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Section B: Community Solar Energy Project Description

Project Name: _____

*This name will be used to reference the project in correspondence with the Applicant.

I. Applicant Contact Information

Applicant Company/Entity Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Applicant Mailing Address: _____

Municipality: _____ County: _____ Zip Code: _____

- Applicant is:
- Community Solar Project Owner
 - Community Solar Developer/Facility Installer
 - Property/Site Owner
 - Subscriber Organization
 - Agent (if agent, what role is represented) _____

II. Community Solar Project Owner

Project Owner Company/Entity Name (complete if known): _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Municipality: _____ County: _____ Zip Code: _____

III. Community Solar Developer

This section, "Community Solar Developer," is optional if: 1) the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), AND 2) the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a RFP, RFQ, or other bidding process. In all other cases, this section is required.

Developer Company Name (optional, complete if applicable): _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Municipality: _____ County: _____ Zip Code: _____

The proposed community solar project will be primarily built by:

- the Developer
- a contracted engineering, procurement and construction ("EPC") company

If the proposed community solar project will be primarily built by a contracted EPC company, complete the following *(optional, complete if known)*:

If the EPC company information is left blank and the proposed project is approved by the Board for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program, the Applicant must inform the Board of the information below once the EPC company becomes known.

EPC Company Name *(optional, complete if applicable)*: _____

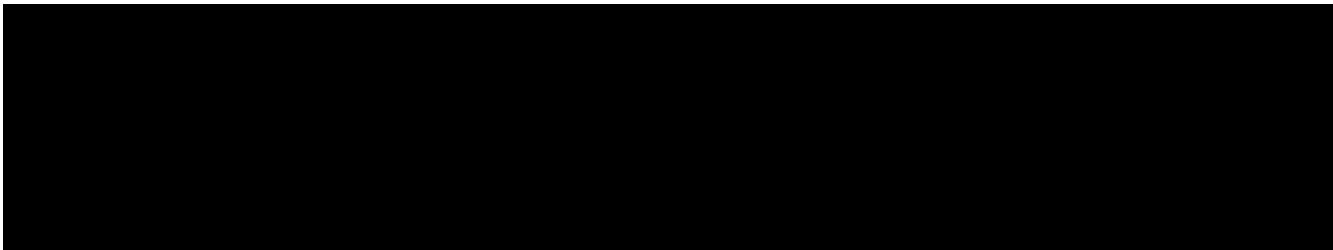
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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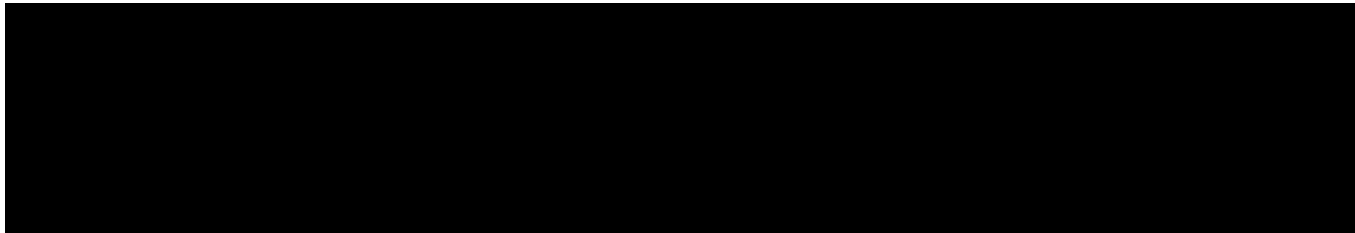
Municipality: _____ County: _____ Zip Code: _____

IV. Property/Site Owner Information



V. Community Solar Subscriber Organization *(optional, complete if known)*

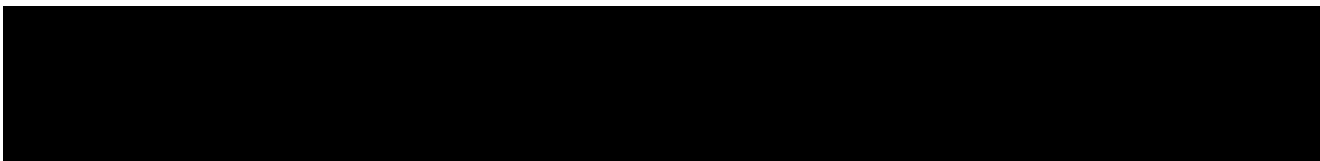
If this section, "Community Solar Subscriber Organization," is left blank and the proposed project is approved by the Board for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program, the Applicant must inform the Board of the information below once the Subscriber Organization becomes known.

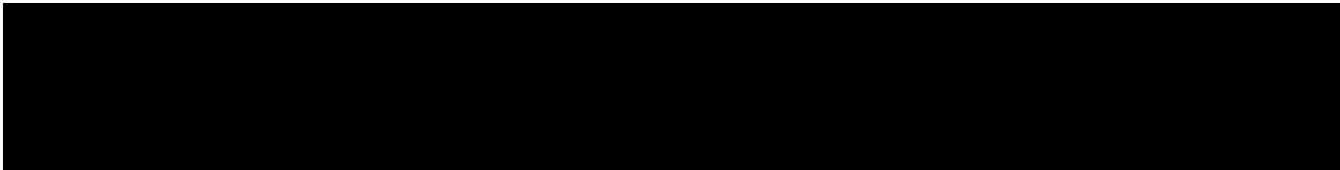


VI. Proposed Community Solar Facility Characteristics

Community Solar Facility Size (as denominated on the PV panels): _____ MWdc

*Any application for a system larger than 5 MWdc will be automatically eliminated. If awarded, projects will be held to the MWdc size indicated in this Application.





Total Acreage of Community Solar Facility: _____ acres

Attach a delineated map of the portion of the property on which the community solar facility will be located in PDF format. The map must be provided in color. Note: Applications may be required upon request to submit a copy of the delineated map as a design plan in drawing file format (.dwg) or as a shapefile (.shp), in order to facilitate integration with Geographic Information System (GIS) software.

EDC electric service territory in which the proposed community solar facility is located: *(select one)*

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic City Electric | <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Central Power & Light |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Service Electric & Gas | <input type="checkbox"/> Rockland Electric Co. |

Estimated time from Application selection to project completion* *(The Applicant should provide a good faith estimate of the date of project completion; however, this data is being collected for informational purposes only.)*: _____ (month) _____ (year)

*Project completion is defined pursuant to the definition at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.3 as being fully operational, up to and including having subscribers receive bill credits for their subscription to the project. Projects must be fully operational within 12 months of receiving conditional approval by the Board (subject to change according to the proposed rule amendment described in the Terms and Conditions).

The proposed community solar facility is an existing project* Yes No

If "Yes," the Application will not be considered by the Board. See section B. XIII. for special provisions for projects having received a subsection (t) conditional certification from the Board prior to February 19, 2019.

*An existing project is defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.2 as a solar project having begun operation and/or been approved by the Board for connection to the distribution system prior to February 19, 2019.

VII. Community Solar Facility Siting

1. The proposed community solar project has site control* Yes No

If "Yes," attach proof of site control.

If "No," the Application will be deemed incomplete.

*Site control is defined as property ownership or option to purchase, signed lease or option to lease, or signed contract for use as a community solar site or option to contract for use as a community solar site. The site control must be specific to the project in this Application, and may not be contingent on the approval of another Application submitted in PY2.



2. The proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on preserved farmland* Yes No

If “Yes,” the Application will not be considered by the Board.

*Preserved farmland is defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.2 as land from which a permanent development easement was conveyed and a deed of easement was recorded with the county clerk’s office pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq.; land subject to a farmland preservation program agreement recorded with the county clerk’s office pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:1C-24; land from which development potential has been transferred pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-113 et seq. or N.J.S.A. 40:55D-137 et seq.; or land conveyed or dedicated by agricultural restriction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-39.1.

3. The proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on Green Acres preserved open space* or on land owned by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Yes No

If “Yes,” the Applicant must attach special authorization from NJDEP for the site to host a community solar facility. The Board will not consider Applications for projects located, in part or in whole, on Green Acres preserved open space or on land owned by NJDEP, unless the Applicant has received special authorization from NJDEP and includes proof of such special authorization in the Application package.

*Green Acres preserved open space is defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.2 as land classified as either “funded parkland” or “unfunded parkland” under N.J.A.C. 7:36, or land purchased by the State with “Green Acres funding” (as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:36).

4. The proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on *(check all that apply)*:

- a landfill (see question 7 below)
- a brownfield (see question 8 below)
- an area of historic fill (see question 9 below)
- a rooftop (see question 10 below)
- a canopy over a parking lot or parking deck
- a canopy over another type of impervious surface (e.g. walkway)
- a water reservoir or other water body (“floating solar”) (see question 11 below)
- a former sand or gravel pit or former mine
- farmland* (see definition below)
- other (see question 5 below): _____

*Farmland is defined as land that has been actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural use and that is/has been valued, assessed, and taxed pursuant to the “Farmland Assessment Act of 1964,” P.L. 1964, c.48 (C. 54:4-23.1 et seq.) at any time within the ten year period prior to the date of submission of the Application.

5. If you answered “other” to question 4 above, describe the proposed site and explain why it is appropriate for siting a community solar facility:



6. The proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on land located in:

- the New Jersey Highlands Planning Area or Preservation Area
- the New Jersey Pinelands

If the project is a ground mounted project (i.e. not rooftop or canopy), and answered “Yes” to either of the options above, include a letter or other determination from the New Jersey Highlands Council or the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, as relevant, stating that the proposed project is consistent with land use priorities in the area.

