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To: Secretary, BPUBoard (BPU)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2021-04-30 SOLAR SUCCESSOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO P.L. 2018, C.17 -Docket No. QO20020184

RE: Solar successor incentive program

Dear NJBPU,

Solar conversion for electricity needs to include incentives for the underprivileged and low income. Everything always appears to be for companies, energy companies and businesses in general. The key is getting as many homeowners and renters to participate into solar energy, which not only enables additional electric generation, but it also engages the majority residents of New Jersey.

We need to shift off of natural gas and the only way is to push renewable generation at the home. Most people cannot afford to pay upfront for solar panels or install geothermal or retrofit the house for hybrid electric generation (wind and solar) integrated with grid. Even though we can all testify that the weather is more turbulent and the science analysis trends to be increasingly turbulent.

I would urge NJBPU to incorporate a "Reach everyone" slogan that targets programs for people with incomes under \$200,000 where the incentives increase as the salary decreases; where NJBPU enables renters and low income to effectively decrease their recurring utility charges by funding and enabling them to add electric generation (wind/solar) at their unit and by choosing to designate their utility to allocate their unit's electricity power generation as renewable based (at no cost to the individual unit).

If NJBPU doesn't include the underprivileged and low income, then NJBPU doesn't serve New Jersey residents. The only way for us to get to renewable is by enabling all New Jersey Residents being sponsored to designate and invest into renewable utilities. For a resident with income under \$100,000, they have no way of saving or allocating funds to install solar or wind generation. This is where NJBPU can help. There are micro windmills available that are easy to install and will produce more than 1,000 watts. If NJBPU really had the interest of clean energy and reaching all New Jersey residents, NJBPU would consider 100% reimbursement for solar and wind installations at homes with incomes below \$100,000 (recommend start with partial reimbursement at \$200,000 and increase to 100% at \$100,000 and below). Costs of living and taxes in New Jersey are increasing, it is critical that NJBPU make renewable energy available to all homeowners through reimbursement of installations and to renters via selection of their energy.

Sincerely,

Kirk Frost