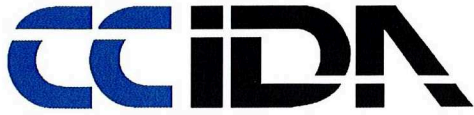


Public Hearing
Erie Coast Solar, LLC
Town of Sheridan Community Center
2773 Route 20
Sheridan, NY 14135
April 16, 2024
10:30 AM



County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency

Public Hearing Attendance Sheet

Project: Erie Coast Solar, LLC

Public Hearing Location: Town of Sheridan Community Center – 2773 Route 20, Sheridan, NY 14135

Public Hearing Date and Time: April 16, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Full Name (Please Print)

Signature

Affiliation

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| 1. <u>GRAC PETERSON</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>Phillips Lytle</u> |
| 2. <u>Jim Crowell</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>Tn of Sheridan</u> |
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MS. STRANDBURG: Good morning. My name is Rosemarie Strandburg. I am a Project Manager and a duly authorized hearing officer of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) and I have been authorized to hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a of the New York General Municipal Law, as amended (the “Act”).

Today is April 16, 2024 and the time is now 10:30 a.m. We are at Town of Sheridan Community Center, 2773 Route 20, Town of Sheridan, County of Chautauqua, New York.

The Agency has received an application for financial assistance in connection with the following matter:

ERIE COAST SOLAR, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the Delaware and qualified to do business in the State of New York as a foreign limited liability company, on behalf of itself and/or the principals of Erie Coast Solar, LLC and/or an entity formed or to be formed on behalf of any of the foregoing (collectively, the “Applicant”), presented an application for financial assistance (the “Application”) to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 17.1 acre portion of an approximately 30.3 acre parcel of land located at 3584 New Road, Town of Sheridan, County of Chautauqua, New York (the “Land”), (2) the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping on the Land of: (i) solar photovoltaic modules mounted on tracking steel structure, (ii) inverters and transformers, (iii) underground and overhead electrical lines, (iv) fencing, and (v) a system of access roads, parking, landscaping and related improvements to the Land (collectively, the “Improvements”), and (3) the acquisition and installation of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof (the “Equipment” and together with the Land and the Improvements, collectively, the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant and/or its affiliates as an approximately 2.2 megawatt A/C solar-powered electrical generation facility; (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes and sales and use taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity(ies) as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency.

The Project Facility would be initially owned, operated and/or managed by the Applicant (or such other designated entity(ies)).

The Applicant (or such other designated entity(ies)) would receive the Financial Assistance from the Agency in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes and sales and use taxes.

Notice of this public hearing was published in *The Observer* on April 2, 2024 and provided to the Chief Executive Officer of each affected tax jurisdiction within which the Project Facility is or will be located by letter dated April 1, 2024.

The purpose of this public hearing is to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to present their views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the granting of the Financial Assistance contemplated by the Agency or the location or nature of the Project. As set forth in the notice of this public hearing, comments may also be submitted to the Agency in writing or electronically at the following email address: strandbr@chqgov.com.

Subject to applicable law, copies of the Application, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, are available for review by the public online at www.ccida.com.

This public hearing is being streamed on the Agency's website in real-time and a video recording of this public hearing is being made and will be posted on the Agency's website, all in accordance with Section 857 of the New York General Municipal Law, as amended. In addition, a report or summary of this hearing will be made and such report or summary of all comments received by the Agency shall be provided to the Agency's members and posted on the Agency's

website. Comments received in writing will be also be included in the report and any summary of this public hearing.

Is there anyone wishing to be heard with respect to the Project or the Financial Assistance?

James Crowell – Good morning, my names is James Crowell, I am the Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Sheridan. Our Town Supervisor, Tom Wik, was unable to attend today. He asked me if I could stand in for him today, while he is out of the area. The Town, as you may know, supports the project. We do have a Host Community Agreement and this PILOT program is mentioned in the agreement, of course, provided that the applicant follows through with the contract and the annual payments. Otherwise, it would be subject to voiding the PILOT Agreement, according to the agreement. So, with that in mind, the Town does support the project and we are ready to move forward.

Rosemarie Strandburg – Thank you. Would anyone else like to be heard or make comment?

MS. STRANDBURG: It is now 10:36 a.m. Let the record show that, no other members of the public have indicated a desire to comment with respect to the Project or the Financial Assistance. No written comments have been received by the Agency with respect to the Project or the Financial Assistance. I therefore call this hearing to a close.

(TIME NOTED: 10:36 a.m.)