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Niagara County Industrial Development Agency
Attn: Board of Directors
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive
Samuel M. Ferraro Center, Suite One
Sanborn, New York 14132

Re: Donner Road Storage, LLC | Application for Financial Assistance

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Town of Pendleton, I write in support of Donner Road Storage, LLC's application to the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency for financial assistance for its proposed 4.895 MWAC battery energy storage project on Donner Road in the Town, identified as Tax Parcel No. 137.00-2-21 (the "Project"). This letter of support was authorized by resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Pendleton. The Town supports the requested sales and use tax exemption and a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") arrangement on terms determined by the Agency following its review.

The Project will store electricity during periods of lower demand and release it when demand is higher. Located in an area zoned for light industrial development, the Project is compatible with the surrounding industrial and commercial land uses. The Town views the Project as a beneficial investment in local energy infrastructure.

A coordinated environmental review of the Project was conducted under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, with the Town of Pendleton Planning Board serving as lead agency. That review has been completed through the Planning Board's issuance of a negative declaration determining that the Project will not result in significant adverse environmental impacts and that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

The Town and the Company have also negotiated a Host Community Benefit Agreement providing for a $150,000 payment upon commencement of construction and an additional $100,000 payment if the Project obtains financial assistance from the Agency, in each case payable

in accordance with the Agreement. These payments are intended to provide funding for lawful public purposes and address the Project's potential community impacts.

The Town respectfully requests that the Agency give favorable consideration to the Company's application. This letter expresses support for financial assistance generally and does not endorse a particular PILOT payment rate, escalation factor, term, or allocation. It does not grant or waive any required Town approval or Project condition and does not substitute for any separate Town action required in connection with a PILOT arrangement.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued work to support investment in Niagara County. Please contact my office if the Town can provide additional information.

Sincerely,



Joel Maerten