

PUBLIC HEARING

**Meeder's Restaurant
19 East Main Street
Ripley, NY 14775
January 20, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

ConnectGen, LLC



County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency

Public Hearing Attendance Sheet

Project: ConnectGen, LLC – Public Hearing

Public Hearing Location: Meeder's Restaurant – 19 East Main Street, Ripley, NY 14775

Public Hearing Date and Time: January 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Full Name (Please Print)	Signature	Affiliation
1. <u>Rosine Stranburg</u>	<u>R. Stranburg</u>	<u>CCIDA</u>
2. <u>GREG PETERSEN</u>	<u>Greg Petersen</u>	<u>CCIDA</u>
3. <u>William Caldwell</u>	<u>William Caldwell</u>	<u>Ripley CSD</u>
4. <u>Thomas Lippert</u>	<u>Thomas Lippert</u>	<u>LOCAL 621 Laborers</u>
5. <u>Julius Wright</u>	<u>Julius Wright</u>	<u>LOCAL 621 Laborers</u>
6. <u>SARAH PARKER</u>	<u>Sarah Parker</u>	
7. <u>Keith Hagenbuch</u>	<u>Keith Hagenbuch</u>	<u>Land owner</u>
8. <u>Ed Giardini</u>	<u>Ed Giardini</u>	<u>LL621</u>
9. <u>Marie E. McCutcheon</u>	<u>Marie E. McCutcheon</u>	
10. <u>John McCutcheon</u>	<u>John McCutcheon</u>	
11. <u>JOHN W. HEMMER</u>	<u>John W. Hemmer</u>	<u>Chaut. Co. Legislature</u>
12. <u>Dr. JOHN HANCOCK</u>	<u>John Hancock</u>	<u>Ripley Resident</u>
13. <u>Judith Hitz</u>	<u>Judith Hitz</u>	<u>Resident</u>

MR. PETERSON: Good morning. My name is Gregory L. Peterson. I am counsel to 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 January 20, 2022 and the time is now 10:03 a.m. We are at Meeder’s Restaurant, 19 East Main Street, Town of Ripley, County of Chautauqua, New York.

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

CONNECTGEN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and qualified to do business in the State of New York as a foreign limited liability company (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 the Applicant’s fee, leasehold, and easement interests in certain parcels of land located at and in the vicinity of the intersection of Route 3 (Miller Road) and Route 6 (NE Sherman Road) in the Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York (collectively, the “Land”), (2) the construction, installation and equipping on or under the Land of: (i) a buried and overhead collection line system, (ii) a collection substation, (iii) a feeder line to carry electricity to the point of interconnection, (iv) an interconnection substation facility, (v) a battery energy storage facility, (vi) operations and maintenance structure(s), and (vii) a system of gravel access roads, security fencing and gates, parking, landscaping and related improvements to the Land (collectively, the “Improvements”), and (3) the acquisition of an interest in certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment necessary for the completion thereof, including photovoltaic panels producing direct current (“DC”) electricity with a planned total rated alternating current (“AC”) output capacity of up to 270 megawatts (“MW”) to be mounted on fixed-tilt or tracking panel racks, inverters to convert DC electricity to AC electricity, battery storage and related facilities (collectively, the “Equipment”), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant as a solar-powered electric generating facility (collectively, the “Project 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; 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 or entities).

The Applicant (or such other designated entity(ies)) would receive financial assistance from the Agency in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from sales and use taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”).

Notice of this public hearing was published in *The Post-Journal* on January 8, 2022 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 January 7th, 2022.

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?

