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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Ms. Aida Camacho-Welch Secretary New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue 3rd Floor, Suite 314 CN 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Letter of Support for Dimension Renewable Energy Community Solar Projects

Dear Ms. Camacho-Welch:

The Trenton Housing Authority (THA) respectfully submits this letter in support of New Jersey's Community Solar Energy Pilot Program and the projects under development by Dimension renewable energy (Dimension). In our meeting with Dimension, they committed to serve low- and moderate-income customers. Importantly, these projects can serve the families housed by the THA. We believe these projects should be selected to move forward in Year 2 of the Community Solar Pilot Program.

The THA is committed to building and maintaining affordable housing for the City of Trenton. We seek to create safe, energy efficient neighborhoods by partnering with individuals and organizations to provide housing, education, and employment opportunities for families of modest means who live in the City of Trenton. Through the public housing and services that we provide, the THA helps citizens to become self-sufficient and improve their quality of life. The THA manages more than 1,800 housing units.

The City of Trenton is proud of its diverse population and long history as an urban center. While there are redevelopment zones in Trenton, there are few spaces where it would be both appropriate and cost effective to site a large solar project serving a meaningful number of Trenton residents. Fortunately, New Jersey's Community Solar Energy Pilot Program allows solar projects serving Trenton residents to be located outside the City limits.

Dimension's four rooftop projects located in Hamilton, and both projects located in East Windsor, have the capacity to serve more than 3,000 families, including Trenton families, and create a meaningful, positive impact.

As such, the Trenton Housing Authority strongly supports the BPU's efforts to bring the benefits of community solar to low- and moderate-income families and we hope the Dimension projects will be part of this program.

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