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**Saint Peter's Healthcare System**  
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Dear BPU Commissioners and Staff:

I write to you as the Director of Engineering and Project Management for the Saint Peter's Healthcare System regarding the New Jersey Energy Storage Incentive Program, or "NJ SIP," Straw Proposal. The straw proposal represents meaningful progress toward developing energy storage resources in New Jersey.

Energy storage at scale is needed to achieve Gov. Phil Murphy's vision for New Jersey's clean energy future. Storage can increase the value of clean energy technologies, allowing the power generated by renewables to be stored for later use. That facilitates the use of renewable energy during peak demand periods, which do not coincide with peak wind or solar production. New Jersey Energy Master Plan and the 2018 Clean Energy Act set the goal to develop 2,000 megawatts of energy storage by 2030. As of last year, New Jersey had only about 70 megawatts of storage. That is not to question whether the goal is attainable, but to stress that New Jersey needs to take advantage of all available resources if the State is to meet the 2,000 megawatt target. In particular, utilities, which are excluded from owning energy storage systems in the SIP, can and should be leveraged to rapidly expand New Jersey's energy storage resources.

I recommend the Board revise the SIP to allow utilities to play a more substantial role in developing energy storage resources, similar to how they supported New Jersey as a solar energy leader. PSE&G has proposed an energy storage program that would jump-start this effort. PSE&G has the demonstrated expertise to develop energy storage projects quickly, having built five solar plus energy storage facilities as part of its Solar 4 All® program.

PSE&G has helped Saint Peter's to become greener in its energy mix. We worked together to build solar projects and electric vehicle charging stations, helping Saint Peter's operations be more sustainable. PSE&G is ready to help New Jersey become an energy storage leader by building, owning, and operating energy storage systems and advancing the use of the technology in the State.

I urge the Board to seriously consider revising the NJ SIP straw proposal and allow utilities to play a more active role in developing and owning energy storage resources. Utilities can make a substantial contribution to achieving the 2030 energy storage goal.