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RE: Deptford Letter of Support for a Utility Role in Meeting N.J. Solar Targets

To Whom it May Concern:

I am Deptford Mayor Paul Medany, and I appreciate the opportunity to advocate in support of PSE&G's role in expanding solar power in New Jersey.

My township has first-hand experience working with PSE&G's Solar 4 All® Program. Deptford hosts two PSE&G landfill solar projects with a combined generating capacity of 16MW. The Kinsey I and II Landfill solar farms cover 47 acres of former landfill property with nearly 50,000 solar panels that produce enough clean, renewable energy to power over 2,500 NJ homes each year.

Only about 21% of New Jersey solar is grid supply compared with other leading solar states that have over 60%. Grid supply landfill and brownfield solar projects have historically been among the most difficult projects to develop, yet will be vital to reaching the State's targets.

Governor Phil Murphy and the State Legislature have set a target of 12.2GW of installed solar capacity by 2030 and 17.2GW by 2035, which would require a build rate of 950MW per year, roughly triple what New Jersey's solar market has delivered annually over the past five years.

We believe that leveraging PSE&G's experience and track record in developing solar projects will significantly enhance the state's chances of meeting its targets. Solar 4 All® has built 158MW of landfill, brownfield, rooftop, ground mount, parking lot and pole-attached solar in New Jersey. The 12 landfill and brownfield sites encompass more than 260 acres and include 263,000 solar panels that can generate clean energy for over 14,000 NJ homes.

Utility participation will be key to New Jersey's success as the state seeks to vastly expand solar power. The PSE&G Solar 4 All® Program should continue to develop landfill and brownfield solar to help New Jersey's transition to a clean energy economy, cleaner air, and fewer greenhouse gas emissions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mayor Paul Medany

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