

PROJECT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
(Global Common Energy, LLC – Spruce Haven Farms RNG Project)

A regular meeting of Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 04/2021 - __

RESOLUTION OF THE CAYUGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) APPOINTING GLOBAL COMMON ENERGY, LLC, (THE “COMPANY”) AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW); (ii) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGENT AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY (AS FURTHER DEFINED HEREIN); (iv) ADOPTING FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (“SEQRA”); AND (v) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 688 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York, (hereinafter collectively called the “Act”), the **CAYUGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (hereinafter called the “Agency”) was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to issue its revenue bonds, enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, **GLOBAL COMMON ENERGY, LLC**, for itself or on behalf of an entity to be formed (herein, the “Company”), has submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a Project (the “Project”) consisting of (A) the appointment by the Agency of the Company as agent to undertake the planning, design, construction and commencement of operations of an anaerobic digestion, processing and renewable natural gas (“RNG”) collection system to be located at 5004 White Road, Union Springs, New York, including the construction of RNG improvements and systems for the offsite distribution of pipeline grade RNG, including anaerobic digestion facilities, RNG compressors and piping systems, RNG processing and cleaning facilities, along with various onsite improvements, site work and related improvements (the “Improvements”); and (C) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain machinery, equipment and other items of tangible personal property (the “Equipment”, and collectively with Improvements, the “Facility”), and (D) entering into a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will acquire a

leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the “Straight Lease Transaction”); and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2020, the Agency adopted an initial project resolution (the “Initial Project Resolution”) which (i) accepted the Company’s application, (ii) authorized the scheduling and conduct of a public hearing in compliance with the Act, (iii) described the contemplated forms of financial assistance to be provided by the Agency (the “Financial Assistance”, as described herein); and (iv) authorized the negotiation of an Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement (the “Agent Agreement”) and related documents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Initial Project Resolution, the Agency published and forwarded a Notice of Public Hearing to the Town of Fleming (the “Town”), the County of Cayuga (the “County”), and the Union Springs Central School District (the “School”, and together with the Town and County, the “Affected Tax Jurisdictions) at least ten (10) days prior to said Public Hearing are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency held a public hearing on Monday April 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at Spruce Haven Farm, 5004 White Road, Union Springs, New York 13160 with respect to the Project (the “Public Hearing”) and the proposed Financial Assistance (as further defined herein) being contemplated by the Agency whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views, a copy of the minutes of the Public Hearing also being attached hereto within **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proposed Project as lead agency pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, as codified under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State (collectively, “SEQRA”) and pursuant to its review of the Application, project documents and an Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) prepared by the Company, the Agency contemplates issuing a negative declaration (the “Negative Declaration”), a copy of which, along with the EAF, are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Agency desires to authorize (i) the appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency to undertake the Project; (ii) the execution and delivery of the Agent Agreement and related documents; (iii) the provision of the Financial Assistance to the Company in the form of an exemption from all state and local sales and use taxes with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the construction and equipping of the Facility, and (iv) the adoption of findings pursuant to SEQRA in connection with the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE WAYNE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

(B) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to appoint the Company as agent to undertake the Project; and

(C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to undertake the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in the Town, which is located within Cayuga County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and

(D) The Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's Application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other facility or plant to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries; and

(E) Based upon a review of the Application, related documents and the EAF, the Agency hereby:

(i) affirms the status of the Agency as lead agency for review of the Project and Facility, within the meaning of, and for all purposes of complying with SEQRA; and

(ii) finds that the Project involves an "Unlisted Action" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA) for which the Agency has reviewed on an uncoordinated basis. Based upon the review by the Agency of the Application, EAF and related documents delivered by the Company to the Agency and other representations made by the Company to the Agency in connection with the Project, the Agency hereby finds that (i) the Project will result in no major impacts and, therefore, is one which may not cause significant damage to the environment; (ii) the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA); and (iii) no "environmental impact statement" (as such quoted term is defined under SEQRA) need be prepared for this action. This determination constitutes a "negative declaration" (as such quoted terms are defined under SEQRA) for purposes of SEQRA.

Section 2. Subject to (i) the Company executing the Agent Agreement, (ii) payment by the Company of all Agency fees and costs accrued in connection with the Project, and (iii) the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, renovation, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to

acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; *provided, however*, the Agent Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2022 (*unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director of the Agency*).

Section 3. Based upon the representation and warranties made by the Company the Application, the Agency hereby authorizes and approves the Company, as its agent, to make purchases of goods and services relating to the Project and that would otherwise be subject to New York State and local sales and use tax in an amount up to approximately **\$3,921,231.00**, which result in New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits (“sales and use tax exemption benefits”) not to exceed **\$313,698.00**. The Agency agrees to consider any requests by the Company for increase to the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized by the Agency upon being provided with appropriate documentation detailing the additional purchases of property or services, and, to the extent required, the Agency authorizes and conducts any supplemental public hearing(s).

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the Act, the Agency may recover or recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; (iv) the Company has made a material false statement on its application for financial assistance; (v) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project; and/or (vi) the Company obtains mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements and fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project (collectively, items (i) through (vi) hereby defined as a “Recapture Event”).

As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits and real property tax abatement benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must (i) if a Recapture Event determination is made by the Agency, cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, mortgage recording tax benefits and/or

real property tax abatements abatement benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands, if and as so required to be paid over as determined by the Agency.

Section 5. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agent Agreement and related documents with such changes as shall be approved by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and counsel to the Agency upon execution.

Section 6. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 7. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

| | <u>Yea</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Absent</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
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| Paul Lattimore | [] | [] | [x] | [] |
| Hon. Benjamin Vitale | [x] | [] | [] | [] |
| John Latanyshyn | [x] | [] | [] | [] |
| Raymond Lockwood | [x] | [] | [] | [] |
| Herb Marshall | [x] | [] | [] | [] |
| Gina Speno | [] | [] | [x] | [] |
| Andrew Rindfleisch | [] | [] | [x] | [] |

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF CAYUGA)

I, the undersigned, Acting Secretary of the CAYUGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed extract of minutes of the regular meeting of the Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), including the resolution contained therein, held on April 20, 2021, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that all members of the Agency had due notice of said special meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Agency this 20 day of April, 2021.

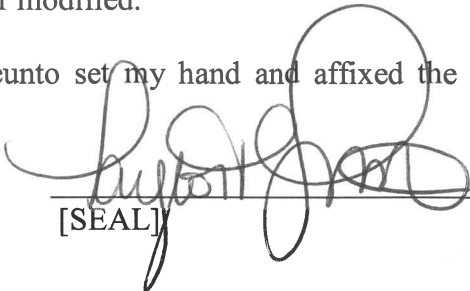

[SEAL]

EXHIBIT A
PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS



EXHIBIT B
SEQRA MATERIALS

