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**From:** Scott Campbell <Scott@ibew94.org>  
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**To:** Secretary, BPUBoard (BPU)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Docket# QO20020184, Solar Successor Program

Good Afternoon President and Commissioners,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this important topic that meets Governor Murphy's clean energy goals while integrating equity, workforce development, and economic growth issues into the state's EMP goals. My apologies for my late timing, but this solar stakeholder process conflicted with this morning's BPU EE workforce training development meeting that concluded early this afternoon. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this important topic that meets Governor Murphy's clean energy goals while integrating equity, workforce, development, and economic growth issues into the state's EMP goals.

I'm here to tout the benefits of this program you are proposing but, at this time, it overlooks the value of having utilities like PSE&G to participate in the successor program and help the state accelerate its solar targets and clean energy goals. Affording utilities to participate and focus their expertise and efforts on a segment of the market that is presently being overlooked by others, makes good public policy sense. That segment of the market include landfill and brownfield sites. By focusing on this targeted segment of the market, It would extend the benefits of repurposing these blighted sites to adjacent communities resulting in greater environmental and public benefit purposes that can be shared by those that would not otherwise have the opportunity to benefits from their clean energy attributes - adjacent communities which in most cases are underserved communities. PSE&G has an established record in this segment of the market. Communities across New Jersey, including underserved communities, have indeed benefited from these previous solar landfill and brownfield projects. 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.

On behalf of the 4000 members I represent, IBEW LU 94, and the many skilled workforce that have supported solar projects, thank you for affording us this opportunity to represent our interests in this dialogue. I hope you can consider adding utility to manage these projects and focused on serving a public benefit purpose.

Yours Truly,

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