Thomas Lippert – Good morning, my name is Thomas Lippert and I am a member of Laborers local 612. We work in Chautauqua County, Alleghany County and Cattaraugus County. We have a lot of members in this area and a project like this would be pretty big new for guys that live around here, that work out of the laborers union, and are anxious to get hours. Projects like this will benefit their annuity, their pension, their health insurance for a long time, and creates opportunities for new people to join our union hall and get them work too. So, from our standpoint, from the laborers union, if the work is going to be here then we want our local guys on it. So, and we want local people joining the project as well. It will create some jobs and we'll need to hire people to fulfill it. So, there is a big opportunity for a lot of people, in this area to get employment, and its sustainable employment. So, our support for this project is pretty great and we hope you guys take note of that. Thank you.

MR. PETERSON: It is now 10:11 a.m. Let the record show that, other than comments submitted in writing and those made here today, no other members of the public have indicated a desire to comment with respect to the Project or the Financial Assistance. I therefore call this hearing to a close.

(TIME NOTED: 10:12 a.m.)



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Financial Secretary

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January 18, 2022

Mark Geise, CCIDA CEO

Industrial Development Agency Board

RE: Support the South Ripley Solar Project PILOT Agreement

Dear Mark Geise and the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency Board,

My name is David Wilkinson and I'm a member of IBEW Local 106. I am submitting this public comment to encourage you to approve a PILOT agreement for the South Ripley Solar Project.

- Local 106 has 116 wiremen who reside in Chautauqua County, and the construction workforce is vital to the communities in which we live – we pay taxes, buy local, own homes, and contribute to the overall prosperity of Chautauqua County
- The work opportunity created by the South Ripley Solar Project will generate economic growth that should be encouraged and embraced. For every dollar in wages earned here, there is a local economic impact of \$1.50.
- As IDA board members, you are tasked with fostering economic development and advancing the job opportunities, general prosperity, and economic welfare for local citizens. The South Ripley Solar Project checks all of those boxes.
- IBEW Local Union 106 and its members fully support the South Ripley Solar Project. We hope that the CCIDA will stand with workers and approve the PILOT agreement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

David E. Wilkinson

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AFL-CIO • NYS Electrical Workers Association • SWNY BACT Council

To the Chautauqua County IDA:

I am writing today about the South Ripley Solar Project. This is an important energy project that should be supported by your organization simply in light of the financial boost it will bring to Chautauqua County. While we don't live in town, we own land in South Ripley and the revenues provided by the solar project will help us keep our land in the family and allow future generations the opportunity to be landowners. The project will also bring much needed tax revenue to the area, hopefully offsetting the high property taxes that local landowners have to pay. We welcomed the solar project from day one because we thought it would be good for our family, and good for the community at large.

This project will also produce clean, renewable energy that is so important to the future of our environment. We are proud of New York for being a leader in renewable energy efforts and hope this project will be just one of many renewable energy projects that is approved throughout the state in the coming years so our environment will be safe for future generations.

Please help this project stay on course by approving the PILOT agreement.

Sincerely,

Jamie and Denise Warren

Landowners, South Ripley



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Dear members of the CCIDA,

I own land and live in the South Ripley Solar Project footprint, and I have signed up my property to ConnectGen for use in the project. This project is a win-win for the Town of Ripley and Chautauqua County, something we desperately need. The population of Ripley is shrinking, and as a result, so does our tax base and the Town's ability to pay for infrastructure and vital public services. The South Ripley Solar Project will inject some much-needed money into our struggling economy, providing substantial annual tax revenues that will help the Town Board allocate funding to upgrades and capital improvements without having to increase taxes for the residents.

Many of the Ripley residents welcome the opportunity that the South Ripley Solar Project represents. We want to live in a community that is open to development. Sadly, the Town's shrinking population illustrates that fact. Voting yes to signing a PILOT is a vote in favor of new tax revenue and local jobs, which is good for the Town and good for the broader county.

Best,

/S/ **Jim Boria**

Jim Boria

South Ripley, NY

Hello, can you please ensure that the attached public comment for the January 20th Public Hearing on the South Ripley Solar Project is read into the record and distributed to the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency Board and CEO?

Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency

To Mark Geise and the CCIDA Board members:

My family and I own the largest farm in South Ripley, on which we raise organic cows, pigs, turkeys, and chickens. All of our products are sold locally. We are looking forward to the future lease payments on the land we have committed to the South Ripley solar project. This anticipated additional income will enable us to further diversify our business, including education, health awareness, and youth training. We are committed to keeping this land as a working, sustainable agricultural business to be kept in the family for years.

As a retired Physics professor and someone who cares about the environment, it is incredibly disappointing to hear the gross misinformation that is being spread about both this project and solar/storage technology in general. I have thoroughly researched these applications and am confident in the fact that both PV solar and storage are proven technologies that communities around the globe not only rely on, but live and work near every day.

Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels will result in cleaner air, cleaner water, and improved safety. This will help reduce diseases such as asthma and cancer, as well as early deaths. The South Ripley Solar Project will be a visible symbol that shows that Chautauqua County considers doing the right thing as a priority in terms of helping to save a habitable climate, protecting the environment, and improving the lives of people. This will make our area more attractive to prospective business development executives and people considering moving to our area.

Please use this letter as my statement of support for the South Ripley Solar Project.

Kindly,

Keith Hagenbuch
Parable Farms

Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency

Re: Support for the South Ripley Solar Project

To Mark Geise, CEO of the CCIDA:

I am writing today to express my support for the South Ripley Solar Project. My husband, father, and I own and operate the largest farm in South Ripley, an organic farm that our family has owned for generations. At one time, there were dozens of farms in the area, but over time they have slowly been driven out of business. The South Ripley Solar Project is the lifeline we have been looking for to keep our farm up and running. The payments we stand to receive are critical to keeping us in business. The steady, reliable income from the lease payment would change our lives. Farming is in our blood, and we have worked tirelessly to maintain it as a viable way to make a living. I have done the research and am confident the project is safe and won't affect the activities we perform on the property.

By approving a PILOT agreement with the South Ripley Solar Project, which will directly benefit landowners, the Town of Ripley, the local school districts and Chautauqua County, you will be promoting economic development, spurring private investment, and creating jobs. I care deeply about my community and believe it can be revitalized. Stay true to your mission and choose to help not only us, but all residents of Ripley, by enabling economic development and improving our way of life.

Sincerely,

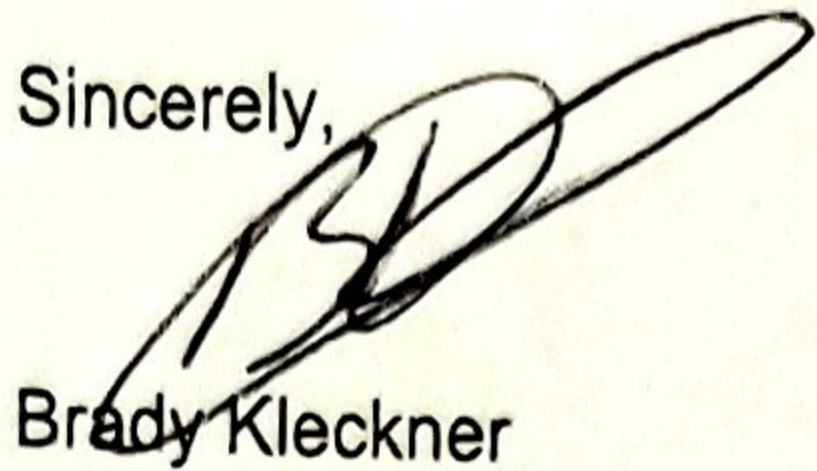
Sarah Parker

Parable Farms

Dear Mr. Geise,

I am writing today to express my support for the South Ripley Solar project. My family lives in South Ripley and we are proud to be part of the solar project because of the lease payments and tax contribution to the community, not to mention the benefit that renewables are bringing to the world. The annual lease payments will help me improve my property and passive income on fallow land is something that doesn't come around often. The project will also help lower the tax burden on all property owners in the area – something I am sure is welcomed by all! I hope you can see the many reasons to get behind this solar power project, as it can really help our community, which is slowly dying on the vine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brady Kleckner', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Brady Kleckner

Landowner, South Ripley

To the Chautauqua County IDA,

I cannot attend the upcoming public hearing, so I am submitting a South Ripley Solar Project support letter. I would very much like to see this project succeed, and it is important to me that my letter be part of the record.

