for leaseback to the Company under the Leaseback Agreement and otherwise shall not sell, assign, or encumber its rights hereunder, the leasehold estate created thereby, or the Project, other than as expressly permitted under the Leaseback Agreement.
  - (b) Contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of this Lease Agreement, the Agency shall enter into the Leaseback Agreement, pursuant to which the Company as agent of the Agency agrees to undertake and complete the Project. Pursuant to the Leaseback Agreement, the Company, as tenant of the Agency under the Leaseback Agreement, is required to perform all of the Agency's obligations under this Lease Agreement. Accordingly, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Lease Agreement, the Company shall not be entitled to declare a default hereunder or exercise any rights or remedies hereunder, if any asserted default by the Agency hereunder relates to a failure by the Company, as tenant of the Agency under the Leaseback Agreement, to perform its corresponding obligations under the Leaseback Agreement.

### ARTICLE III

#### DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION AND CONDEMNATION

- 3.1. Damage or Destruction.
- (a) If the Project shall be damaged or destroyed (in whole or in part) at any time during the term of this Lease Agreement:
    - (i) the Agency shall have no obligation to replace, repair, rebuild or restore the Project;
    - (ii) there shall be no abatement or reduction in the amounts payable by the Company under the Leaseback Agreement; and
    - (iii) the Company shall have all other rights provided by the Leaseback Agreement.
  - (b) All such replacements, repairs, rebuilding or restoration made pursuant to this Section 3.1, whether or not requiring the expenditure of the Company's own money,

shall automatically become a part of the Project as if the same were specifically described herein.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### SPECIAL COVENANTS

- 4.1. Hold Harmless Provisions. The Company hereby releases the Agency from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Agency, its chief executive officer, executive director, directors, officers, employees, members, agents (except the Company), representatives, and their respective successors and assigns and personal representatives 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 any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project or arising by reason of or in connection with the occupation or the use thereof or the presence on, in or about the Project or (ii) liability arising from or expense incurred by the Agency's financing, constructing and leasing of the Project to Company, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and reasonable attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing; except, however, that such indemnities will not be applicable with respect to willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the indemnified party. The foregoing indemnities shall apply notwithstanding the breach of a statutory obligation or the application of any rule of comparative or apportioned liability. The foregoing obligations of the Company shall remain in full force and effect after the termination of this Lease Agreement.

#### ARTICLE V

##### ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBLEASING

- 5.1. Assignment and Subleasing. This Lease Agreement may not be assigned in whole or in part, and the Project may not be leased, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other Party, except that (i) the Agency shall lease the leasehold interest created hereunder to the Company pursuant to the Leaseback Agreement, (ii) Company may make a collateral assignment of this Lease Agreement to any financing party providing financing to the Project, and (iii) Company may assign this Lease Agreement to any permitted assignee of the Leaseback Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### TERMINATION

- 6.1 Early Termination of Lease Agreement. The Company shall have the option at any time to terminate this Lease Agreement and the Leaseback Agreement 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 6.1 and upon compliance with the requirements set forth in Section 6.2 hereof.



6.2. Option to Terminate. Upon termination of this Lease Agreement in accordance with Section 6.1 hereof, the Company shall pay to the Agency all sums due to the Agency under Sections 2.6, 3.3 and 3.7 of the Leaseback Agreement and all other sums due under the Leaseback Agreement, in each case to the extent accrued prior to termination ("Termination Payment").

6.3. Termination of Lease Agreement.

- (a) Pursuant to Section 6.2 hereof, the Agency shall deliver to the Company all necessary documents to reflect termination of this Lease Agreement and the Leaseback Agreement and conveyance to the Company of all of Agency's right and interest in the Land and the Project, subject only to the following:
  - (i) any liens to which the Project was subject when leased to the Agency,
  - (ii) any liens created at the request of the Company or to the creation of which the Company consented, and
  - (iii) any liens resulting from the failure of the Company to perform or observe any of the agreements on its part contained in this Lease Agreement.
- (b) The Agency shall 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 in the event of a total, substantial or partial taking by eminent domain or for any public or quasi-public use under statute, with respect to the Project (specifically excluding all rights of the Agency hereunder including its rights to indemnification hereunder).

## ARTICLE VII

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.1. Notices. All notices provided for by this Lease Agreement shall be made in writing, and shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery if personally served on the party to whom notice is to be given, or on the next day after mailing if mailed to the party to whom notice is to be given by overnight courier of national reputation providing evidence of receipt and properly addressed, or on the third day after mailing if mailed to the party to whom notice shall be given by First Class, Certified mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

To the Agency:

County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency  
548 Broadway  
Monticello, New York 12701  
Attn: Executive Director

With a copy to:

Walter F. Garigliano P.C.  
449 Broadway, P.O. Drawer 1069  
Monticello, New York 12701  
Attn: Walter F. Garigliano, Esq.