7. If the proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on a landfill, provide the name of the landfill, as identified in NJDEP’s database of New Jersey landfills, available at www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/landfill.htm: XXXXXXXXXX

8. If the proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on a brownfield, has a final remediation document been issued for the property? Yes No
 If “Yes,” attach a copy of the Response Action Outcome (“RAO”) issued by a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (“LSRP”) or the No Further Action (“NFA”) letter issued by NJDEP.

9. If the proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on an area of historic fill, have the remedial investigation requirements pursuant to the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation, N.J.A.C. 7:26E-4.7 been implemented? Yes No
 Has the remediation of the historic fill been completed pursuant to the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation, N.J.A.C. 7:26E-5.4? Yes No
 If the remediation of the historic fill has been completed, attach a copy of the Response Action Outcome (“RAO”) issued by a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (“LSRP”) or the No Further Action (“NFA”) letter issued by NJDEP.

10. If the proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on a rooftop, has the Applicant verified that the roof is structurally able to support a solar system? Yes No
 If “Yes,” attach substantiating evidence.
 If “No,” the application will not be considered by the Board.

11. If the proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on a water reservoir or other water body (“floating solar”), is the facility located at a water treatment plant or sand and gravel pit that has little to no established floral and faunal resources?
 Yes No



If "Yes," provide supporting details and attach substantiating evidence if needed.

*All proposed floating solar projects are required to meet with NJDEP's OPPN prior to submitting an Application. Applicants are responsible for contacting NJDEP with sufficient advance notice to ensure that a meeting will occur prior to the deadline to submit an Application. Please see section VIII Permits, Question 2 for more information.

12. The proposed community solar facility is located on the property of an affordable housing building or complex Yes No

13. The proposed community solar facility is located on an area designated in need of redevelopment Yes No

If "Yes," attach proof of the designation of the area as being in need of redevelopment from a municipal, county, or state entity.

14. The proposed community solar facility is located in an Economic Opportunity Zone, as defined by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") Yes No

If "Yes," attach proof that the facility is located in an Economic Opportunity Zone.

*More information about Economic Opportunity Zones are available at the following link: https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/lps/opp_zones.html.

15. The proposed community solar facility is located on land or a building that is preserved by a municipal, county, state, or federal entity Yes No

If "Yes," attach proof of the designation of the site as "preserved" from a municipal, county, or state entity, and evidence that such designation would not conflict with the proposed solar facility.

16. The proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on land that includes trees Yes No

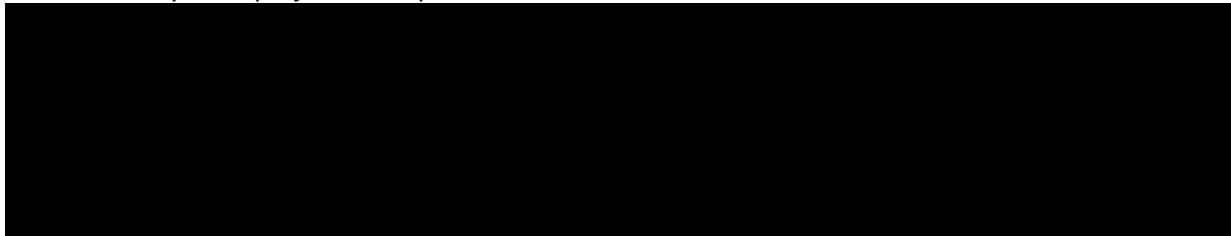
Construction of the proposed community solar facility will require cutting down one or more trees Yes No

If "Yes," estimated number of trees required to be cut for construction: _____

If "Yes," estimated number of acres of trees that required to be cut for construction: _____

17. Are there any use restrictions at the site? Yes No

If "Yes," explain the use restriction below and provide documentation that the proposed community solar project is not prohibited.



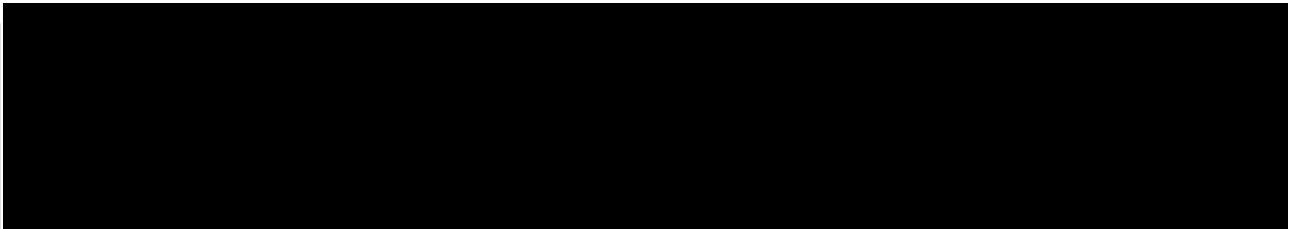


Will the use restriction(s) be required to be modified by variance or other means?
 Yes No

If “Yes,” explain the modification below.

18. The proposed community solar facility has been specifically designed or planned to preserve or enhance the site (e.g. landscaping, site and enhancements, pollination support, etc.) This represents site improvements beyond required basic site improvements Yes No

If “Yes,” explain below, and provide any substantiating documentation in an attachment. Explain how the proposed site enhancements will be made and maintained for the life of the project. If implementing pollination support, explain what type of pollination support, how this support is expected to help local ecosystems, and whether the proposed pollination support has received certifications or other verification.



19. This question is for informational purposes only, and will not impact the Application’s score. The Board is interested in learning more about ways in which “dual use” projects may be implemented in the Pilot Program:

The proposed community solar facility is a “dual use” project: i.e. the project site will remain in active agricultural production throughout the life of the project (e.g. crop production under or between the panels, livestock grazing)..... Yes No

*Wildflower planting or other pollination support is not considered dual use for purposes of this question (pollination support is question 18).

If “Yes,” explain what agricultural production will be maintained on the site and will be consistent with the presence of a solar system. Provide any substantiating documentation in an attachment.



VIII. Permits

1. The Applicant has completed the NJDEP Permit Readiness Checklist, and will submit it as an attachment to this Application..... Yes No
 If “No,” the Application will be deemed incomplete. This requirement only applies to ground mounted and floating solar projects. Community solar projects located on a rooftop, parking lot, or parking structure are exempt from this requirement.

*Applicants are not required to submit the Permit Readiness Checklist to NJDEP prior to submitting an Application to the Board, except in the case of floating solar projects.

2. The Applicant has met with NJDEP’s OPPN Yes No
 If “Yes,” attach meeting notes or relevant correspondence with NJDEP’s OPPN.

* If the Applicant met with OPPN or received comments from OPPN (formerly PCER) for this project as part of the Program Year 1 Application process, and if the details of the project and the site characteristics have remained the same, those comments remain valid. Please include those comments or meeting notes as an attachment to the Application.

*A meeting with NJDEP’s OPPN is not required prior to submitting an Application. Exception: all floating solar projects are required to meet with NJDEP’s OPPN prior to submitting an Application. Applicants with a floating solar project are responsible for contacting NJDEP with sufficient advance notice to ensure that a meeting will occur prior to the deadline to submit an Application.

3. The Applicant has received all non-ministerial permits* for this project (*optional*) Yes No

*Receiving all non-ministerial permits is not required prior to submitting an Application.

*A non-ministerial permit is one in which one or more officials consider various factors and exercise some discretion in deciding whether to issue or deny a permit. This is in contrast to a ministerial permit, for which approval is contingent upon the project meeting pre-determined and established standards. Examples of non-ministerial permits include: local planning board authorization, use variances, Pinelands or Highlands Commission approvals, etc. Examples of ministerial permits include building permits and electrical permits.

4. Please list all permits, approvals, or other authorizations that will be needed for the construction and operation of the proposed community solar facility pursuant to local, state and federal laws and regulations. Include permits that have already been received, have been applied for, and that will need to be applied for. These include:
 - a. Permits, approvals, or other authorizations from NJDEP (i.e. Land Use, Air Quality, New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System “NJPDES”, etc.) for the property.
 - b. Permits, approvals, or other authorizations from NJDEP (i.e. Land Use, Air Quality, NJPDES, etc.) directly related to the installation and operation of a solar facility on this property.

- c. Permits, approvals, or other authorizations other than those from NJDEP for the development, construction, or operation of the community solar facility (including local zoning and other local and state permits)

An Application that does not list all permits, approvals, or other authorizations that will be needed for the construction and operation of the proposed community solar facility will be deemed incomplete.

If a permit has been received, attach a copy of the permit.

Permit Name & Description	Permitting Agency/Entity	Date Permit Applied for (if applicable) / Date Permit Received (if applicable)

- 5. The Applicant has consulted the hosting capacity map of the relevant EDC via the EDC’s website (links are available on the NJCEP website) and determined that, based on the capacity hosting map as published at the date of submission of the Application, there is sufficient capacity available at the proposed location to build the proposed community solar facility Yes No

If “Yes,” include a screenshot of the capacity hosting map at the proposed location, showing the available capacity.

If the hosting capacity map shows insufficient capacity, the Application will not be considered by the Board, unless the Applicant provides: 1) a letter from the relevant EDC indicating that the hosting capacity map is incorrect in that location, or 2) an assessment from the relevant EDC of the cost of the interconnection upgrade that would be required to enable the interconnection of the proposed system, and a commitment from the Applicant to pay those upgrade costs if the project were to be selected by the Board.

