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Aida Chamaco-Welsh, Secretary of the Board New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 314 P.O. Box 350

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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 Secretary Chamaco-Welsh,

My name is Amy Wilmot, Owner of Spooky Brook Landscaping, and I appreciate the opportunity to go on the record in support of PSE&G's role in expanding solar power in New Jersey.

PSE&G has an impressive history of developing and operating solar power in New Jersey and we're happy to be among their partners. Somerset-based Spooky Brook has provided landscaping services for 36 PSE&G solar facilities including maintaining grass and shrubs and snow removal.

Solar power benefits communities in so many ways. Along with the clean, renewable energy solar delivers, many of PSE&G's projects, developed through the Solar 4 All® Program, are on landfill or brownfield sites. Typically, those solar projects transform unused, unproductive eyesores into assets that enhance towns and municipalities, while supplying energy directly to the power grid.

Now that Gov. Phil Murphy and the New Jersey legislature have established a goal of achieving 12.2GW of solar installed by 2030, those type of projects will be more important than ever. Building solar on landfills, brownfields, and public facilities has historically been difficult, and remains an underserved market segment. Approximately 20% of New Jersey solar is grid supply compared with other leading solar states that have over 60% grid supply solar.

The most realistic way for New Jersey to achieve its clean energy goals is to maximize all approaches, including bringing the state's electric distribution companies into the market to grow the grid supply solar sector.



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Tapping into the utility's unique capabilities (experience, technical expertise and transparency) will significantly improve the probability of achieving the state's solar goals.

In closing, we support a role for utilities and PSE&G's Solar 4 All® Program in the state's effort to expand solar power, particularly in developing landfill, brownfield and public facility solar.

Thank you for time.

Respectfully submitted,

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