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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
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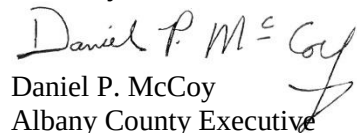
Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Office of the Albany County Executive is requesting authorization to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), Site Lease, and PILOT Agreement with Calibrant NY II, LLC, for the development of a 2.06 Megawatt DC solar array at 897 Watervliet Shaker Road. The site was identified as an ideal site for solar after a comprehensive review of County-owned properties was conducted to begin the process of transitioning the County's electricity supply to renewable sources. Over the last several years the County, Siemens, and NYPA have been working to secure necessary approvals including, but not limited to: (1) FAA approval; (2) National Grid interconnection, (3) completion of a Type I SEQR, (4) Letter of Resolution with the State Historic Preservation Office; and (5) passage of Local Law 11 for 2021 allowing for a long-term lease and PPA.

The project will utilize 5 acres on the 33-acre County-owned site, which also houses the FAA radar tower, and will offset between 10 and 15 percent of County electricity demand. The 2.06 MW project will reduce carbon emissions by 1,429 tons, the equivalent of burning 1.43 million tons of coal. Over the 25 year life of the project it is projected to save the County approximately \$210,000 in electricity costs. The project will have several other co-benefits including the removal of invasive black locust trees from the site and replacement with pollinators, native shrubs for screening, and one-for-one tree replacement; a workforce development partnership with Capital Region BOCES focused on solar construction and maintenance; and a partnership with the Shaker Heritage Society supporting site improvements at the Shaker Meeting House.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely


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