

SUBLEASE AGREEMENT

This Sublease Agreement (this “Agreement”) is entered into as of _____, 202_, by and between La Mesa PV I LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Company” or “Lessor”), and Doña Ana County, New Mexico, a political subdivision existing under the laws of the State of New Mexico (“Issuer”, “County” or “Lessee”). Capitalized terms used in this Agreement, but not defined herein, shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Bond Lease (defined below).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company wishes to construct a certain solar project located within the County, but outside the boundaries of any incorporated municipality, for the generation and transportation of electricity (the “Project”) consisting of leased land, easements and other property rights on real property leased by the Company and located within the County but outside the boundaries of any incorporated municipality (the “Project Site”), and all necessary facilities and equipment, including supporting structures and related improvements (the “Improvements” and together with the Project Site, the “Project Property”), and the Company has requested the Issuer to issue a series of its industrial revenue bonds in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, Company is the lessee under a ground lease in connection with the Project which is referred herein to as the “Project Site Lease” and identified in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer adopted Ordinance _____ on November 22, 2022, which authorizes the issuance of up to \$35,000,000 Doña Ana County, New Mexico Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (La Mesa PV I LLC Project), Series 2023A (the “Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the transaction for issuance of the Bonds, which contemplates a lease by the Issuer to the Company of the property covered by the Project Site Lease, the Company and Issuer propose to enter into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is willing to enter into this Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Sublease and Transfer. Company does hereby sublease and convey to Issuer, and Issuer hereby accepts, all of the Company’s rights and none of its obligations under the Project Site Lease, upon the terms and conditions provided herein. No rent payments will be payable by Issuer to Company or to any other party.

2. Term. This Agreement will terminate when the Bond Lease Terminates.

3. Limitation of Issuer Liability. The parties to this Agreement acknowledge that the Company retains all of its obligations under the Project Site Lease, any easement, right-of-way, or other fractional property interests related to the Project Property and subleased hereby or to be subleased, and the Company agrees to perform and discharge timely and in full all of its duties, obligations and liabilities under the Project Site Lease during the term of this Agreement. The Company and Issuer agree that the provisions of the Lease Agreement under which the Issuer leases and subleases the Project Property to the Company (the "Bond Lease") with respect to limitations of the Issuer's liability are deemed to apply with respect to this Agreement and the transaction contemplated hereby. The Company hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Issuer, members of the Board of County Commissioners of McKinley County, New Mexico (the "Governing Body"), and officials, employees and agents of the Issuer, against any claims, costs, liabilities and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, arising out of or related to this Agreement, the Project Site Lease, the Project Site, including, but not limited to suits, legal or administrative proceedings, liabilities, damages, claims, costs and expenses resulting from or in any way connected with the presence, release or disposal in or under the Project Site of, any hazardous substances (as defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended), hazardous wastes (as defined in Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended) or other materials or substances within the meaning of any applicable law, statute, ordinance, regulation, order or rule relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning any hazardous, toxic or dangerous waste, substance or materials brought on the Project Site by the Company or any equipment or improvements located on or used in connection with the Project Site by the Company. The insurance maintained by Company pursuant to the Bond Lease shall be available if necessary for purposes of indemnification of the Issuer under this Agreement, but the amount of such insurance does not limit any liability of the Company hereunder.

4. Bond Lease. Immediately upon effectiveness of this Agreement, the Company and Issuer will enter into the Bond Lease, pursuant to which Issuer will sublease the property subject to the Project Site Lease and lease the Project Property to the Company, and the terms and conditions of the Bond Lease will govern such arrangement. The parties intend that this Agreement will remain in effect following execution of the Bond Lease and that neither will be merged into the other. Notwithstanding any claim or provision in the Project Site Lease, the Company's environmental indemnity contained in Section 4.06 of the Bond Lease should extend to the Issuer for its protection in connection with its interest in this Agreement.

5. Relationship. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a partnership or joint venture between Issuer and Company. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create privity of estate or privity of contract between the Issuer and any lessor under the Project Site Lease.

6. Representations and Warranties of Company. The Company represents and warrants to the Issuer that Company is the tenant under the Project Site Lease and has the capacity to enter into this Agreement with Issuer. The sublease effected under this Agreement is either permitted under the Project Site Lease without the consent of the landlord or, if landlord

consent is required under the Project Site Lease, the Company has obtained all consent(s) of the applicable landlords to such subleasing of the Project Site to the Issuer.

7. Obligations of Issuer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Company acknowledges and agrees that the Issuer shall have no obligation whatsoever under the Project Site Lease, including any obligation to comply with or perform, or to cause the compliance with or performance of, any of the terms and conditions required to be performed by the Company or other lessee under the Project Site Lease. The Company hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Company is solely responsible for the performance of the obligations of the lessee under the Project Site Lease.

8. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives and such successors and assigns as permitted under this Agreement.

9. This Agreement may be executed in as many counterparts as may be deemed necessary and convenient, and by the different parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which, when so executed, shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of a copy of this Agreement bearing an original signature by facsimile transmission, by electronic mail in “pdf” form or by any other electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, or by a combination of such means, shall have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing the original signature. “Originally signed” or “original signature” means or refers to a signature that has not been mechanically or electronically reproduced.

10. This Agreement and the legal relations of the parties hereto shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New Mexico, without regard to its principles of conflicts of law.

[Signature pages follow]

(SEAL)

DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Attest:

County Clerk

By _____
Chair
Board of County Commissioners

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DONA ANA)

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 20__, by _____, as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

EXHIBIT A

Project Site Lease