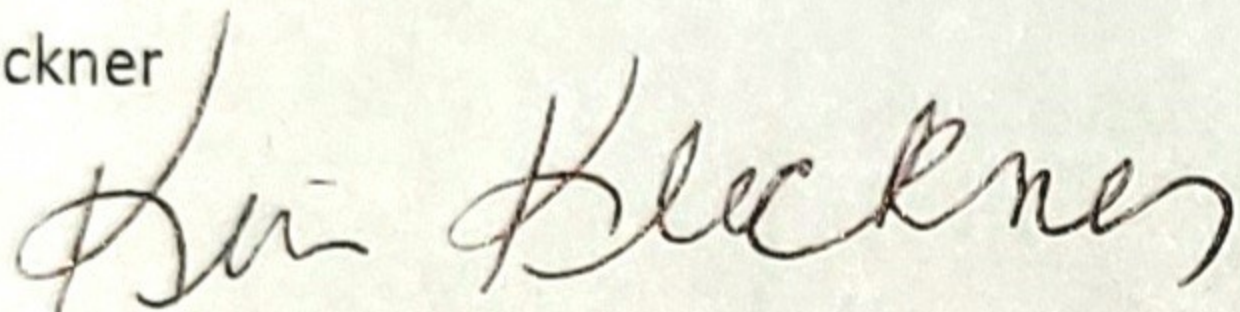
My husband and I are participating landowners in the South Ripley Solar Project. In fact, our land is smack in the middle of the project area. While our farm is not large, we were able to lease one of our fields and are planning to use the income we receive to support the farming activities we perform on the rest of our property.

South Ripley is our home. We have watched our community dwindle down over the years from thriving to barely surviving. The South Ripley Solar Project can help our decreasing tax base by providing extra income to Ripley. We desperately need to capitalize on this economic opportunity, which will benefit Ripley residents by providing a steady stream of income the town and school districts can plan around for years to come.

The project developers have been good people, willing to listen to my concerns and address them in a way that makes sense for both of us. The money from the project will help landowners and our town, while allowing farming to continue as an active source of economic activity. I ask that you please consider my perspective, and the perspective of so many other supporters, as you make decisions involving the South Ripley Solar Project.

Thank you,

Kim Kleckner

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kim Kleckner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K".

Dear members of the Chautauqua County IDA,

I support approving a PILOT agreement with the South Ripley Solar Project. As a community leader, I support the PILOT because of the huge economic benefits the project will bring to the Town of Ripley and the surrounding community.

My wife and I own Meeder's Restaurant, which is the central piece of Ripley's business sector. I have lived in Ripley all of my life and have seen Ripley's economy slowly crumble over the years. People are leaving the area in search of more opportunity elsewhere. The South Ripley Solar Project will be a lifeline for our struggling community by providing additional property taxes and an economic boost that will enhance the entire community through improved schools and infrastructure.

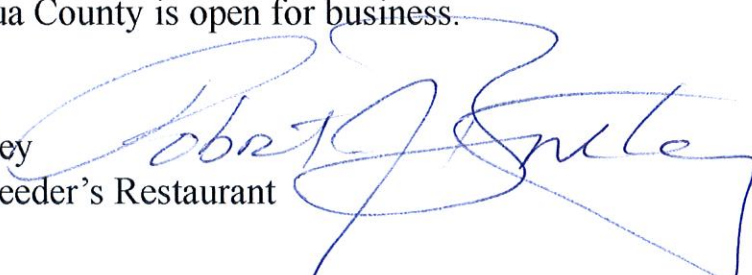
I am also on the Ripley School District board, and I have watched as our area school districts have struggled to invest in their teachers, students, and facilities with the current level of funding. The South Ripley Solar Project will be a lifeline to the Sherman and Ripley School Districts. It is commonly accepted that communities with well-funded and high performing school districts attract new residents.

