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To Secretary Aida Camacho  
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities  
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***RE: In the matter of the New Jersey 2019/2020 Solar Transition Solar  
Successor Program: Staff Straw Proposal***

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Pennsauken Mayor Marco DiBattista and I appreciate the opportunity to comment in support of a role for PSE&G's Solar 4 All® Program in the expansion of solar in New Jersey. Pennsauken is home to the 15MW Pennsauken Brownfield solar farm, a renewable energy project developed on the site where a porcelain-enameled cast-iron bath fixture manufacturer stood in the 1920's. When PSE&G's Solar 4 All® Program embarked on the project, the property was unused and undergoing environmental remediation for soil and groundwater contamination.

Construction took about 10 months and in 2019, the solar farm that is capable of generating enough electricity to power about 2,500 New Jersey homes went into service. Last year, the solar project was recognized as a "Brownfield Success Story" by the NJ Brownfields Assistance Center at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Other New Jersey communities have also benefited from a PSE&G brownfield or landfill solar project. PSE&G has developed 12 solar farms on landfill and brownfield sites that encompass more than 260 acres and include 263,000 solar panels that generate clean, renewable energy to power over 14,000 NJ homes.

PSE&G's Solar 4 All® team has the demonstrated experience and technical expertise that is crucial if New Jersey is to meet its ambitious solar targets of 12.2GW of installed solar capacity by 2030 and 17.2GW by 2035. Only about 21% of New Jersey's solar power is grid supply compared with other leading solar power states that have over 60% grid supply solar. Increasing grid supply solar is the most cost effective approach to meet the State's aggressive solar goals. Pennsauken is proud to be host to a PSE&G Solar 4 All® brownfield solar project and endorse a continued role for the utility in the effort to expand solar in New Jersey.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Marco DiBattista  
Mayor