Exception: Projects located in PSE&G service territory for which the hosting capacity map shows insufficient capacity available at the planned location may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement. If this application is seeking to exercise this waiver, please check “Yes” below and attach the waiver requirements as described in the Board’s Order:

<https://www.njcleanenergy.com/files/file/CommunitySolar/FY21/8E%20-%20ORDER%20PSEG%20Interconnection.pdf>.

This project is exercising the PSE&G hosting capacity map waiver: Yes No



6. The Applicant has conducted an interconnection study for the proposed system (*optional*) Yes No
 If “Yes,” include the interconnection study received from the EDC.

IX. Community Solar Subscriptions and Subscribers

1. Estimated or Anticipated Number of Subscribers (*please provide a good faith estimate or range*):

2. Estimated or Anticipated Breakdown of Subscribers (*please provide a good faith estimate or range of the kWh of project allocated to each category*):
 Residential: _____ Commercial: _____
 Industrial: _____ Other: _____
 (define “other”: _____)

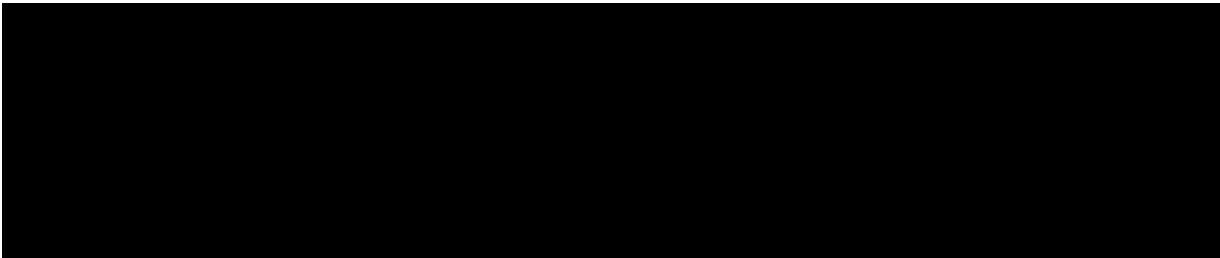
3. The proposed community solar project is an LMI project* Yes No
 *An LMI project is defined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:8-9 as a community solar project in which a minimum 51 percent of project capacity is subscribed by LMI subscribers.

4. The proposed community solar project has a clear plan for effective and respectful customer engagement process. Yes No
 If “Yes,” attach evidence of experience on projects serving LMI communities or partnerships with organizations that have experience serving LMI communities.

5. The proposed community solar project will allocate at least 51% of project capacity to residential customers Yes No

6. An affordable housing provider is seeking to qualify as an LMI subscriber for the purposes of the community solar project Yes No
 If “Yes,” estimated or anticipated percentage of the project capacity for the affordable housing provider’s subscription (*provide an estimate or range*): _____

If “Yes,” what specific, substantial, identifiable, and quantifiable long-term benefits from the community solar subscription are being passed through to their residents/tenants?





Additionally, the affordable housing provider must attach a signed affidavit that the specific, substantial, identifiable, and quantifiable long-term benefits from the community solar subscription will be passed through to their residents/tenants.

If “No,” please be aware that, if, at any time during the operating life of the community solar project an affordable housing provider wishes to subscribe to the community solar project as an LMI subscriber, it must submit a signed affidavit that the specific, substantial, identifiable, and quantifiable benefits from the community solar subscription will be passed through to its residents/tenants.

7. This project uses an anchor subscriber (optional) Yes No
If “Yes,” name of the anchor subscriber (optional): _____
Estimated or anticipated percentage or range of the project capacity for the anchor subscriber’s subscription: _____

8. Is there any expectation that the account holder of a master meter will subscribe to the community solar project on behalf of its tenants? Yes No
If “Yes,” what specific, identifiable, sufficient, and quantifiable benefits from the community solar subscription are being passed through to the tenants?

Additionally, the account holder of the master meter must attach a signed affidavit that the specific, identifiable, sufficient, and quantifiable benefits from the community solar subscription will be passed through to the tenants.

If “No,” please be aware that, if, at any time during the operating life of the community solar project the account holder of a master meter wishes to subscribe to the community solar project on behalf of its tenants, it must submit to the Board a signed affidavit that the specific, identifiable, sufficient, and quantifiable benefits from the community solar subscription will be passed through to its tenants.

9. The geographic restriction for distance between project site and subscribers is: (select one)

Note: The geographic restriction selected here will apply for the lifetime of the project, barring special dispensation from the Board, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.5(a).



10. Product Offering for LMI subscribers: *(The Applicant must also complete and attach one or more product offering form(s) found in Appendix A. See Appendix A for exemptions.)*

The subscription proposed offers guaranteed or fixed savings to subscribers Yes No

If "Yes," the guaranteed or fixed savings are offered as:

- A percentage saving on the customer's annual electric utility bill
- A percentage saving on the customer's community solar bill credit
- Other: _____

If "Yes," the proposed savings represent:



The subscription proposed offers subscribers ownership or a pathway to ownership of a share of the community solar facility Yes No

If "Yes," include proof of a pathway to ownership of a share of the community solar facility offered to the subscribers in Appendix A.

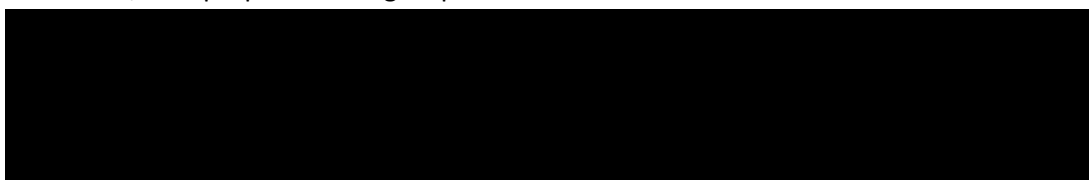
11. Product Offering for non-LMI subscribers: *(The Applicant must also complete and attach one or more product offering form(s) found in Appendix A. See Appendix A for exemptions.)*

The subscription proposed offers guaranteed or fixed savings to subscribers Yes No

If "Yes," the guaranteed or fixed savings are offered as:

- A percentage saving on the customer's annual electric utility bill
- A percentage saving on the customer's community solar bill credit
- Other: _____

If "Yes," the proposed savings represent:



The subscription proposed offers subscribers ownership or a pathway to ownership of a share of the community solar facility Yes No

If "Yes," include proof of a pathway to ownership of a share of the community solar facility offered to the subscribers in Appendix A.



12. The list of approved community solar projects will be published on the Board’s website. Additionally, subscriber organizations have the option of indicating, on this list, that the project is currently seeking subscribers.

If this project is approved, the Board should indicate on its website that the project is currently seeking subscribers Yes No

If “Yes,” the contact information indicated on the Board’s website should read:



*It is the responsibility of the project’s subscriber organization to notify the Board if/when the project is no longer seeking subscribers, and request that the Board remove the above information on its website.

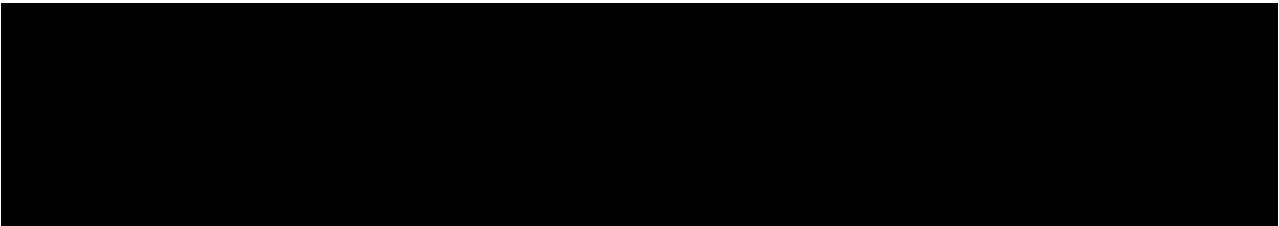
X. Community Engagement

1. The proposed community solar facility is located on land or a building owned or controlled by a government entity, including, but not limited to, a municipal, county, state, or federal entity Yes No

2. The proposed community solar project is being developed by or in partnership or collaboration* with the municipality in which the project is located Yes No

If “Yes,” explain how and attach evidence of the project being developed by or in partnership or collaboration with the municipality in which the project is located.

*Partnership or collaboration with the municipality is defined as clear and ongoing municipal involvement in the approval of the design, development, or operation of the proposed community solar project (e.g. project is located on a municipal site, municipality facilitating subscriber acquisition, municipal involvement in defining the subscription terms, etc.). Examples of evidence may include a formal partnership, a municipal request for proposals or other public bidding process, letter describing the municipality’s involvement in the project or meeting minutes. Documentation must be specific to the project described in this Application; “generic” documentation of support that applies to multiple projects submitted by the same Applicant will

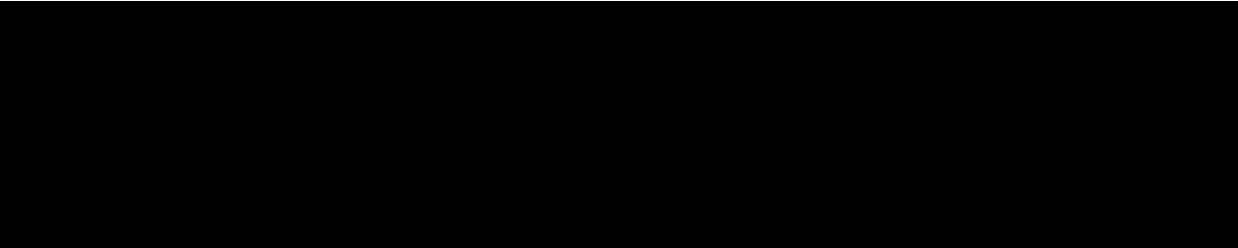


3. The proposed community solar project is being developed by or in partnership or collaboration* with one or more local community organization(s) and/or affordable housing providers in the area in which the project is located Yes No



If “Yes,” explain how and attach evidence of the project being developed by or in partnership or collaboration with the local community organization(s) and/or affordable housing providers.

