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BY E-MAIL TO BOARD.SECRETARY@BPU.NJ.GOV

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Attn: Board Secretary 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0350

RE:

Docket #: QW23100738-

Case Caption: IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF SYNNERGY LLC SEEKING A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 ET SEQ., AND/OR A WAIVER PURSUANT TO THE WAIVER RULE, N.J.A.C. 14:1-1.2(b) NJADRE1553095046

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Ewing-Lawrence Sewerage Authority ("ELSA") has been advised that Synnergy LLC ("Synnergy") has filed its Petition for Declaratory Relief pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. for its proposed 3.65 MW (DC) solar electric generating facility (the "Project"), as captioned above. ELSA is the would-be customer for the Project.

This letter confirms the position of the ELSA and its Board of Directors regarding the Petition before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the "Board"). Simply put, ELSA urges the Board to approve the relief sought in the Petition for the Project and that such approval be granted at the earliest possible opportunity.

ELSA operates a sixteen-million gallon per day advanced secondary wastewater treatment facility in Lawrenceville, New Jersey serving the townships of Ewing and Lawrence. ELSA's Mission Statement is to protect public health and the environment by the effective treatment and disposal of wastewater while operating in a fiscally responsible manner. With the Project, Synnergy presented ELSA with an excellent opportunity to further its Mission Statement by entering into a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") for renewable energy at a reduced cost from the price it pays for electricity, while not having to expend funds for building the Project.

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ELSA and its Board of Directors been involved through the many twists and turns of the approval and permit process regarding this 3.65 MW Project and feel that it if the Project is permitted to be implemented, it will be of significant benefit, not only to our ratepayers, but to the environment as well. Synnergy is doing this Project on a DEP designated browns field and has at this point secured all necessary permits and approvals, state, county and local for the Project's installation and operation.

Synnergy has gone the extra mile and agreed to acquire the intervening lot between ELSA's property and Synnergy's property on which the Project will be built. It has agreed to do this to comply with the "on-site generation" statutory provisions noted in the Petition. This acquisition by Synnergy will be at no cost to ELSA. Further, Synnergy has financing in place and the Project is truly shovel ready and will be operational in 2024 with the Board's approval.

Finally, ELSA and its Board cannot emphasize enough that this Project will serve a government entity. The savings to ELSA's ratepayers via the Synnergy-ELSA PPA will amount to over \$7,000,000 over the life of the Project. These are crucial factors justifying approval of the relief sought by Synnergy in its Petition.

The ELSA Board of Directors fully supports the completion of this Project with the relief sought by Synnergy in the Petition. ELSA urges the Board to expedite the granting of the relief sought. In that way, ELSA's customers, the citizens of Ewing and Lawrence Townships, can begin to benefit from the savings opportunity presented by this Project.

A copy of this letter is being provided to Public Service Electric & Gas Company ("PSE&G"), as the local electric distribution company, and to New Jersey Rate Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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