



May 27, 2021

Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Post Office Box 350
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Docket # Q020020184, Solar Successor Program

Dear Secretary Camacho-Welch,

Infiniti Energy appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBP) straw proposal for the Solar Successor Program, and we applaud the NJBP for their time and dedication on this proposal that'll help accelerate the New Jersey clean energy transition.

Infiniti Energy is a New Jersey based and woman owned turnkey solar developer focused in the commercial and industrial space. Our team of proven industry leaders build strong partnerships with clients to provide customized and creative solar power and financing solutions. Some of our past clients include East Brunswick School District, NJ Water Commission, PEPSICO, Home-Depot, and Wells Fargo. Despite our growth, our mission remains the same, to provide clients cost-saving solar solutions, grow the solar industry in NJ, and drive jobs to the state. With over 500+ MW of grid-connected projects and 100+ MW of those projects located in NJ, we believe in the energy transition happening in New Jersey and will continue to bet on the state that we call home. For more information on Infiniti Energy visit our website provided in footnote below.

The Solar Successor Program will determine the future of the Solar in New Jersey and how it will affect the state's clean energy goal of 100% clean energy by 2050. It is supposed to stimulate competition among developers and suppliers which will serve to incentivize local clean

¹ NJ Energy Master Plan <https://www.nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200127a.shtml>

power, provide more access to solar in low-moderate income communities, and keep cost low to ratepayers. Unfortunately, some of the proposed plans in the straw proposal take away the value in what has been an incredible growth for solar in the state through the transition incentive program (TI).

Infiniti Energy believe that proposed incentive values for multiple market segment are too low. We recognize and understand the CADMUS report and the importance of keeping cost low to ratepayers, but not at a cost to developers. We must continue to evaluate methods of providing these cost-savings, while keepings the value for developers reasonable. We recommend the increase of incentive values to a margin that will benefit both public and private stakeholders in NJ. Furthermore, we agree with having a “annual checkup” to evaluate incentive values based on market performance, but also believe there should be a differentiation between market segments and include environmental benefits calculations. Lastly, we support moving towards a “first-come first-serve” application reward process, rather than a competitive solicitation process.

Infiniti Energy appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and strongly recommends the careful review and consideration of all stakeholder comments. Infiniti Energy is proud to represent the New Jersey solar industry and hopes for an equitable Solar Successor Program for both public and private stakeholders. **In the matter of the Solar Successor Program Straw Proposal.**

Sincerely,

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