*Partnership or collaboration is defined as clear and ongoing involvement by the local community organization(s) and/or affordable housing providers in the approval of the design, development, or operation of the proposed community solar project (e.g. community organization owns the proposed site, community organization is facilitating subscriber acquisition or was involved in the design of the community solar product offering, etc.). Documentation must be specific to the project described in this Application; “generic” documentation of support that applies to multiple projects submitted by the same Applicant will not be accepted.



4. The proposed community solar project was developed, at least in part, with support and in consultation with the community in which the project is located* Yes No
 If “Yes,” please describe the consultative process below.

*A community consultative process may include any of the following: letter of support from municipality and/or community organizations and/or local affordable housing provider demonstrating their awareness and support of the project; one or more opportunities for public intervention; and/or outreach to the municipality and/or local community organizations and/or affordable housing provider.

XI. Project Cost

This section, “Project Cost,” is optional if: 1) the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), AND 2) the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a RFP, RFQ, or other bidding process. In all other cases, this section is required.

1. Provide the following cost estimates and attach substantiating evidence in the form of an unlocked Excel spreadsheet model:

Applicants are expected to provide a good faith estimate of costs associated with the proposed community solar project, as they are known at the time the Application is filed with the Board. This information will not be used in the evaluation of the proposed community solar project.



Net Installed Cost (in \$)	
Net Installed Cost (in \$/Watt)	
Initial Customer Acquisition Cost (in \$/Watt)	
Annual Customer Churn Rate (in %)	
Annual Operating Expenses (in c/kWh)	
Levelized Cost of Energy ("LCOE") (in c/kWh)	

- Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.7(q), "community solar projects shall be eligible to apply, via a one-time election prior to the delivery of any energy from the facility, for SRECs or Class I RECs, as applicable, or to any subsequent compensations as determined by the Board pursuant to the Clean Energy Act." Consistent with the Clean Energy Act of 2018, the Board is no longer accepting applications for the SREC Registration Program ("SRP"). Projects granted conditional approval to participate in PY2 will be eligible to apply for the TI Program.

For indicative purposes only, please indicate all local, state and federal tax incentives which will be applied to if the proposed community solar project is approved for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program:

XII. Other Benefits

- The proposed community solar facility will be paired with storage Yes No
 If "Yes," please describe the proposed storage facility:
 - Storage system size: _____ MW _____ MWh
 - The storage offtaker is also a subscriber to the proposed community solar facility Yes No

*Community solar credits will only be provided to community solar generation; credits will not be provided to energy discharged to the grid from a storage facility (i.e. no "double counting").

- The proposed community solar facility will be paired with one or more EV charging stations Yes No
 If "Yes," how many EV charging stations: _____
 Will these charging stations be public and/or private? _____
 Please provide additional details:



3. The proposed community solar facility will provide energy audits and/or energy efficiency improvements to subscribers..... Yes No

If "Yes," please provide additional details:

4. The proposed community solar project will create temporary or permanent jobs in New Jersey Yes No

If "Yes," estimated number of temporary jobs created in New Jersey: _____

If "Yes," estimated number of permanent jobs created in New Jersey: _____

If "Yes," explain what these jobs are:

5. The proposed community solar project will provide job training opportunities for local solar trainees Yes No

If "Yes," will the job training be provided through a registered apprenticeship? Yes No

If "Yes," identify the entity or entities through which job training is or will be organized (e.g. New Jersey GAINS program, partnership with local school):



XIII. Special Authorizations and Exemptions

1. Is the proposed community solar project co-located with another community solar facility (as defined at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.2)? Yes No

If "Yes," please explain why the co-location can be approved by the Board, consistent with the provisions at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9



2. Does this project seek an exemption from the 10-subscriber minimum? Yes No
 If “Yes,” please demonstrate below (and attach supporting documents as relevant):
- That the project is sited on the property of a multi-family building.
 - That the project will provide specific, identifiable, and quantifiable benefits to the households residing in said multi-family building.

3. Specific sections throughout the Application Form are identified as optional only if: 1) the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), and 2) the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a RFP, RFQ, or other bidding process. Is the Applicant a government entity that plans to select the developer via such bidding process? Yes No

If “Yes,” attach a letter describing the proposed bidding process and a copy of the request for bids (RFP, RFQ, or other bidding document) that is ready to be issued if the project is granted conditional approval by the Board. The Applicant must further commit to issuing said RFP, RFQ, or other bidding process within 90 days of the proposed project being approved by the Board for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program. The Applicant will be required to provide the information contained in those optional sections to the Board once it becomes known.

4. Has the proposed community solar project received, in part or in whole, a subsection (t) conditional certification from the Board prior to February 19, 2019? Yes No
 If “Yes,” the project may apply to participate in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program if it commits to withdrawing the applicable subsection (t) conditional certification immediately if it is approved by the Board for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program. Attach a signed affidavit that the Applicant will immediately withdraw the applicable subsection (t) conditional certification if the proposed project is approved by the Board for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program.
5. The Board has proposed an amendment to the Pilot Program rules, which, if approved, would allow municipally-owned community solar projects to submit an application for a project that requests an exemption from the provisions at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.10(b)(1) mandating subscriber enrollment via affirmative consent (i.e. an opt-out community solar project). Projects that intend



to utilize opt-out subscriber enrollment if the proposed rule amendment is approved by the Board must indicate such intent below. If the Application is selected but the proposed rule amendment is not approved by the Board, the project will be required to proceed using affirmative consent (i.e. "opt-in") subscriber enrollment rules, as currently provided for in the Pilot Program rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.10(b)(1).

A. This Application is for an opt-out community solar project..... Yes No

B. The proposed opt-out project will be owned and operated by the municipality for the duration of the project life (excluding a possible period of temporary third-party, tax-credit investor ownership to maximize the financeability of the opt-out project, subject to appropriate contractual provisions that maintain the municipality's ultimate control of the proposed opt-out project)..... Yes No

If "Yes," the municipality name is: _____

If "No," the project will not be considered for eligibility as an opt-out community solar project.

C. The proposed opt-out project has been authorized by municipal ordinance or resolution Yes No

If "Yes," attach a copy of the municipal ordinance or resolution allowing the development, ownership, and operation an opt-out community solar project, contingent on the proposed rules being approved by the Board.

If "No," the project will not be considered for eligibility as an opt-out community solar project.

D. The proposed opt-out project will allocate all project capacity to LMI subscribers Yes No

If "No," the project will not be considered for eligibility as an opt-out community solar project.

E. Describe the process by which the municipality will identify the customers that will be automatically enrolled in the proposed opt-out project: _____

F. The municipal applicant has reviewed the proposed rule amendment allowing for opt-out projects, and agrees to adhere to the proposed rules and any subsequent modification if they are approved by the Board. The applicant understands that any approval for the project to operate as an opt-out community solar project is contingent on the proposed rule amendment being approved by the Board. The applicant understands that, if the proposed rule amendment is not approved by the Board, the project, if approved, will be required to



adhere to the existing “opt-in” rules for subscriber enrollment (N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.10(b)(1)).
..... Yes No

Attach an affidavit that the municipal project owner will comply with all applicable rules and regulations, particularly those relating to consumer privacy and consumer protection.

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Section C: Certifications

Instructions: Original signatures on all certifications are required. All certifications in this section must be notarized; instructions on how to submit certifications will be provided as part of the online application process. Certifications must be dated after October 3, 2020: PY1 certifications may not be reused in PY2.

Applicant Certification

The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that:

- 1) I, Zac Meyer (name) am the Manager of Development (title) of the Applicant Soltage NJ DevCo LLC (name) and have been authorized to file this Applicant Certification on behalf of my organization; and
- 2) The information provided in this Application package has been personally examined, is true, accurate, complete, and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, based on personal knowledge or on inquiry of individuals with such knowledge; and
- 3) The community solar facility proposed in the Application will be constructed, installed, and operated as described in the Application and in accordance with all Board rules and applicable laws; and
- 4) The system proposed in the Application will be constructed, installed, and operated in accordance with all Board policies and procedures of the Transition Incentive Program, if applicable; and
- 5) My organization understands that information in this Application is subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47-1A-1 et seq., and that any claimed sensitive and trade secret information should be submitted in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3; and
- 6) I acknowledge that **submission of false information may be grounds for denial of this Application, and if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment to the full extent of the law, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.**

Signature: Date: 1/28/2021
 Print Name: Zac Meyer
 Title: Manager of Development Company: Soltage NJ DevCo LLC

