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RE: DOCKET NO. QO22030153-CESP STRAW PROPOSAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dear Ms. Golden,

Coast Energy is very appreciative of all the hard work that the NJBPU has put into creating the Community Solar Energy Program (CESP) Straw Proposal and the upcoming permanent Community Solar Program. We are also thankful for the opportunity to offer our public comments on the Straw Proposal.

The increase in overall **CAPACITY** from the previous pilot program years is very welcome. With that in mind, Coast Energy would like to propose that if any utility reaches capacity with excess viable projects still in its queue while another utility has not reached its capacity, the excess capacity can be transferred to be used by the viable projects.

Coast Energy applauds the **SITING REQUIREMENTS AND INCENTIVES** that have been set forth in the straw proposal. With that in mind, Coast Energy would like to propose a REC adder of \$10 to \$20 to incentivize brownfield siting as well as the same adder for carports and canopies. Due to the rising costs of commodities required to build carports and canopies, an extra incentive is needed to create competitiveness. Brownfield projects should always get a little extra incentive to utilize these areas.

The **PROJECT MATURITY REQUIREMENTS** are also welcomed by Coast Energy. Ensuring that the filters are in place to help viable projects get approved and reach "Permission To Operate" (PTO) is vital. As the timeline to complete non-ministerial



permits can vary, Coast Energy would like to suggest that the permits being applied for should suffice.

Coast Energy is very excited to participate in the upcoming permanent Community Solar Program and we look forward to working with the NJBPU to build some amazing projects.

Thank you again for all of the hard work that has gone into developing CESP and giving consideration to all of the stakeholders.

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