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Dear BPU Commissioners and Staff:

I write to you as a co- owner and partner with GMUNU LLC, which previously did business as Petra Solar, regarding the straw proposal for the New Jersey Energy Storage Incentive Program. I commend the Board for offering a framework to promote energy storage resources in New Jersey. It is a key step toward achieving the clean energy goals detailed in the updated Energy Master Plan. Our State has made substantial progress in developing renewable resources, including solar and offshore wind, as well as energy efficiency. Progress my New Jersey firm is proud to have been part of, as the supplier of PSE&G's Solar 4 All® Pole Attached Solar System.

New Jersey has established the goal of having 2,000 megawatts by 2030. To achieve that target, the State should take advantage of all opportunities to hasten resource development. That's why I was surprised and disappointed that the State's electric utilities, which manage the State's electric grid, are largely excluded from the New Jersey Storage Incentive Program. Utility storage systems would efficiently enhance renewables' value and their integration onto the grid by smoothing out short-term changes in output when the sun doesn't shine, or the wind doesn't blow. That means more renewable power and fewer carbon emissions that are warming the planet.

PSE&G, the State's largest electric utility, is eager and capable of playing a leading role in helping to spur the development of energy storage resources in New Jersey. Much like the significant contribution it has made to the State's solar energy success story. It has proposed a program to develop 35 megawatts of storage. PSE&G has a distinguished record of delivering on its commitments and has built five solar plus energy storage facilities as part of its Solar 4 All program.

Through its solar programs, I have witnessed the support PSE&G can provide budding businesses. I am confident that its participation in the Energy Storage Incentive Program will help nurture the State's nascent energy storage sector.

For these reasons, I believe utilities can and should play a critical role in deploying energy storage at scale. I recommend that the Board revise the straw proposal for New Jersey Energy Storage Incentive Program to allow utilities to facilitate achieving the State's energy storage goals. The New Jersey community would benefit if utilities like PSE&G were allowed to participate fully in the New Jersey Energy Storage Incentive Program, which would help fast-track development of these vital resources.

Thank you for your consideration,

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