Signed and sworn to before me on this 28th day of January, 2021

Signature
 Name Adwoa Adjore-Danquah

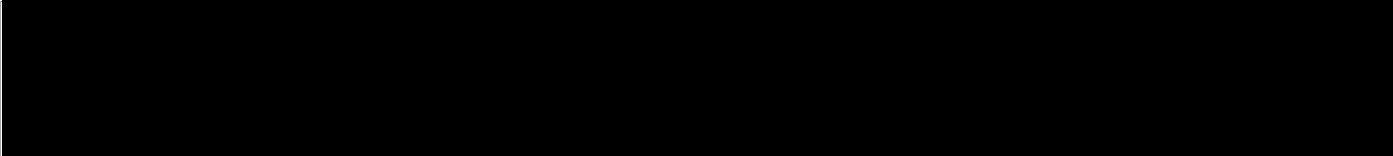


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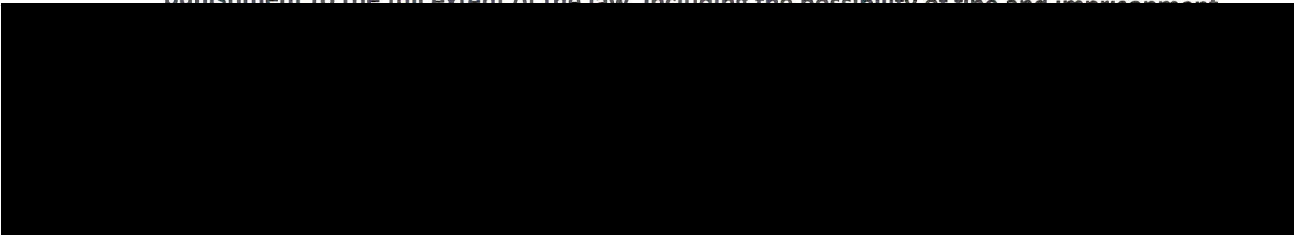


Property Owner Certification

The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that:



- 2) The information provided in this Application package pertaining to siting and location of the proposed community solar project has been personally examined, is true, accurate, complete, and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, based on personal knowledge or on inquiry of individuals with such knowledge; and
- 3) My organization or I understand that information in this Application is subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47-1A-1 et seq., and that any claimed sensitive and trade secret information should be submitted in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3; and
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Signed and sworn to before me on this 28th day of Jan, 2021

Cynthia L. La Penna
Signature CYNTHIA L. LAPENNA

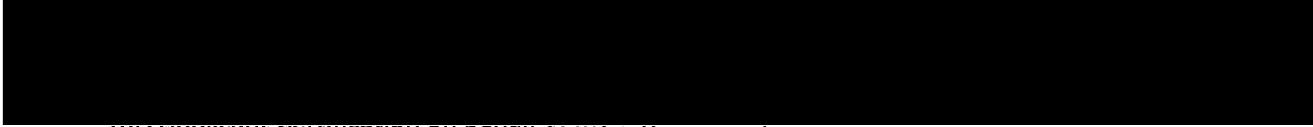
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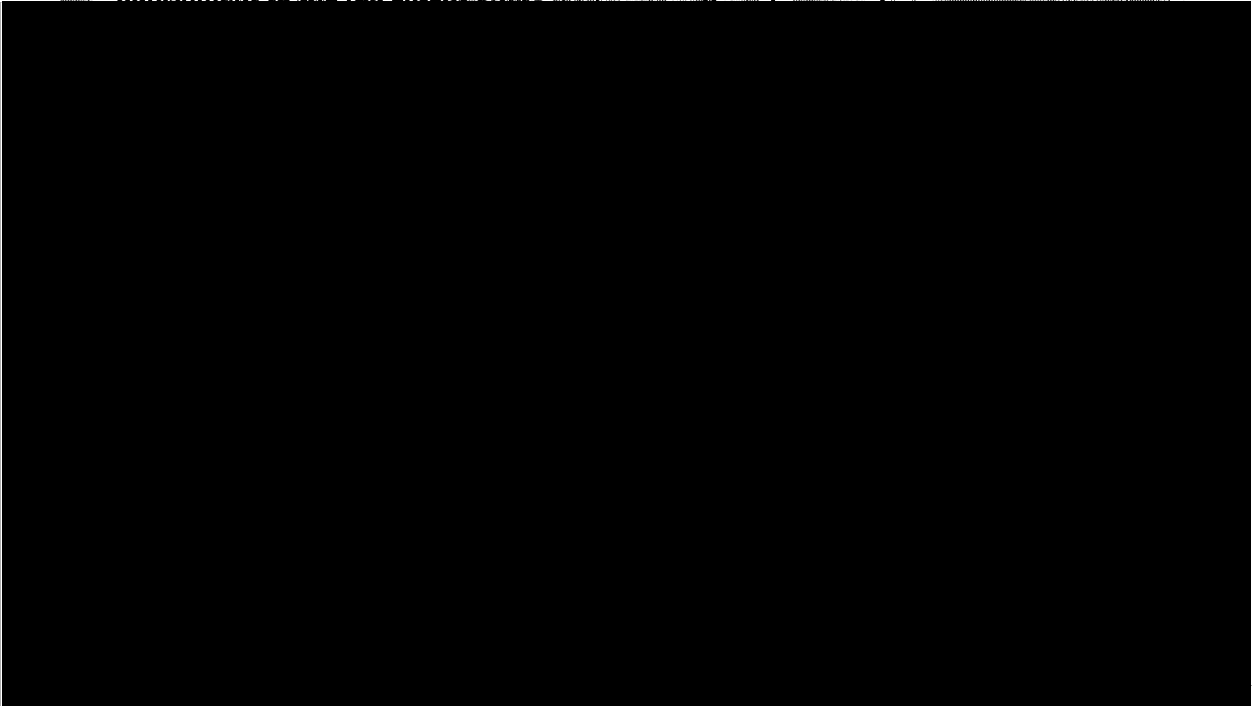
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Subscriber Organization Certification (optional, complete if known)

The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that:



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- 3) The community solar facility proposed in the Application will be constructed, installed, and operated as described in the Application and in accordance with all Board rules and applicable laws; and
- 4) My organization understands that information in this Application is subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47-1A-1 et seq., and that any claimed sensitive and trade secret information should be submitted in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3; and
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Project Developer Certification

This Certification "Project Developer / Installer" is optional if: 1) the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), AND 2) the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a Request for Proposals (RFP), Request for Quotations (RFQ), or other bidding process. In all other cases, this Certification is required.

The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that:

- 1) I, Peter Denesowicz (name) am the Managing Partner (title) of the Project Developer First State Solar Partners LLC (name) and have been authorized to file this Applicant Certification on behalf of my organization; and
- 2) The information provided in this Application package has been personally examined, is true, accurate, complete, and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, based on personal knowledge or on inquiry of individuals with such knowledge; and
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- 4) The system proposed in the Application will be constructed, installed, and operated in accordance with all Board policies and procedures for the Transition Incentive Program, if applicable; and
- 5) My organization understands that information in this Application is subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47-1A-1 et seq., and that any claimed sensitive and trade secret information should be submitted in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3; and
- 6) I acknowledge that submission of false information may be grounds for denial of this Application, and if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment to the full extent of the law, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 2/2/21

Print Name: PETER DENESOWICZ
 Title: MANAGING PARTNER Company: FIRST STATE SOLAR PARTNERS LLC

Signed and sworn to before me on this 2nd day of February, 2021



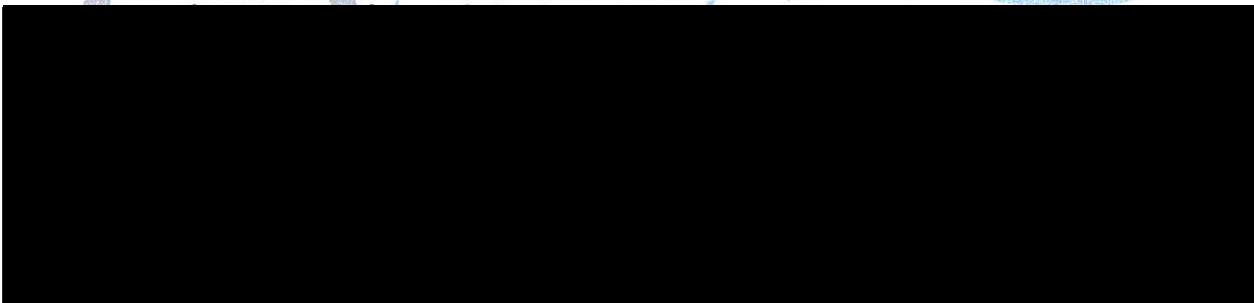
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 STATE OF DELAWARE
 My Commission Expires 03/29/2023



Project Owner Certification

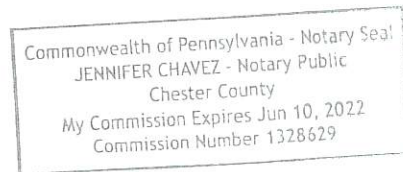
The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that:

- 1) I, Andrew Meserve (name) am the Vice President (title) of the Project Owner [REDACTED] (name) and have been authorized to file this Applicant Certification on behalf of my organization; and
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- 6) I acknowledge that submission of false information may be grounds for denial of this



Signed and sworn to before me on this 3 day of Feb, 2021

[Handwritten Signature]
 Signature
Jennifer Chavez
 Name





Section D: Appendix

Appendix A: Product Offering Questionnaire

Complete the following Product Offering Questionnaire. If there are multiple different product offerings for the proposed community solar project, please complete and attach one Product Offering Questionnaire per product offering. Variations in any product offering require a separate Product Offering Questionnaire. Applicants are expected to provide a good faith description of the product offerings developed for the proposed community solar project, as they are known at the time the Application is filed with the Board. If the proposed project is approved by the Board, the Applicant must notify the Board and receive approval from the Board for any modification or addition to a Product Offering Questionnaire.