This is the type of new business we need to be welcoming into our community – ConnectGen works with the Town and local residents and wants to build partnerships and actively work towards making Ripley and South Ripley a better place to live. As a business owner, I understand the need to broadcast that Chautauqua County is open for business.

Sincerely,

Bob Bentley

Owner, Meeder's Restaurant



Dr. John P. Hamels
5996 Welch Hill Road
Ripley, NY 14775

January 20, 2022

CCIDA Board of Directors
201 West Third St., Suite 115
Jamestown, NY 14701

Dear Board Members,

I applaud the efforts of the Ripley Town Board for approving a Host Community Agreement with ConnectGen regarding the proposed South Ripley Solar Project this past December.

I encourage you as a board to support this project by approving the tax agreement that ConnectGen has brought before you.

It is seldom that a project is proposed for a community that will produce such economic benefits for a region. This truly will be a "legacy" event for all of Chautauqua County!

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Professionally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. John P. Hamels', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. John P. Hamels, Ripley Resident

January 19, 2022

RE: South Ripley Solar Project PILOT Agreement

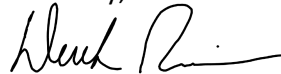
Dear Deputy County Executive Geise and CCIDA board members,

In advance of the public hearing on the South Ripley Solar Project PILOT agreement, I would like to extend my gratitude for the hard work you and your team have put into our PILOT negotiations over the past year. ConnectGen has worked diligently since 2018 to introduce the solar project to the Ripley community and to solicit feedback to drive project design and environmental considerations that would minimize the potential impacts to the community while generating significant economic benefits. We have made a concerted effort to build trust, credibility, and support, not only through meeting with residents in and around the project area to address questions or concerns, but also by working in close coordination with local organizations and schools to share information about the benefits that this project will bring to the Ripley residents.

We are thrilled that the Ripley Town Board unanimously voted to approve our Host Community Agreement in late December, and we hope you also see the value in bringing the South Ripley Solar Project to Chautauqua County. Through the HCA and PILOT, the Town of Ripley, Chautauqua County, and Sherman and Ripley School Districts will realize decades of meaningful financial benefits, and we look forward to being an engaged member of the community for years to come.

To complement the support letters that have already been submitted for the public record, I have attached additional support letters submitted by members of the Ripley and Chautauqua County community to our website and a copy of the Town of Ripley resolution approving the HCA.

Sincerely,



Derek Rieman

Vice President of Development

ConnectGen Chautauqua County LLC

Attachment 1:

**Resolution of the Town Board of Ripley for Approval of a Host Community
Agreement for the South Ripley Solar Project**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF RIPLEY FOR
APPROVAL OF A HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT FOR THE
SOUTH RIPLEY SOLAR PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Connectgen Chautauqua County LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and authorized to transact business in the State of New York (the "Company") has submitted an application (the "94-c Application") to the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting ("ORES") pursuant to Section 94-c of the New York Executive Law and its implementing regulations (the "Section 94-c Process") to obtain a permit (a "94-c Permit") to construct a solar-powered electric generating facility (the "Project") on land located in the Town of Ripley; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board does not have the power to approve or deny the 94-c Permit, but intends to participate in the Section 94-c process to the extent permitted by ORES; and

WHEREAS, the Town understands that if ORES awards a 94-c Permit to the Company, the Company is required to provide a Host Community Benefit payment to the Town of Ripley pursuant to Rule 900-6.1(f) of the ORES regulations;

