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My name is Jeffrey R. Simpson and I am the Operations Manager of Riggs Distler & Company, Inc.

Riggs Distler is a 111 year old construction firm based in Cherry Hill, NJ. We are a Heavy Industrial, Generation and Utility contractor who provides turnkey solutions for complex energy infrastructure projects throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern United States utilizing unionized field employees and subcontractors. Our experienced project managers and union craft personnel coupled with our commitment to the environment, safety, planning and efficiency make us the perfect turnkey partner to deliver lasting results in our communities. As a NJ based construction firm, Riggs Distler has performed work for all of New Jersey's Utilities and for many of New Jersey's Refineries and Industrial Complexes.

We are committed to supporting New Jersey's efforts to achieve a clean energy future and believe PSE&G's plans for both Energy Storage and Electric Vehicle Programs will help increase the efficacy of this goal for the good of all New Jersey.

Historically, Riggs Distler has engaged in innovative renewable energy projects with PSE&G to support a better environment through solar energy. Since 2010, and in large part to PSE&G's Solar 4 All® (S4A) Program, Riggs Distler has installed over 200 MW of Utility Scale solar projects throughout New Jersey.

Since the inception of PSE&G's S4A Program, Riggs Distler has constructed the following projects within PSE&G's solar portfolio:

1. PSE&G's 40 MW Pole-mounted solar array-delivering solar energy to over 6,500 homes throughout PSE&G's service territory.



2. PSE&G's 1.3 MW Trenton Solar Farm- a brownfield solar farm that provides increased access to clean energy for local New Jersey residents.
3. PSE&G's 12.93 MW L&D Landfill – which is one of the largest solar farms on a landfill in the U.S.

The construction of these three projects can be directly attributed to the following actual Riggs Distler statistics:

1. 602,775 direct Man Hours (MHs) worked by NJ residents. These MHs were worked by Engineers, Project Managers, Project Clerks, and Safety professionals. However, the vast majority of these hours were worked by NJ's dedicated union craft composed of:
 - a. Union Carpenters
 - b. Union Electricians
 - c. Union Linemen
 - d. Union Laborers
 - e. Union Teamsters
 - f. Union Iron Workers
 - g. Union Operating Engineers
2. These MHs translate into over \$39M in Wage and Fringe Benefit payments made by Riggs Distler directly to our union employees and fellow residents of NJ. These union positions, staffed by highly qualified and motivated NJ residents, are good paying jobs that include family medical and retirement benefits for our workers. These types of jobs help promote NJ's working middle class.
3. These projects also provided an additional \$13.3M in business for local NJ suppliers that were directly hired by Riggs Distler to provide services & commodities such as fuel, concrete, construction material, landscaping, and equipment rentals. These business transactions, between NJ businesses, have helped to spur NJ's economic development.



In the Electric Vehicle market, PSE&G has proposed investing \$261 million into universal electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Riggs Distler has seen the economic and environmental gains working with a local gas and electric utility in Maryland to engineer, procure and construct electric vehicle charging stations throughout the state. The project is part of a larger initiative by the utility to reduce emissions and improve air quality in Maryland.

The construction of a project like the one we are executing in Maryland can be expected to yield approximately 40,000MHs, \$2MM in Wage and Fringe Benefit payments made by Riggs Distler directly to our union employees. This project will also provide an approximate additional \$500,000 in business for local MD suppliers who will be directly hired by Riggs Distler to provide services & commodities. It would be reasonable to predict a similar style project in New Jersey would have similar economic benefits.

In addition to the environmental gains outlined in PSE&G's proposals for EV charging infrastructure and energy storage, these programs will support the economy by creating almost 1,000 jobs in our state. At Riggs Distler, our philosophy is to put people first and giving our citizens the opportunities to provide essential infrastructure work in their communities is critical for the adaptation of a better future.

PSE&G's track record for supporting programs that benefit the communities they serve in New Jersey, communities we are a part of, in addition to our first-hand experience working as a partner for a cleaner future for our families is why we support PSE&G's Energy Storage and Electric Vehicle Programs.