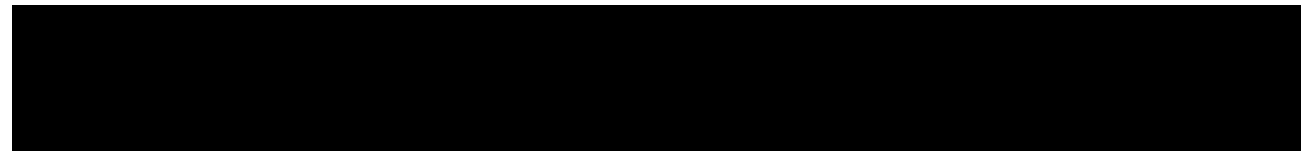
Exception: This "Product Offering Questionnaire" is optional if: 1) the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), AND 2) the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a Request for Proposals (RFP), Request for Quotations (RFQ), or other bidding process.

This Questionnaire is Product Offering number _____ of _____ (total number of product offerings).

This Product Offering applies to:

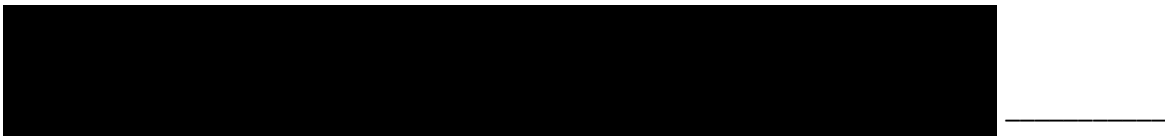
- LMI subscribers
- non-LMI subscribers
- both LMI and non-LMI subscribers

1. Community Solar Subscription Type (examples: kilowatt hours per year, kilowatt size, percentage of community solar facility's nameplate capacity, percentage of subscriber's historical usage, percentage of subscriber's actual usage): _____
2. Community Solar Subscription Price: (check all that apply)



3. Contract term (length): _____ months, or _____ years OR month-to-month

4. Fees



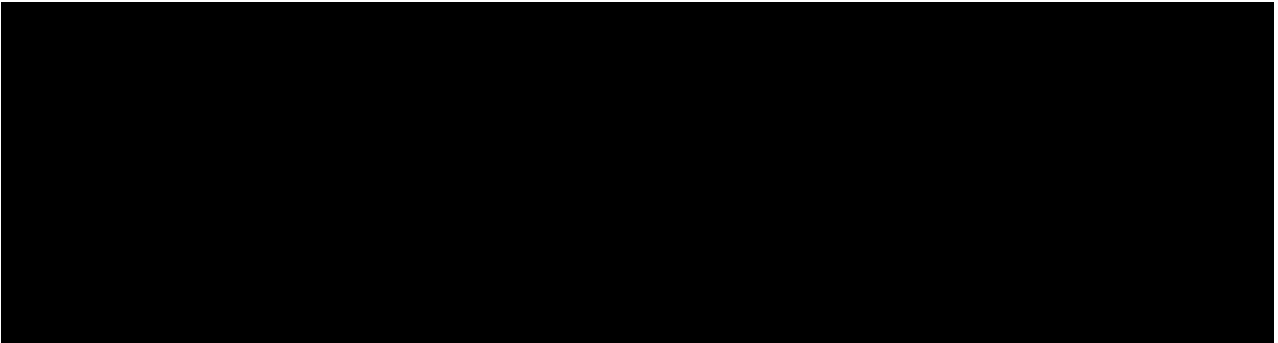
5. Does the subscription guarantee or offer fixed savings or specific, quantifiable economic benefits to the subscriber? Yes No



If "Yes," the savings are guaranteed or fixed:

- As a percentage of monthly utility bill
- As a fixed guaranteed savings compared to average historic bill
- As a fixed percentage of bill credits
- Other: _____

6. Special conditions or considerations:



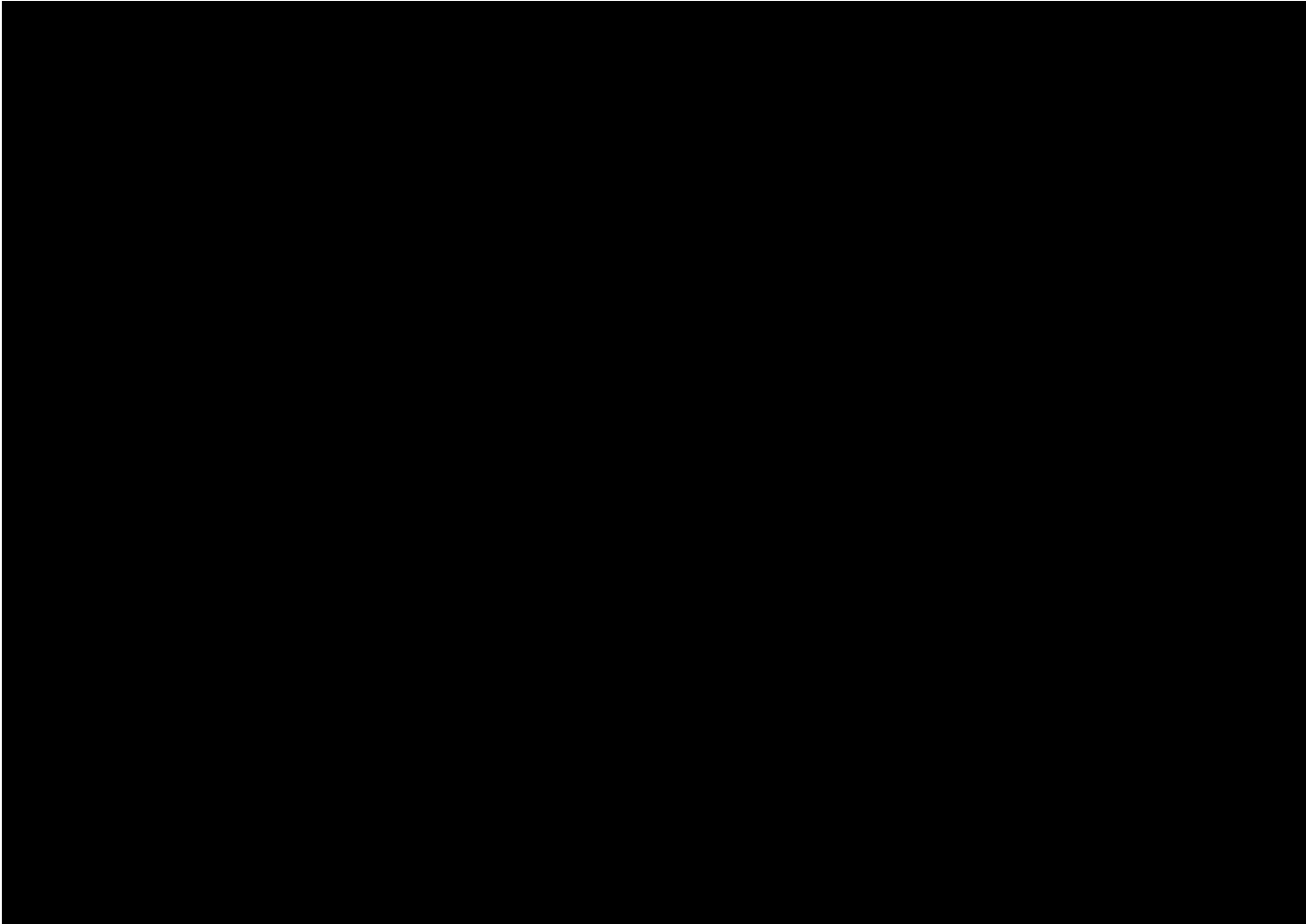


Soltage, LLC (Owner of Soltage NJ DevCo LLC, the Applicant)
66 York Street, 5th Floor
Jersey City, NJ 07302

February 3, 2021

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Avenue, 7th Floor
P.O. Box 350
Trenton, NJ 08625
Attn: Office of Clean Energy

To the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities,



If the Board has any questions about the proposed project that are not addressed in the enclosed application, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (201) 992-9200 or via email at zmeyer@soltage.com.

