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RE: In the matter of the New Jersey 2019/2020 Solar Transition Solar Successor Program: Staff Straw Proposal

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Dear Ms. Chamaco-Welsh,

My name is Scott Campbell, and I am President/Business Mgr. for Local 94 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and I appreciate the opportunity to speak in support of PSE&G's role in expanding solar in New Jersey.

Gov. Murphy and the state legislature have put New Jersey on a path to a clean energy economy that will reduce environmental impacts, lower energy costs for residential and commercial users, create skilled jobs and help the state recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Part of that vision includes an ambitious goal to reach 12.2GW of installed solar capacity by 2030, more than triple New Jersey's current annual solar capacity over the past five years.

Solar growth will have to accelerate rapidly to reach the state's goals, and utilities like PSE&G are well positioned to support the effort. PSE&G has already built 158 MW-dc of grid supply solar in its Solar 4 All® portfolio with the help of many IBEW men and women. More than half built on landfill and brownfield sites. Communities across New Jersey, including underserved communities, have benefited from these landfill and brownfield projects, which typically turn unproductive, blighted properties into modern, clean-energy power plants.

Yet even with PSE&G's success in brownfield and landfill grid supply solar, only about 21% of New Jersey's solar power is grid supply compared with other leading solar states that have over 60% grid

supply solar. Increasing grid supply solar in New Jersey is the most cost-effective way to meet the state's solar goals.

PSE&G's experience in solar development will be crucial to helping New Jersey meet its goals. Utility participation also provides stability for the solar market and solar service providers, transparency in pricing and the assurance that the most underserved segments of the solar market will be addressed with a skilled utility and labor workforce

That is why I am advocating for PSE&G's Solar 4 All® Program to be an active partner in the state's effort to expand solar in NJ.

Utility participation is critical to meet NJ's ambitious solar targets and IBEW 94 supports their active role in developing landfill, brownfield, and public facility solar.

Thank you again for your time.

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