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**GENESEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY D/B/A**  
**GENESEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**OAKFIELD COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT CENTER**

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November 28, 2022  
 At approximately 6:30 p.m.  
 Oakfield Community and Government  
 Center  
 3219 Drake Road  
 Oakfield, New York 14125

PRESENT:

JIM KRENCIK  
 Director of Marketing and Communications

STEVEN HYDE  
 President and Chief Executive Officer

LAUREN CASEY  
 Financial Assistant

REPORTED BY: HOLLY E. CASTLEMAN, Court Reporter,  
 FORBES COURT REPORTING SERVICES, LLC  
 21 Woodcrest Drive  
 Batavia, NY 14020

1 MR. KRENCIK: All right. It is 6:30.

2 Lauren, are we good?

3 MS. CASEY: Just a moment, Jim.

4 MR. KRENCIK: Sure thing. Okay. All right.

5 Welcome and thank you for attending today's public  
6 hearing. I'm Jim Krencik, director of marketing and  
7 communications for the Genesee County Economic  
8 Development Center.

9 Today's public hearing is to gather comments  
10 related to the proposed financial incentives for  
11 Hecate Energy Cider Solar LLC, so that the GCEDC board  
12 of directors has information as they consider these  
13 project agreements.

14 Please note that this is not a debate  
15 between neighbors. So we kindly ask that you respect  
16 other speakers and limit your comments to the proposed  
17 financial incentives.

18 If you wish to speak, please sign up on the  
19 attendance sheet that's back there.

20 We ask that if you do sign up, that you  
21 limit your comments to three minutes. Although if  
22 nobody's here, we might go a little longer if you  
23 desire to. But begin by stating your first and last  
24 name and place of address.

25 You may also submit written comments to the

1 GCEDC at 99 MedTech Drive, Suite 106, Batavia, New  
2 York 14020 or by email to gcedc@gcedc.com.

3 I'll read a brief overview of the project.  
4 Hecate Energy Cider Solar LLC, is a 500 megawatt  
5 utility-scale solar project that will be located on  
6 2,455 acres in the Towns of Elba and Oakfield. The  
7 project plans to invest \$550 million to construct a  
8 solar energy facility and would generate scheduled  
9 revenues totaling 73.5 million to the Town of  
10 Oakfield, the Oakfield-Alabama School District, the  
11 Town of Elba and the Elba School District as well as  
12 Genesee County.

13 This includes 13.18 million to Genesee  
14 County, 19.38 million to the Town of Elba, 12.92 to  
15 the Town of Oakfield, 16.85 million to the Elba  
16 Central School District and 11.24 to the  
17 Oakfield-Alabama School District. These revenues are  
18 through a payment in lieu of taxes agreement and  
19 related host community agreement and are to be paid  
20 over 30 years.

21 The proposed financial incentives to Hecate  
22 Energy Cider Solar LLC are as follows: \$92.09 million  
23 in property tax savings; 44 million in sales tax  
24 savings; \$5.5 million in mortgage tax savings.

25 An analysis of the fiscal benefits from the

1 project are estimated to generate \$22 in revenues for  
2 every \$1 of existing tax payments generated by the  
3 land where this project will be built.

4 At this time we will begin comments in the  
5 order of signups. Lauren, I believe we did not have  
6 anybody sign up.

7 As we did in Elba we will tell everybody a  
8 couple times to come on, please give us a comment.  
9 We're interested in that. But if you do not wish to,  
10 that is perfectly okay as well. Okay. We'll keep the  
11 public hearing open for at least ten minutes. Thank  
12 you.

13 Well, once again, thank you everyone for  
14 coming out to the public hearing. It's been ten  
15 minutes. We have not received any public comments.

16 Of course, if you do change your minds, we  
17 can take comments by email at gcedc@gcedc.com as well  
18 as by mail. Our address is 99 MedTech Drive, Suite  
19 106, Batavia, New York 14020. We also accept  
20 Christmas cookies if you're in the mood.

21 But with that, we'll close the public  
22 hearing. Thank you all for coming out.

23 (Public hearing concluded at 6:38 p.m.)

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REPORTER CERTIFICATE

I, Holly E. Castleman, do hereby certify that I did report the foregoing proceeding, which was taken down by me in a verbatim manner by means of machine shorthand.

Further, that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcription of my said stenographic notes taken at the time and place hereinbefore set forth.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2022 at Oakfield, New York.

*Holly E. Castleman*

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HOLLY E. CASTLEMAN, CR,  
Notary Public.