WHEREAS, the Company has provided a draft Host Community Agreement for the Town Board's review, which is attached to this resolution in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the draft Host Community Agreement would guarantee yearly payments to the Town of Ripley for 30 years after the Project commences operation, with such payments totaling \$36,870,374 over the life of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, in the first year of payments the Town is expected to receive from the Company a minimum revenue amount of \$1,000,000 and it is estimated that \$189,000 of the minimum revenue amount will be paid in special district taxes benefiting the Ripley Fire District; and

WHEREAS, The Town's approval of the HCA does not approve the 94-c Application or provide the Company with the 94-c Permit required to construct and operate the Project, or prohibit the town from participating in the 94-c Process to the extent it is permitted by ORES; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ripley and the Company desire to enter into a Host Community Agreement to mitigate some of the potential impacts on the

Town that may result from the Construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Town Board hereby authorizes and approves the Host Community Agreement, between the Company and the Town, that has been presented to the Town Board;

AND THEREFORE, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Host Community Agreement, and to execute such other documents as may be reasonably necessary to give force and effect to that agreement;

AND THEREFORE, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

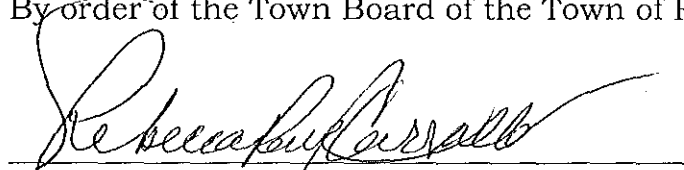
The question of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote as follows:

Town Board Member:	Yes	No	Abstain
<u>Town Supervisor Douglas Bowen</u>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Council Member Patricia Hathaway</u>	ABSENT		
<u>Council Member John Trevelline</u>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Council Member Michael Rowe</u>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Council Member Philip Chimera</u>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dated: December 30, 2021

Ripley, New York

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Ripley, New York.



Rebecca Rowe Carvallo
Town Clerk

(S E A L)

Attachment 2:

Local Support Letters Submitted Through the South Ripley Solar Project Website

6/24/2020

Re: Support for the South Ripley Solar Project

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Boria". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

James Boria
4203 Sinden Road
Ripley, NY

8/17/2020

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Stewart". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Jared" and "Stewart" being capitalized and prominent.

Jared Stewart
9506 , East Main Road lot 2
Ripley, NY

8/19/2020

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Sincerely,

Mark Lindstrom

Mark Lindstrom
7 Osmer St. NY
Jamestown, NY

10/23/2020

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Schwarz". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and larger than the others.

Patricia Schwarz
3032 North Road
Sherman, NY

10/26/2020

Re: Support for the South Ripley Solar Project

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Gary Flowers
Rt 76
Sherman, NY

11/12/2020

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Sincerely,

Brooks Rimes

Brooks Rimes
88 Cottagewood Lane
Grand Island, NY

11/12/2020

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Donna Karcz
5319 W Lake Rd.
Dunkirk, NY

11/12/2020

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Lynn Saxton
317 Wyoming St.
Warsaw, NY

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Lisa Mertz
85 S. Erie St.
Mayville, NY

11/13/2020

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James Chambers
4156 Sinden Rd.
Ripley, NY

11/16/2020

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Kevin Klein
Waterford, PA

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Donna Klein

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4875 Hedrick Rd
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Victoria Boria

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1662 Pekin Hill Rd
Clymer, NY

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Rob Parker
9584 NE Sherman Rd
Ripley, NY

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Jared Dorman
8283 Shumla Rd.
Cassadaga, NY

12/29/2020

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Russell Turck
1610 Martin Rd
Jamestown, NY

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Callan".

Peter Callan
892 Orchard Beach Rd.
North East, PA

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Judi Lutz Woods
105 Temple St
Fredonia, NY

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Gary Flowers
3148 Lake Front Dr.
Erie, PA

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Gunther". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Gunther" clearly legible.

Karen Gunther
55 E. Main St
Ripley NY, NY

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Andrew Pezzullo
40 Fair Street
Kingston, NY