And to:

Harris Beach PLLC  
99 Garnsey Road  
Pittsford, New York 14534  
Attn: Shawn M. Griffin, Esq.

To the Company:

NY Fallsburg (Frank Brown Road), LLC  
140 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 32B-1  
New York, New York 10017  
Attn: Richard Winter, CEO

With a copy to:

Law Office of Richard W. Chun  
1225 Franklin Avenue, Suite 325  
Garden City, New York 11530  
Attn: Richard Chun, Esq.

or at such other address and/or addresses 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.

- 7.2. Binding Effect. This Lease Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Agency, the Company and its respective permitted successors and assigns.
- 7.3. Waiver. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Lease Agreement shall be deemed to or shall constitute a waiver or any other provision, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.
- 7.4. Severability. If any provision of this Lease Agreement shall be determined to be illegal and unenforceable by any court of law or any competent governmental or other authority, the remaining provisions shall be severable and enforceable in accordance with its terms so long as this Lease Agreement without such terms or provisions does not fail of its essential purpose or purposes. The parties will negotiate in good faith to replace any such illegal or unenforceable provision or provisions with suitable substitute provisions which will maintain the economic purposes and intentions of this Lease Agreement.
- 7.5. Governing Law, Venue. This Lease Agreement shall be governed, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State for contracts to be wholly performed therein. The

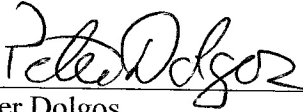
parties hereby designate a court of proper jurisdiction in Sullivan County, State of New York as the exclusive venue for resolution of any disputes which may arise under or by reason of this Lease Agreement.

- 7.6. Section Headings Not Controlling. The headings of the several sections in this Lease Agreement have been prepared for convenience of reference only and shall not control, affect the meaning or be taken as an interpretation of any provision of this Lease Agreement.
- 7.7. Recording and Filing. This Lease Agreement, or a memorandum thereof, shall be recorded or filed, as the case may be, in the Office of the Clerk of Sullivan County, State of New York, or in such other office as may at the time be provided by law as the proper place for the recordation or filing thereof.
- 7.8. No Recourse; Special Obligation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the obligations and agreements of the Agency and the Company contained herein and in any other agreement executed by the Agency and the Company and in any other instrument or document supplemental thereto executed in connection herewith or therewith shall be deemed the obligation and agreements of the Agency and the Company, and not of any chief executive officer, executive director, director, officer, employee, member, agent (except the Company), representative, or their respective successors and assigns and personal representatives in his or her individual capacity, and the chief executive officer, executive director, directors, officers, employees, members, agents (except the Company), representatives, and their respective successors and assigns and personal representatives of the Agency and the Company shall not be liable personally thereon or be subject to any personal liability or accountability based upon or in respect hereof or thereof or of any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby. The obligations and agreements of the Agency contained herein or therein shall not constitute or give rise to an obligation of the State of New York, the County of Sullivan, or any of the taxing jurisdictions and neither the State of New York, the County of Sullivan, or any of the taxing jurisdictions shall be liable thereon, and, further, such obligations and agreements shall not constitute or give rise to a general obligation of the Agency, but rather shall constitute a limited obligation of the Agency payable solely from the Agency's interest in the Project.
- 7.9. Counterparts. This Lease Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original but which together shall constitute a single instrument.
- 7.10. Entire Agreement. This Lease Agreement together with the Agent and Project Agreement, Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement and the Payment In Lieu of Tax Agreement sets forth the entire agreement and understanding between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior discussions and negotiations between them. This Lease Agreement may not be amended in any respect except by a written amendment expressly referring to this Lease Agreement and executed by the parties to be bound thereby.

[Signature Page to Lease to Agency – 1 of 2]

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

NY FALLSBURG (FRANK BROWN ROAD), LLC

By:   
Name: Peter Dolgos  
Title: Senior Vice President

[Signature Page to Lease to Agency – 2 of 2]

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

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By:   
Name: Jennifer Flad  
Title: Executive Director

Exhibit A

Property Address: Frank Brown Road in the Town of Fallsburg, County of Sullivan, New York

Tax Account Number: Section 28, Block 1, Lot 18

**SCHEDULE A**

LAND DESCRIPTION - [Metes and Bounds]

**SCHEDULE A (Continued)**

LAND DESCRIPTION - [Solar Parcel Map]