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I. Program Design & Eligibility

- 1) Perhaps those projects that have a 95% probability that they will be ready to operate within 3 months of the end of the period should be included.
- 2) Perhaps it matters most that the benefits of the installations are made available to and dedicated to those in overburdened communities, where electricity bills are a higher portion of their total living costs on average.
- 3) No comment.
- 4) Perhaps tree-cutting to make way for the installations should be prohibited.
- 5) No comment.
- 6) Perhaps it would be ideal if the installations were sited nearby existing electricity stations in order to minimize loss of energy during transference into the grid.

II. Project Selection

- 7) Perhaps preference should be given to those proposals that minimize impact to the environment, e.g. low landfill creation, low embodied carbon, planting of shrubs beneath the solar panels to encourage local biodiversity (in turn, plants below the panels keep the air cooler and thus increase the efficiency of the panels), certifications of the company such as one like B-Corp. Also, perhaps preference should be given to those which are woman- or minority-owned in the state.
- 8) No comment.
- 9) No comment.
- 10) No comment.

III. Low- and Middle-Income Access

- 11) Perhaps there should be capacity dedicated to those communities, and communication about it be distributed via the electric bills. Assuming there is a discount for signing up, then perhaps the most overburdened residents be enrolled automatically after a grace period. Perhaps it should be coupled with programs that improve the energy efficiency of their homes.
- 12) No comment.

13) No comment.

IV. Community Solar Subscribers

14) Perhaps proximity does not matter.

15) No comment.

16) No comment.

17) See comments in III. 11) above.

V. Community Solar Bill Credits

18) No comment.

19) No comment.

20) No comment.

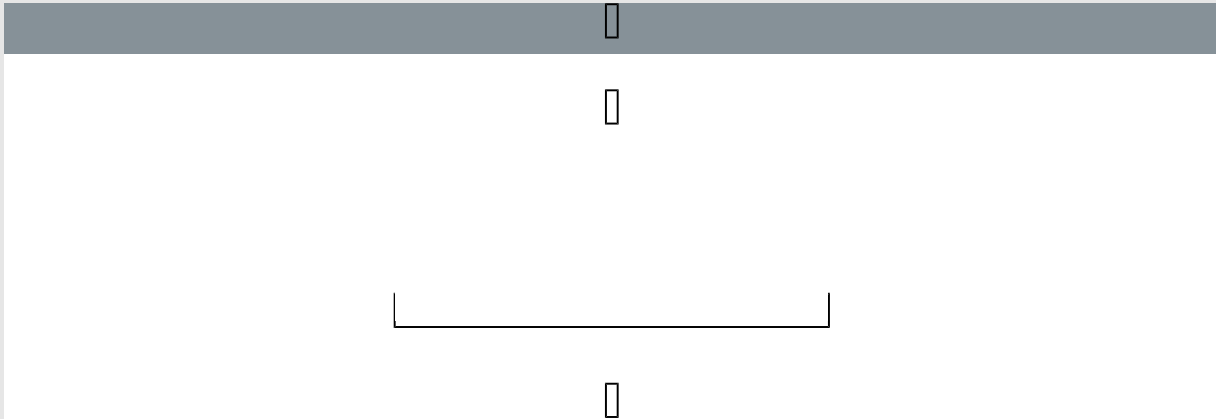
VI. Other

21) No further comments.

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Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBPU” or “Board”) invites all interested parties and members of the public to provide written responses to questions regarding the design of the permanent Community Solar Energy Program (“Permanent Program”). Following receipt and consideration of these written comments, Staff will draft a Straw Proposal and solicit further stakeholder feedback on the Straw Proposal via public stakeholder meetings and an opportunity to provide written comments.

The deadline for comments in this matter is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022.

More information is provided in the [Request for Comments](#).

Thank you for your interest in NJBPU.



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