## IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

## A RESOLUTION AND ORDER APPROVING A ROAD USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN <u>POLK COUNTY, TEXAS AND LONE SPUR SOLAR ENERGY LLC</u>

WHEREAS, Polk County, Texas (the "County" or Polk County) is familiar with the solar energy project contemplated by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC in the portion of the County described on Exhibits A and B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. ("Project Area");

WHEREAS, Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC contemplates making certain improvements to the real property located within the Project Area consisting of a solar powered electric power generating facility ("Improvements");

WHEREAS, with the exception of statutory requirements, such as §240.907, Texas Transportation Code, §181.044 Texas Utilities Code, there are no applicable Polk County rules or ordinances that would require Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC to obtain zoning approval, a permit, or an authorization for the ownership, construction, operation or maintenance of a solar energy project and its Improvements within the Project Area. There are no presently existing Polk County rules or ordinances, other than those contained in a Tax Abatement Agreement between Polk County and Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC regarding decommissioning, safety buffer zones, set back requirements, noise restrictions, shade, flicker, shadow or visibility restrictions, or other zoning rules or regulations affecting the proposed ownership, construction, operation, or maintenance of Improvements within the Project Area;

WHEREAS, no part of the Project Area is located within the city limits of any towns within Polk County, and no part of the Project Area is located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Goodrich, Texas, or any other city within the County.

WHEREAS, the ownership, construction, operation and maintenance of the Improvements will require access to, egress from, encroachments into, crossings of, and possibly upgrades to one or more roads maintained by Polk County, or other county owned or maintained rights-of-way, and, or county held right-of-way easements located in Polk County, Texas;

WHEREAS, by its dedication, use, and/or maintenance of the roads and as the owner and holder of County rights-of-way and right-of-way easements in the County, the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas has the authority on behalf of the County to permit the Road Usage (as defined herein);

WHEREAS, Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC seeks the County's permission for such Road Usage and Polk County, Texas has agreed to grant said permission.

NOW, THEREFORE,

## BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That the findings and recitals in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and are hereby RATIFIED, APPROVED and ADOPTED.

- Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC shall <u>repair any damage to</u> County roads caused by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC or Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC's contractors or suppliers <u>during the course of constructing, repairing or maintaining the Improvements and shall</u> <u>return such roads to the condition such roads were in prior to their use by Lone Spur</u> <u>Solar Energy LLC or Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC's contractors or suppliers.</u>
  - a. Prior to the commencement of any work, or in advance of any subsequent modifications, Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC, will provide to Polk County a map identifying and designating those county-maintained roads which will be utilized to develop, install, or repair the improvements, and any points of access to property, or the location of any transmission or collection lines to be installed in the public right of way (the "Designated Roads").
  - b. Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC will coordinate with the Commissioner or Road Administrator responsible for the roads to be used by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC during this project.
  - c. Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC will have a pre-construction survey completed for all designated county-maintained roads, which will include current conditions and recommendations for any preparations or modifications that will be necessary to perform required construction. In addition, the County will provide Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC, if available, with copies of any plans, cross sections and specifications relevant to the Designated Roads. Copies of all pre-construction survey documentation shall be provided to the County. All costs associated with the pre-construction survey shall be borne solely by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC.
  - d. It is understood by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC that no roads may be used for ingress or egress to the Project Area other than the Designated Roads. Any truck operated by an individual under contract, supervision and control of Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC, or its general contractor for the project that is found to be operating a truck on any road not identified as a Designated Road shall be issued a citation, which, with sufficient documentation, shall subject Lone Spur Energy LLC to a penalty of \$1,000.00. Any repeated unpaid violations of this agreement by that operator shall result in that operator not being allowed to participate further in hauling for Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC.
  - e. Where prudent engineering and design suggests appropriate, Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC, will, at its sole costs and with the consent and approval of the County, prepare any roads in advance of the introduction of heavy or wide loads

as necessary to sustain heavy or wide load trucks or where necessary in advance prepare access points from County Roads. For purposes of this agreement, the term heavy or wide loads are defined as any load exceeding 54,000 pounds in gross weight or 36,000 pounds per axle, and any load more than 12 feet in width.

- f. It is understood that maintenance of the roads to be utilized by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC and to be performed by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC include grading, dust control, traffic control and placing of sufficient base material to adequately support the anticipated loading to be imposed upon the countymaintained road or as outlined in the designation of county-maintained roads required by this agreement.
- g. To the extent necessary, the County recognizes that electrical lines will be installed within the county road right-of-way as a necessary component of the project. Such installations are subject to the following requirements:
  - 1. Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC will utilize GPS or other suitable surveying methods to locate all bore or trench installations, and adequately mark the location of such electrical lines.
  - 2. Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC will bury all electrical lines at a depth of not less than four feet (4') below grade, and will avoid placing the lines within the traveled portion of the roadway or in the bottom of drainage ditches.
  - 3. Electrical collection cable installed beneath any road shall be encased in SDR 13.5 HDPE or equivalent for all road bores.
- h. All such preparation or repairs by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC, including the widening of roads pursuant to subsection (i) below, shall have the prior approval of the County and property owners affected by any widening, and shall be done in accordance with the standards and specifications for road repair generally used by the County for other county roads. If this covenant for road repair by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC cannot be performed by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC or in the event Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC fails to perform this covenant within 30 days of a demand that it do so from the County, then the County may perform the road repair required of Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC pursuant to this section and Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC agrees to reimburse the County for its reasonable and necessary costs in repairing such roads. The County's cost for such repairs shall be determined using the applicable rates used by the Federal Emergency Management Administration for equipment and personnel and the County's actual cost of materials. Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC agrees to pay the cost of any such repairs within 30 days of the date Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC is billed for such services by the County.

