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Board Secretary Aida Camacho

Subject: comments regarding Docket No. QO20020184, Solar Successor Program
City of Trenton

Good afternoon,

I'm Reed Gusciora, Mayor of Trenton, and I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the state's plan to expand solar in New Jersey and the role PSE&G's Solar 4 All® Program can play in meeting that goal.

Trenton has first-hand experience with PSE&G's Solar 4 All® Program. We are proud to host the utility's 1.26MW grid-connected solar farm built on a brownfield property on Brunswick Avenue. This project was put in-service in 2010 and provides clean energy to over 200 homes each year.

Landfill and brownfield solar have historically been difficult to develop. The expertise the PSE&G Solar 4 All® team showed in managing the Trenton brownfield project is sure to benefit other New Jersey municipalities with unproductive or unused properties.

Governor Phil Murphy and the state Legislature have set a target of 12.2GW of installed solar capacity by 2030 and 17.2GW by 2035, which would require a build rate of 950MW per year, roughly triple what New Jersey's solar market has delivered annually over the past five years.

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, and there are opportunities across New Jersey.

All told, Solar 4 All® has built 158MW of landfill, brownfield, rooftop, ground mount, parking lot and pole-attached solar in New Jersey. The 12 landfill and brownfield sites encompass more

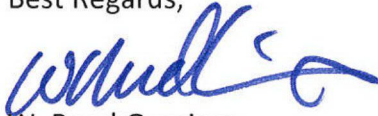
than 260 acres and include 263,000 solar panels that can generate clean energy for over 14,000 NJ homes.

Utilities like PSE&G are also in a position to increase participation from underserved and low- to moderate-income communities in the expansion of solar and help address environmental justice issues facing many.

We believe it would be a wasted opportunity to ignore the experience and technical expertise of electric distribution companies, and programs like PSE&G Solar 4 All®, as New Jersey moves to vastly expand solar power. The utility is needed in this market, and we strongly advocate for their continued role.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,



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