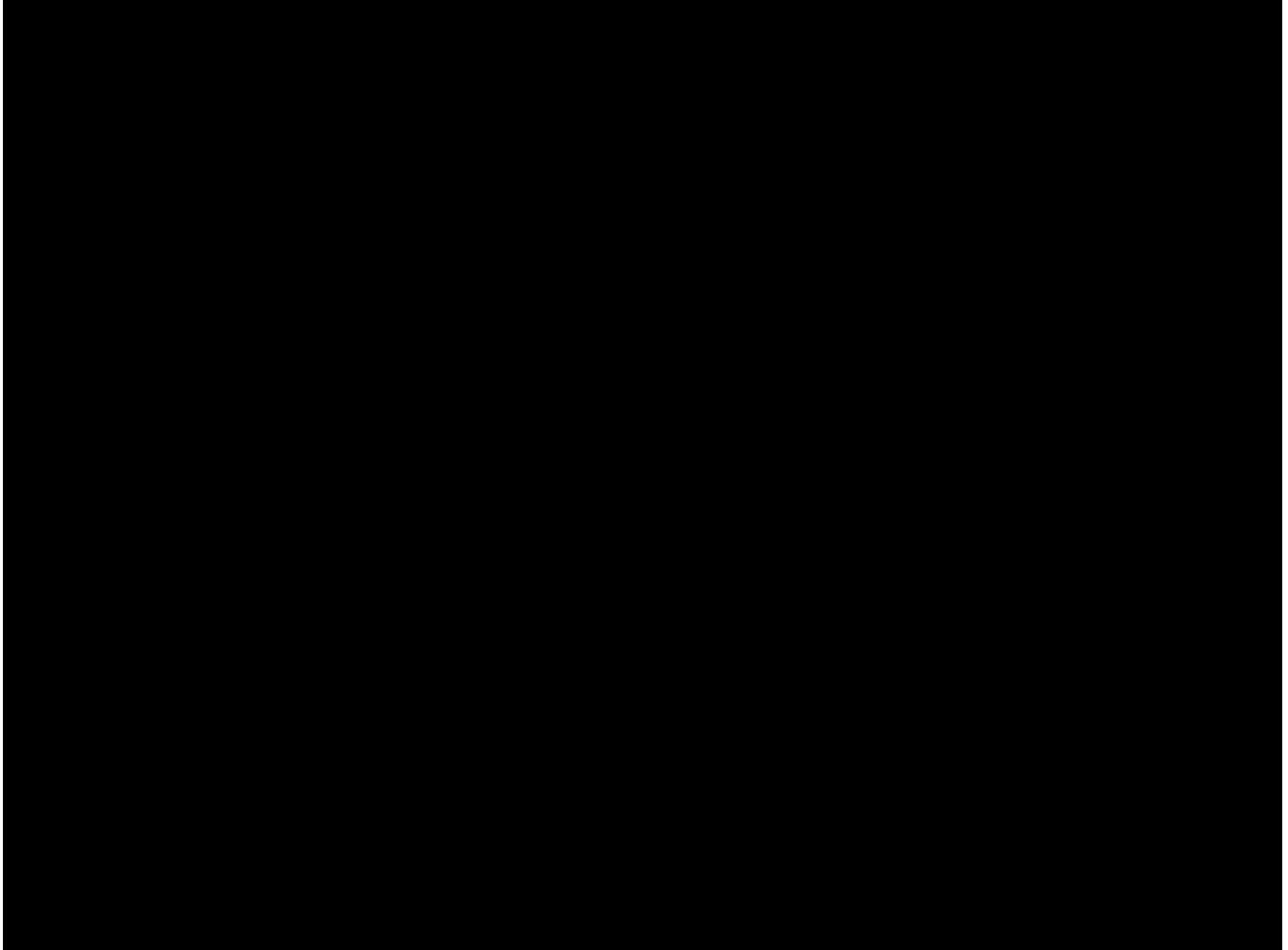
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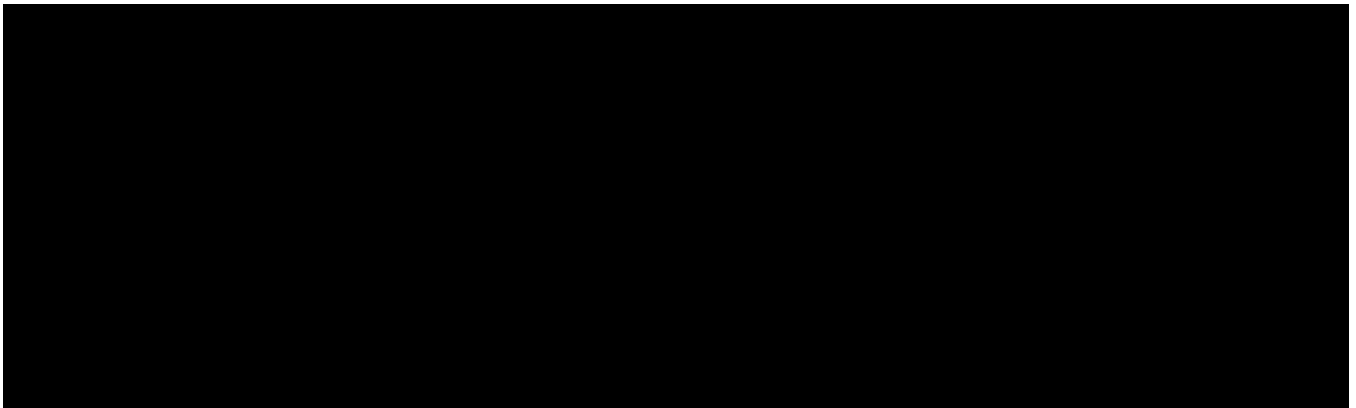
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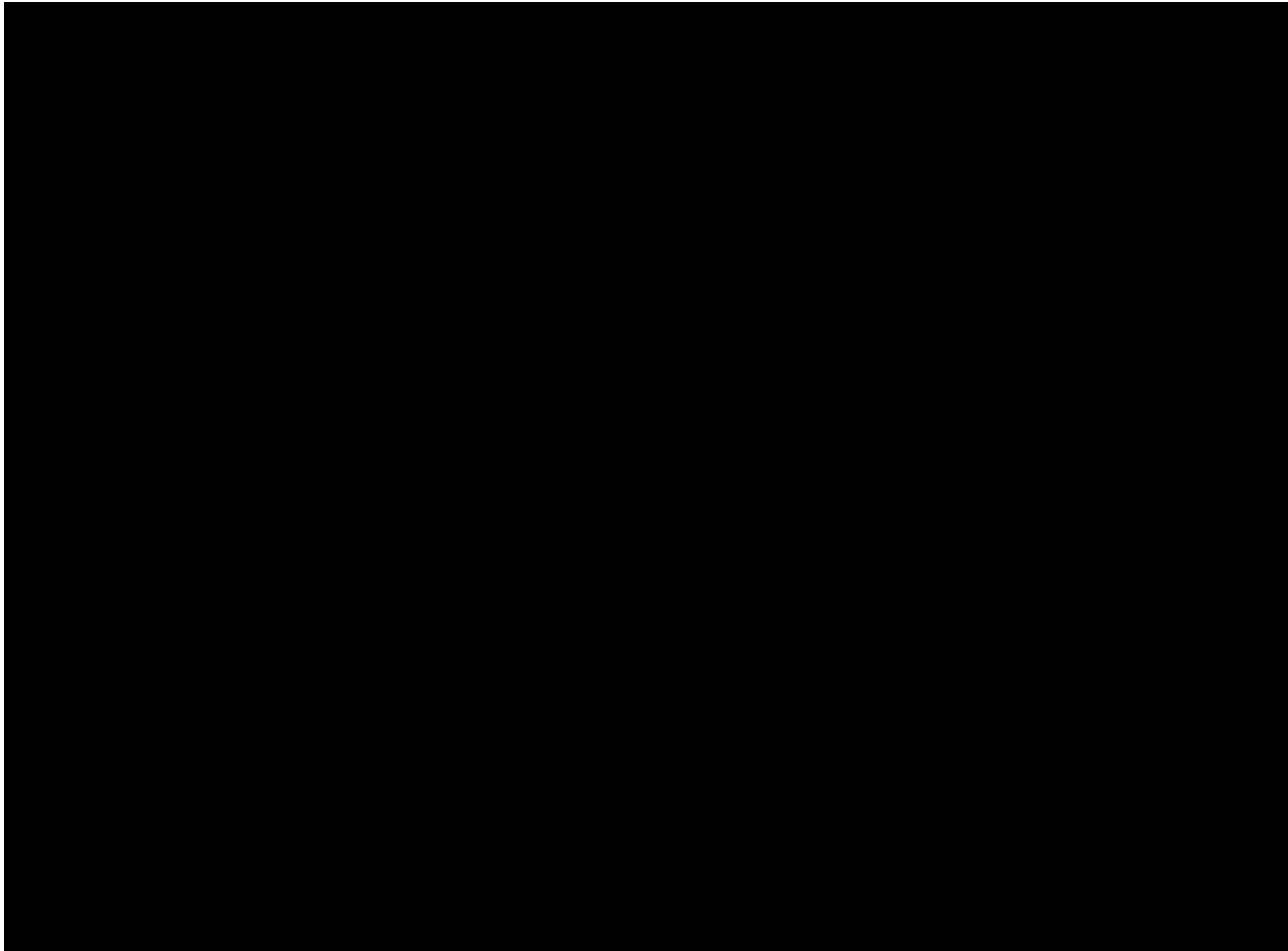
HK5 – Northeast

Delineated Map of the portion of the property on which the community solar facility will be located

