NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law (the "Act") will be held by the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on Friday, May 15, 2020, at 11:30 a.m., local time, at the Agency's offices at 7234 Route 54 North, Bath, New York 14810, in connection with the matter described below. PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING LOGISTICS AND INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED AT THE END OF THIS NOTICE.

Bright Hill Solar LLC, a New York limited liability company, for itself or on behalf of an entity formed or to be formed on behalf of the foregoing (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application"), a copy of which is on file with the Agency, requesting the Agency's assistance with respect to a certain project (the "Project"), consisting of: (A) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in a parcel of under-utilized land located at 721 Eveland Road, Dansville, Steuben County, New York (the "Land"); (B) the construction on the Land of a 5-megawatt (MW) community solar farm ("the Improvements"); and (C) the acquisition and installation in, on and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment"; and, together with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility").

The Agency will acquire a leasehold interest in the Facility and lease the Facility back to the Company. The Company will operate the Facility during the term of the lease. At the end of the lease term, the leasehold interests will be terminated. The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of (a) a sales and use tax exemption for purchases and rentals related to the acquisition, construction, and equipping of the Facility, (b) a partial real property tax abatement structured within a payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement, and (c) a mortgage recording tax exemption for financing or re-financing related to the Project (collectively, the "Financial Assistance").

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCT INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

In accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, a representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's project Application, which is also available for viewing on the Agency's website at:

https://www.steubencountyida.com/docs/2020/05/01/2020-bright-hill-solar-llc/

However, given the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and related Executive Orders issued by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the Agency will not be able to accommodate any inperson public attendance or participation at this hearing. Nonetheless, and in furtherance of the provisions of Section 859-a of the Act requiring interested parties be provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views with respect to the Project, the Agency will provide public access to provide oral comments, at the time and on the date indicated

above, <u>via toll-free conference bridge at (866) 804-5312</u>, <u>passcode 585-419-8718</u>. The Agency also encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, which will be included within the public hearing record. Any written comments may be sent to Steuben County Industrial Development Agency, Attention: Jill Staats, Deputy Director of Operations, 7234 Route 54 North, P.O. Box 393, Bath, New York 14810, and/or via email at <u>jstaats@steubencountyida.com</u> <u>no later than Friday, May 22, 2020.</u>

Dated: May 5, 2020 STEUBEN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY