COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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A special meeting of the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency was held on Tuesday, December 28th, 2021 at the Washington County Municipal Building and via Zoom. The following were:

PRESENT:

Dave O'Brien

Chair

Craig Leggett Ginny Sullivan Vice Chair Member

Mary King Mike Wild Nick Caimano Member Member Member

Michael Bittel

Sec/Treasurer

ABSENT:

Dan Bruno

Member

Mike Grasso

Member

Brian Campbell

Park Chair

The following were also present:

Kara Lais, Esq.

FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth, PC

Mike Ostrander

Executive Director

Joe Scott

Attorney, Hodgson Russ LLP

Todd Singer

TDI CFO/Treasurer

Dave Armando

Fort Edward Code Enforcement

Dan Ward

Superintendent of Hudson Falls Schools

Pete Schwartz

Attorney, TDI

Minutes were taken by: Alie Weaver

Office Administrator

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Amended Resolution to accept CHPE/TDI project - As the CHPE/TDI second public hearing had taken place prior to this special meeting, Mr. O'Brien presented the amended resolution to accept the Champlain Hudson Power Express and Transmission Developers Incorporated project cost increase.

Mr. Leggett inquired about the Schedule A PILOT payment as to whether it was just for the Host Community Benefit and Mr. Scott stated that it was the estimated total and the annual payments are outlined in the correspondence sent to the affected taxing jurisdictions.

Mr. Leggett made a motion to approve the amended resolution and Mr. Bittel seconded. All voted in favor by roll call vote.

Resolution of Final Action to accept Flyin Dutch Enterprises Company project – Mr. O'Brien stated that the previous approved resolution to accept the Flyin Dutch Enterprises project was pending completion of planning board activities and noted that at this point those activities have been satisfied. He stated that White Creek did not need a planning board approval as this is an agricultural project. He also stated that the IDA received Town Board approval for this project.

Mr. Bittel made a motion to approve this resolution of final action to accept the project and Mr. Caimano seconded. All voted in favor by voice vote.

WDR Letters of Engagement – After reviewing the difference in pricing throughout the previous two years of the WDR contract, Mr. Bittel made a motion to approve the IDA WDR letter of engagement and Mr. Caimano seconded. All voted in favor by roll call vote.

Adjournment – There being no further business to discuss, Mr. O'Brien adjourned the WWIDA December 28th Special Meeting.



December 15, 2021

Dave O'Brien, Chair Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency 5 Warren Street, Suite 210 Glens Falls, New York 12801

Re: Counties of Warren and Washington IDA (the "Agency") - Champlain Hudson
Power Express Project (the "Project")

Dear Dave,

CHPE LLC (the "Company") submitted an application for financial assistance dated December 21, 2020 to the Agency regarding the Project (as amended, the "Application"). The Application included an estimated capital cost of approximately \$285.0 million, with an acknowledgement that capital costs would be further refined. Based on feedback from prospective contractors and changes in commodity prices and foreign currency exchange rates, the estimated total capital cost has increased to \$418.4 million. Accordingly, based on that estimate, the requested financial assistance includes the following:

Financial Assistance	Estimated Capital Cost	Tax Rate	Estimated Benefit
Sales Tax Exemption	\$ 418,384,946	7.00%	Up to \$ 29,286,946
Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption	\$ 418,384,946	1.25%	Up to \$ 5,229,812
Property Tax Exemption	\$ 418,384,946	Various	See Attached PILOT Payment Schedule 1

The increase in estimated capital cost applied to updated tax rates resulted in an increase in total PILOT payments over the 30-year term from \$181.1 million to \$269.4 million. Copies of the original and updated PILOT schedules are attached hereto.

The Company appreciates the Agency's consideration of financial assistance for the Project and looks forward to finalizing the approval process and closing the straight-lease transaction as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Todd Singer

Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure(s)

¹ For PILOT payment calculation purposes, \$28,938,229 of the updated capital cost is attributable to submarine improvements and \$389,446,717 of the updated capital cost is attributable to underground improvements.

(\$ actuals, unless noted otherwise)

Assu	mptions		
	Submarine	Underground	Total
Length in Washington County (miles)	5.8	41.2	47.0
Est. Avg Cost per Mile ⁽¹⁾	\$4,948,822	\$9,459,061	\$8,898,151
Est. Cost for Portion of Line in Washington County	\$28,938,229	\$389,446,717	\$418,384,946
Avg. Combined Tax Rate in Washington County(2)	1.61%	2.32%	1.97%
Potential Initial Year Tax	\$467,101	\$9,033,843	\$8,229,193
Tax Payment Escalation ⁽³⁾	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%

⁽¹⁾ Current TDI estimate. Figure to be updated.

⁽³⁾ Avg escalation in NY State for FY2016 through FY 2020 (per NY State Comptroller).

	Potential			
PILOT Agreement Year ⁽⁴⁾	Annual Taxes Otherwise Due ⁽⁵⁾	Submarine Abatement	Underground Abatement	PILO Paymer
Construction Years	\$0			\$(
1	\$9,500,943	75%	40%	\$5,537,08
2	\$9,638,707	75%	40%	\$5,617,36
3	\$9,778,468	75%	40%	\$5,698,820
4	\$9,920,256	75%	40%	\$5,781,453
5	\$10,064,100	75%	35%	\$6,343,750
6	\$10,210,029	70%	35%	\$6,460,832
7	\$10,358,074	70%	35%	\$6,554,514
8	\$10,508,266	70%	35%	\$6,649,555
9	\$10,660,636	70%	30%	\$7,252,799
10	\$10,815,216	70%	30%	\$7,357,965
11	\$10,972,036	65%	30%	\$7,491,627
12	\$11,131,131	65%	30%	\$7,600,255
13	\$11,292,532	65%	25%	\$8,247,326
14	\$11,456,274	65%	25%	\$8,366,913
15	\$11,622,390	65%	25%	\$8,488,233
16	\$11,790,914	60%	25%	\$8,640,297
17	\$11,961,883	60%	20%	\$9,334,270
18	\$12,135,330	60%	20%	\$9,469,617
19	\$12,311,292	60%	20%	\$9,606,927
20	\$12,489,806	60%	20%	\$9,746,227
21	\$12,670,908	50%	15%	\$10,552,240
22	\$12,854,636	50%	15%	\$10,705,248
23	\$13,041,029	50%	15%	\$10,860,474
24	\$13,230,124	40%	15%	\$11,082,995
25	\$13,421,960	40%	10%	\$11,881,803
26	\$13,616,579	40%	10%	\$12,054,089
27	\$13,814,019	30%	10%	\$12,296,788
28	\$14,014,322	20%	10%	\$12,543,991
29	\$14,217,530	10%	5%	\$13,471,704
30	\$14,423,684	5%	5%	\$13,702,500

Note: Although the total PILOT payments for each option are different on a nominal basis, they are equivalent on an NPV basis

⁽²⁾ Based on recent full value property tax rates for all involved tax jurisdictions. Figure is a weighted average and will be updated as tax jurisdiction-level mileage is refined.

^{(4) 1}st PILOT payment would be due in the 1st year of commercial operation for the Project (i.e., 2025). Construction currently estimated to take ~4 yrs. During this time, no tax would be due.

⁽⁵⁾ Does not account for any form of depreciation initially or over time, non-taxable elements of the project, or arguments regarding the taxability of project assets.

AMENDED APPROVING RESOLUTION CHPE LLC PROJECT

A special meeting of Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session in the Supervisors Chambers at the Washington County Municipal Center located at 383 Broadway in the Town of Fort Edward, Washington County, New York on December 28, 2021 at 6:15 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chairman of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Dave O'Brien Chair Craig Leggett Vice Chair Michael Bittel Secretary/Treasurer Dan Bruno Member Nicholas Caimano Member Brian Campbell Member Michael J. Grasso Member Mary King Member Ginny Sullivan Member Mike Wild Member

Each of the members present participated in the meeting either in person or remotely pursuant to the signing into law on September 2, 2021 of Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021.

ABSENT:

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Michael Ostrander

Bruce Ferguson

Chairman

Lester Losaw

Chief Financial Officer

Kara I. Lais, Esq.

Alie Weaver

A. Joseph Scott, III, Esq.

Chief Financial Officer

Agency Counsel

Office Administrator

Special Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by _______, seconded by ______, to wit:

Resolution No. 1221-

RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION ENTITLED "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR A PROJECT FOR CHPE LLC (THE "COMPANY")."

WHEREAS, Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 862 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 890-c of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial, manufacturing and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2021, the members of the Agency adopted a resolution (the "Approving Resolution") entitled "Resolution Authorizing Execution of Documents in Connection with a Lease/Leaseback Transaction for a Project for CHPE LLC (the "Company")"; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the Approving Resolution, the Agency was notified that the Project cost increased, as well as the amount of benefits being requested by the Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF COUNTIES OF WARREN AND WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Approving Resolution, is hereby amended to include the following recital clauses:

"WHEREAS, the Agency has received a letter from the Company dated December 15, 2021 (the "Company Letter") providing for certain amendments to the Application (the Application, as amended by the Company Letter, is hereinafter referred to as the "Amended Application") with respect to the Project from the Company, which Amended Application contains revised Project costs and amounts of Financial Assistance resulting in the need for the Agency, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hold a second public hearing with respect to the Project and the amount of the Financial Assistance as described in the Amended Application; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Amended Application, the Chairman of the Agency (A) caused notice of a public hearing of the Agency (the "Supplemental Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, to be mailed to the chief executive officers of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project is or is to be located, (B) caused notice of the Supplemental Public Hearing to be posted on the Agency's website, (C) caused notice of the Supplemental Public Hearing to be published in the Post-Star, a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of Warren and Washington Counties, New York, (D) conducted the Public Hearing on December 28, 2021 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., local time at the Washington County Municipal Building located at 383 Broadway in the Town of Fort Edward, Washington County, New York, as well as by remote access and (E) prepared a

report of the Supplemental Public Hearing (the "Supplemental Hearing Report") fairly summarizing the views presented at such Supplemental Public Hearing; and

"WHEREAS, the Agency has made a determination pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (the "SEQR Act") that the Project, as supplemented, constitutes a "Type II" action within the meaning of the SEQR Act; and"

- Section 2. The Agency hereby amends Section 3(D) of the Approving Resolution to read as follows:
 - "(D) It is estimated at the present time that the costs of the planning, development, acquisition, construction, reconstruction and installation of the Project Facility (collectively, the "Project Costs") will be approximately \$418,400,000;"
- Section 3. The members of the Agency have considered the comments received from the public pursuant to the Supplemental Public Hearing.
- Section 4. Exhibit A of the Approving Resolution is hereby amended as reflected in the attached Exhibit A to this Resolution.
- Section 5. Except as amended by this Resolution, the Approving Resolution, including the Exhibits attached thereto, shall remain in full force and effect and the terms and conditions thereof are hereby confirmed.
- Section 6. All action taken by the Chairman or the Agency Staff/Counsel of the Agency in connection with the Supplemental Public Hearing with respect to the Project prior to the date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and confirmed.
 - Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Dave O'Brien	VOTING
Craig Leggett	VOTING
Michael Bittel	VOTING
Dan Bruno	VOTING
Nicholas Caimano	VOTING
Brian Campbell	VOTING
Michael J. Grasso	VOTING
Mary King	VOTING
Ginny Sullivan	VOTING
Mike Wild	VOTING

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF WARREN) SS.:
I, the undersigned Secretary of Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on December 28, 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.
I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 (the "2021 Laws"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency, either in person or attending remotely in accordance with the 2021 Laws, 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 rescinded.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this day of December, 2021.
Secretary
(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPECTED PUBLIC BENEFITS

In the discussions had between the Project Beneficiary and the Agency with respect to the Project Beneficiary's request for Financial Assistance from the Agency with respect to the Project, the Project Beneficiary has represented to the Agency that the Project is expected to provide the following benefits to the Agency and/or to the residents of Warren and Washington Counties, New York (the "Public Benefits"):

Description of Benefit		Applicable to Project (indicate Yes or NO)		Expected Benefit	
1.	Retention of existing jobs	□Yes	☑ No	N/A	
2.	Creation of new permanent jobs	☑ Yes	□ No	Although no permanent employment at the Project site, the Project will create construction and secondary jobs	
3.	Estimated value of tax exemptions	☑ Yes	□ No	Mortgage recording tax exemption is estimated not to exceed \$5,229,812 and sales tax exemption is estimated not to exceed \$29,286,946; and real property tax exemption is estimated at (see Amended Application).	
4.	Private sector investment	☑ Yes	□No	Estimate to equal \$418,400,000.	
5.	Likelihood of project being accomplished in a timely fashion	☑ Yes	□ No	High likelihood of project being completed in a timely manner.	
6.	Extent of new revenue provided to local taxing jurisdictions	☑ Yes	□ No	The Project will provide a revenue source to the "affected tax jurisdictions" in the form of PILOT payments and host community benefit payments.	
7.	Any additional public benefits	☑ Yes	□No	The Transmission System will play a key role in New York's energy transformation, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, creating jobs, and generating billions of dollars in new investment in New York's economy while delivering low-cost renewable energy to New York State.	
8.	Local labor construction jobs	☑ Yes	□No	The Company will endeavor to use local labor for the construction jobs.	
9.	Regional wealth creation (% of sales/customers outside of the County)	□ Yes	□No	N/A	
10.	Located in a highly	☐ Yes	□No	N/A	

	distressed census tract			
11.	Alignment with local planning and development efforts	☑ Yes	□ No	The Project is consistent with local planning and development efforts.
12.	Promotes walkable community areas	□ Yes	☑ No	The Project site is not located in an urban setting with sidewalks.
13.	Elimination or reduction of blight	□Yes	☑ No	The Project site is not a blighted area.
14.	Proximity/support of regional tourism attractions/facilities	□ Yes	□ No	N/A
15.	Local or County official support	☑ Yes	□No	The Project has local and County support.
16.	Building or site has historic designation	☐ Yes	☑ No	There is no historic designation.
17.	Provides brownfield remediation	□ Yes	☑ No	No brownfields present.

Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency

Resolution No. 21-

Adopted December 20, 2021	
Introduced by	
who moved its adoption.	
Seconded by	

RESOLUTION TAKING FINAL ACTION TOWARD UNDERTAKING A CERTAIN PROJECT, AS DEFINED HEREIN, APPOINTING FLYIN' DUTCH ENTERPRISES LLC OR ITS PERMITTED ASSIGNS (THE "COMPANY"), AS AGENT OF THE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING THE PROJECT FACILITY (AS DEFINED HEREIN) AND, ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGENT AGREEMENT AND CLOSING DOCUMENTS BY AND BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is a body corporate and politic duly organized and existing under Sections 856 and 890-c of the General Municipal Law ("GML") of the State of New York (the "State"), with its principal place of business at 5 Warren Street, Glens Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency conducted a public hearing on November 3, 2021 pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (the "Law") before taking official action relating to the Project, as defined herein; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2021, the Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-26 taking preliminary action toward undertaking a project a certain project and appointing Flyin' Dutch Enterprises LLC, as agent of the Agency for the purposes of undertaking a manufacturing project (the "Project") to consist of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in certain real property located at 879 Route 22 in the Town of White Creek, County of Washington, New York (the "Land"); (ii) the planning, design, construction, renovation, operation and maintenance by the Company of an approximately 39,000+/- square foot facility to be used by the Company for the manufacture and processing of Cannabis (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and, collectively with, the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and (iv) entering into a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will retain 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"), all pursuant to Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, Chapter 862 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York (collectively, the "Act"), as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that a real estate holding company, 879 Route 22 LLC, a limited liability company organized by the laws of the State of New York will be the initial owner of the Land; and

WHEREAS, under Article 18-A of the Act, the Legislature of the State of New York has granted the Agency the power and authority to undertake the Project, as the Act authorizes the Agency to promote, develop, encourage and assist projects such as this Project and to advance job opportunities, health general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a state agency under Section 8-0105 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York and the Project is an action under Article 8 of said law (Article 8 hereinafter being referred to as the "State Environmental Quality Review Act" or "SEQRA") and under 6 NYCRR Part 617, §§ 617.2(b) and 617.3(g); and

WHEREAS, the approvals contained in Resolution No. 21-26 were contingent upon a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following satisfaction of all requirements of SEQRA that relate to the Project and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement was contingent upon the consent and approval of the Town of White Creek; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, the Town of White Creek adopted Resolution No. 44-2021 approving of the proposed PILOT Agreement by and between the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. <u>Findings</u>. The Agency hereby ratifies and reaffirms the Findings made in its Resolution No. 21-26 adopted on November 3, 2021.

SECTION 2. Determinations. The Agency hereby determines to:

- (A) enter into, execute and deliver a lease agreement from the Company or its permitted assigns to the Agency and the Lease Agreement with the Company or its permitted assigns for the Project Facility subject to the approval of said documents by the Chairman and counsel to the Agency; and
- (B) execute and deliver all other certificates and documents subject to the review and approval of said documents by the Chairman and counsel to the Agency.
- (C) ratify and reaffirm any other Determinations made in its Resolution No. 21-26 adopted on November 3, 2021

SECTION 3. Company Appointed Agent of Agency.

(A) The Company or its permitted assign is hereby appointed the true and lawful agents of the Agency to:

- (1) construct and install the Project Facility;
- (2) make, execute, acknowledge, and deliver all contracts, orders, receipts, instructions, and writings needed to complete the Project; and
- (3) do all other things requisite and proper for the completion of the Project.
- SECTION 4. <u>SEQRA Review</u>. The Project consists of maintenance and repair of an existing structure; the replacement and rehabilitation of a structure, in kind, on the same site and is considered a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§ 617.5(c)(1) and (2) and, therefore, no further environmental review is required.
- SECTION 5. <u>Ratification</u>. Except as modified by this Resolution, the Agency hereby ratifies and confirms, in all respects, all terms, provisions and requirements stated and approved in Resolution No. 21-26 adopted November 3, 2021.
- SECTION 6. <u>Further Action</u>. The Chairman of the Agency is authorized to take such further action as shall be necessary to give effect to and implement this resolution.
 - SECTION 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote by roll call and was thereupon declared duly adopted.

{Acknowledgement to Follow}

STATE OF NEW YORK)	
OUNTY OF WARREN)	
and Washington Industrial Development and correct copy and the whole thereof of	Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true a Resolution duly adopted by the Counties of Warren Agency, Glens Falls, New York on the day of
In witness whereof, I have hereto set my Warren and Washington Industrial Devel 20	hand and affixed the official seal of the Counties of lopment Agency on this day of,
	Alie Weaver
[SEAL]	Counties of Warren and Washington
DEAL	Industrial Development Agency