- i. Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC may not widen or change the course of any County road without the consent of the County and any affected property owners, which county consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed so long as Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC is not in default in its obligations under this Agreement. As a condition to granting such consent the County may require Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC to take any other precautions and covenants which may be commercially reasonably necessary to protect and maintain the roadway and its continued access by the public and the rights of adjoining property owners. Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC agrees to obtain any necessary permission or right from private property owners prior to using any private property for the delivery of goods or supplies used for the Improvements or for access to the site where any of the Improvements are being constructed.
- j. Any roads constructed upon private property by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC will not, and shall not hereafter, become the responsibility of the County unless the County receives from the landowner a dedication of sufficient right of way, and the Commissioners Court, in its sole discretion, finds the road serves a sufficient public purpose and affirmatively accepts the road as a County road.
- k. Any County owned culverts or bridges, if any, that must be replaced or repaired in the Project Area as result of the construction of the project and heavy loads associated with the project will be repaired by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC, subject to supervision and approval of the County.
- To more fully implement the terms of this agreement, Lone Spur Solar Energy 1. LLC agrees to establish a fund (to be called the Road Use Contingency Fund) in an amount equal to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) prior to the commencement of significant construction activities for the project, to be placed on escrow with the County Treasurer of Polk County, Texas. For purposes of this Agreement, significant construction activities shall mean any vehicular traffic carrying loads in excess of 54,000 pounds. This fund shall be available to be applied to any costs incurred by Polk County for the repair of roads, bridges, culverts or other road infrastructure due to damage caused by the activities of Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC in the project zone. The County will first give notice to Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC of the damage claimed, and Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC will have thirty (30) days in which to cure any claimed damage. Failure to cure the claimed damage will authorize the County to access the Road Use Contingency Fund to the extent of the actual costs of repairs incurred by the County, as documented by actual receipts for material, labor or equipment use rates, as based on FEMA publications, as noted above. Upon any withdrawal from the Road Use Contingency Fund, Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC shall immediately replenish the fund to the extent of any drawdown pursuant to this section. Failure to establish the Road Use Contingency Fund, or to replenish said fund when and if necessary, shall constitute a material breach of the Road Use Agreement. At the conclusion of all construction and commencement of commercial operations, any remaining

balance in said contingency fund shall be remitted to Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC within forty-five (45) days of Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC's certification of COD.

- m. Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Polk County and its officers, representatives and employees against any and all losses, damages, claims, expenses and liabilities for physical damage to the property of Polk County or to any person, including reasonable attorney's fees arising out of the project with respect to (1) operations of Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC, or any of its contractors or subcontractor for any intentional act or omission on the part of Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC, or its agents, representatives, employees, or its general contractor or sub-contractors and all employees of such companies actually performing work related to the project, and (2) any negligent, careless or reckless act or omission on the part of Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC, or its contractors and subcontractors, and (3) any breach of this agreement. This indemnity agreement shall survive the termination of this agreement.
- n. Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC agrees to provide insurance at all times during construction and such insurance will include: (1) Worker's compensation insurance in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas (2) Commercial General Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence, and (3) Automobile Liability insurance. Certificates of Insurance will be provided upon request to the County. Polk County will be identified as an additional insured on all insurance policies related to the project.

3. The Commissioners' Court hereby grants permission to Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC, and its successors and assigns, during the planning and construction phases of its solar power project and Improvements, and thereafter during the operation and maintenance phase of the solar power project and Improvements until said solar power project and Improvements are completely abandoned, to use all County roads for the Road Usages described herein, including but not limited to, (a) access and egress to and from the Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC Project, (b) encroachment of Solar Project facilities and Improvements under, along or into the right of way of said County roads, in the form of access points to and from the County road and/or underground electrical transmission or collection lines buried in the County road right-of-way, and (c) for overhead and bored underground crossings of said County roads with solar power project and Improvements, and with transmission lines connecting the solar power project and Improvements to the electrical grid power system. (collectively, the "Road Usage")

4. That the permission granted in Ordering Paragraph 2 includes the installation, maintenance and repair of solar power project collection and transmission lines and related facilities within the rights of way of said County roads and right-of-way easements held by the County, and an authorization to require upgrade of such roads where necessary and conduct geotechnical and other preliminary construction analysis of such roads and rights-of-way. Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC must provide the County with notice and a map identifying the location of such

Project Area facilities with reference to the County roads to be utilized by Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC before Project construction work on such roads begins. If any County roads must be upgraded in connection with such construction work, Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC will perform such upgrade work at its cost. The County may inspect such road upgrade work and Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC will perform additional work if needed to cause the upgrades to meet the same or better road standards as in effect at the commencement of Project construction (such standards being those agreed to by all parties). Lone Spur Solar Energy LLC must repair any damage to the County roads caused by its installation, maintenance or repair activities.

PASSED AND APPROVED at this public hearing of the Polk County Commissioners' Court, at which a quorum was present, on September 28, 2021.

Hon. County Judge, County Judge Polk County, Texas

Commissioner Precinct 2

Commissioner Precinct 4

Commissioner Precinct 1

Commissioner Precinct 3

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Date of Execution:

Accept:

Lope Spur Solar Energy LLC Jonathan Saxon Senior Vice President of Development Date: \_\_\_\_\_