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## ***NJUA Letter of Support for a Utility Role in Meeting N.J. Solar Targets***

My name is Thomas Churchelow, president of the New Jersey Utilities Association, and I appreciate the opportunity to record my support for PSE&G's Solar 4 All® Program and its continued role in the expansion of solar in New Jersey.

Part of my role as president of the trade association that represents investor-owned utilities is to promote projects that improve the delivery of essential services, stimulate the economy and create jobs. As we slowly emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, this type of advocacy is as vital as ever.

Governor Phil Murphy and the state legislature have put New Jersey on a path to a clean energy economy that will reduce environmental impacts, lower energy costs for residential and commercial users and create jobs. Part of that vision includes a proposal to reach 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.

Utilities like PSE&G will be key to achieving that goal.

Solar 4 All® has built 158MW of landfill, brownfield, rooftop, ground mount, parking lot and pole-attached solar in New Jersey. The program's 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. Landfill and brownfield solar have historically been difficult to develop, and the Solar 4 All® team's expertise in developing and managing those projects will significantly enhance the state's chances of reaching its ambitious targets. 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 to help address environmental justice issues facing many.

We believe it would be a wasted opportunity for New Jersey to embark on this clean energy journey without taking advantage of the experience and technical expertise of PSE&G, the state's largest utility, and their Solar 4 All® Program. Utilities are needed in this market, and we strongly advocate for their continued role.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully,

Thomas R. Churchelow  
President