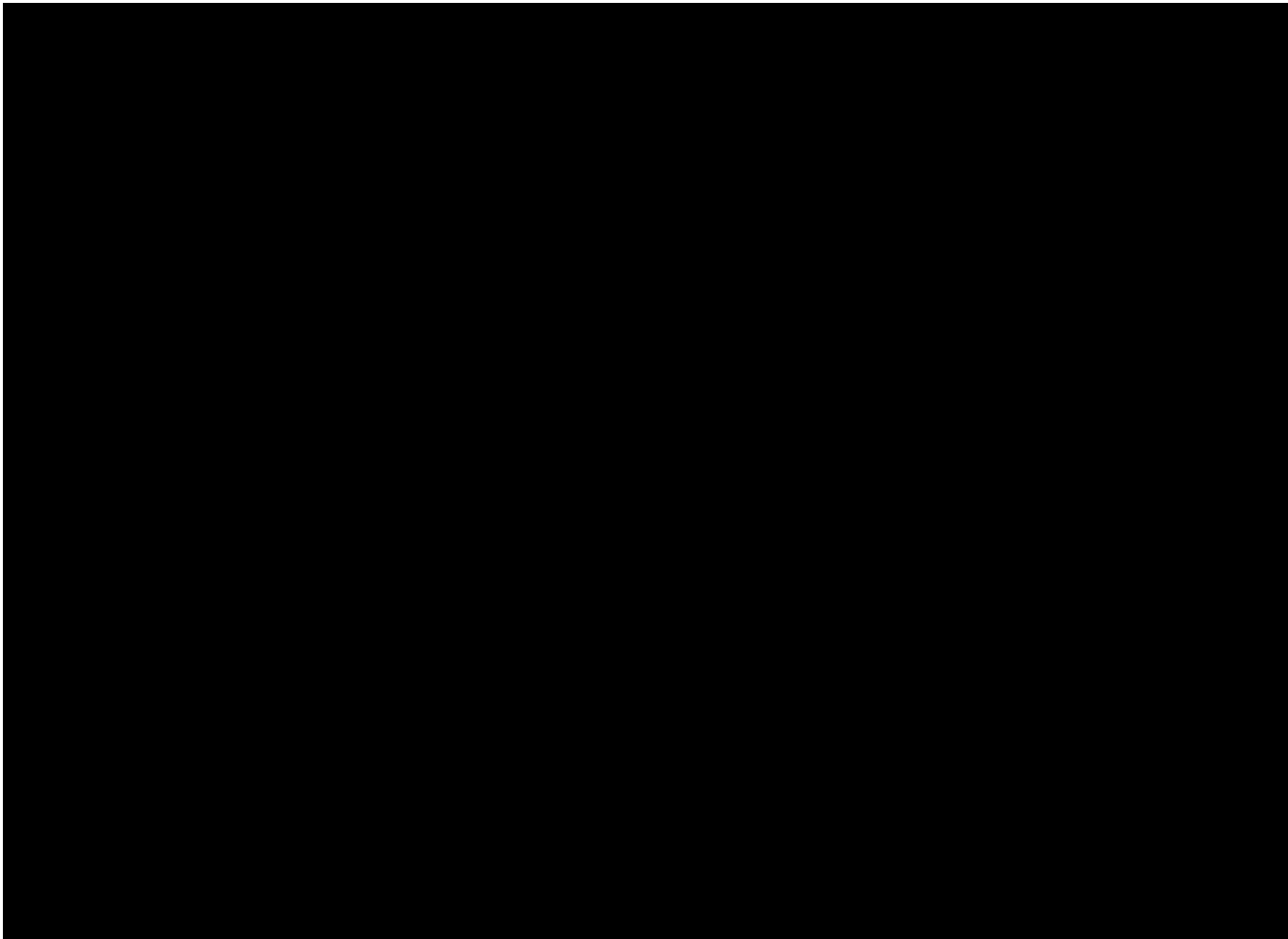


The yellow star shows the approximate point of interconnection





Lastly, we want to show the Board and any other reviewers of this application how the co-located projects are designed together. See below for these delineated maps for context. We emphasize, however, that our applications stand alone and none of the projects are dependent upon each other, including any site control, financing, community partnerships, or any other aspect; we will move forward to build and operate any of the five projects we are applying into Year 2 of the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program, alone or with other co-located projects, and each project offers benefits independently. For example, if 3 of these co-located projects are approved, that means more electric vehicle charging stations and pollination support than if 1 or 2 are approved, and if 5 are approved, that means more benefits than 3, and so on.



HK5 – Northeast will interconnect at an approximate point indicated with yellow star.
So will all of the other projects except HK1 – Southwest, which will interconnect at an approximate point
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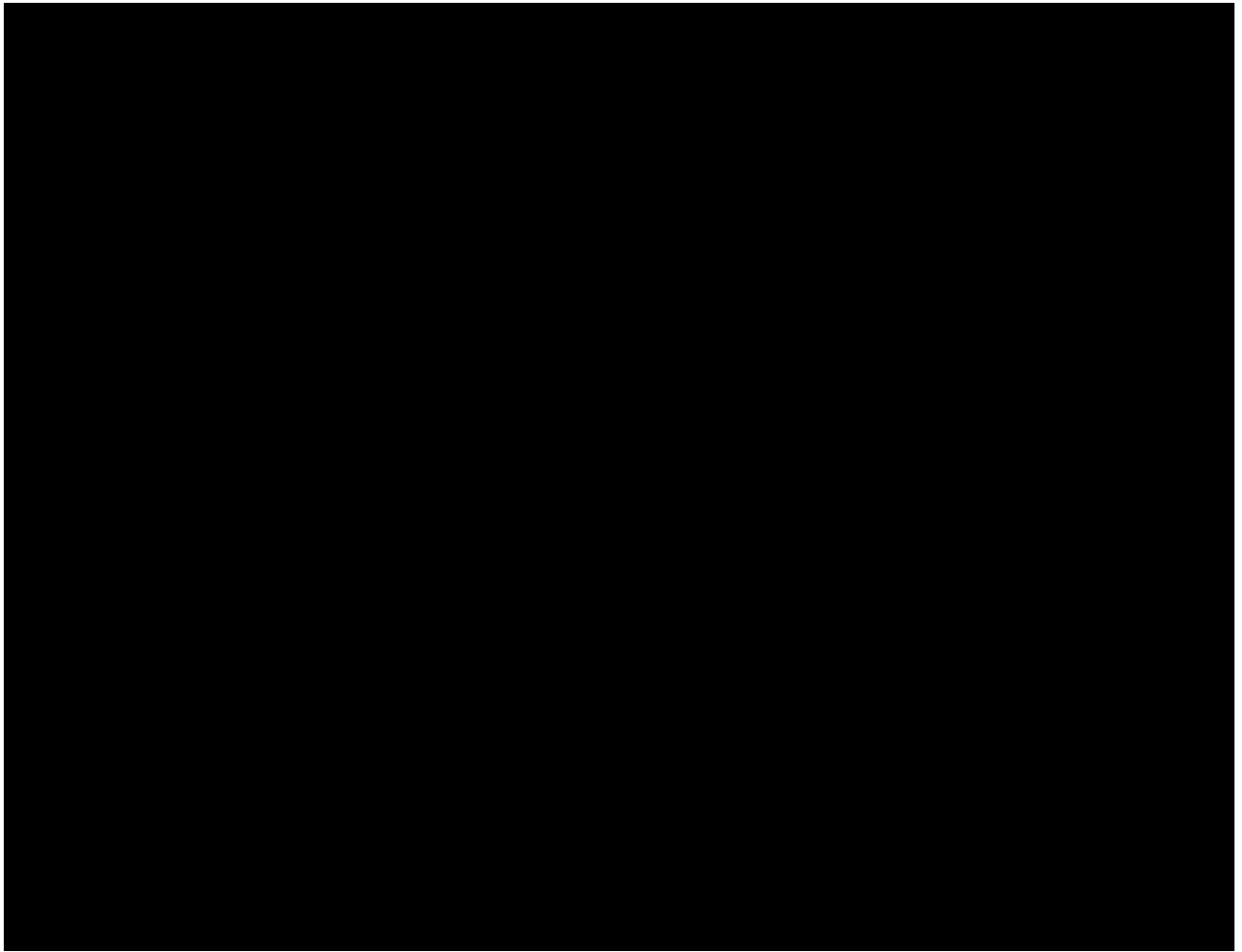
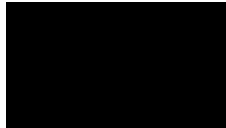


Exhibit A

SUBSTANTIATION LETTER AND SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT

This substantiation letter and supporting affidavit explains and justifies the redaction of certain confidential information from a submitted preliminary public copy our Community Solar Energy Pilot Program Year 2 application for project HK4 - Northeast. The confidential information generally falls into two categories: (i) Pricing, cost, and terms of our project development, project construction, or product offering, or (ii) Identifying information of our partners including landowners and their land, and supporters of the project such as community organizations and affordable housing providers. Below is a list of the eight pieces of information set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.8 and our answers *in italics*.

1. Measures taken by the claimant to prevent disclosure of the information to others
We have signed Non-Disclosure Agreements ("NDAs") with our partners, and we are taking an important measure with this confidentiality claim.
2. Whether the information is contained in materials which are routinely available to the general public, including without limitation, initial and final orders in contested case adjudications, press releases, copies of speeches, pamphlets and educational materials;
The information in category (i) is not available to the general public in any way; some of the information in category (ii) may be available to the general public in the form of Memorandums of Lease or the public records kept by nonprofits or chambers of commerce, but we seek to prevent its becoming readily available to our competitors in the context of community solar development.
3. The extent to which the information has been disclosed to others, and the precautions taken to prevent further disclosure;
The information in category (i) has only been disclosed to the NJBPU in our application submittal, and perhaps to a very limited number of partners under NDAs. The information in category (ii) has been disclosed to the NJBPU and the Township in which the project is located.
4. If the Board, custodian or any other state or Federal agency or court of competent jurisdiction has previously made a confidentiality determination relevant to the pending confidentiality claim, copies of all such determinations;
To the best of my knowledge, no previous determinations of confidentiality have been made relevant to the pending confidentiality claim by the Board, custodian, or any other state or Federal agency or court of competent jurisdiction.
5. A description of any harmful effects which disclosure would have upon, including but not limited to, the claimant's competitive or bidding position, trade secrets, proprietary commercial or financial information, or national security, and an explanation of the causal relationship between the disclosure and such harmful effects;
Disclosure of the information in category (i) would clearly have harmful effects to our

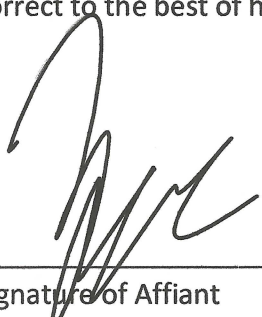


competitive position and proprietary commercial information, because if our competitors were to learn our pricing and terms, they could undercut us directly, weakening our position in the market. Disclosure of the information in category (ii) would have harmful effects to our competitive position as well, because our hard-earned partnerships are valuable to our project and product success, and our competitors could attempt to pursue our partners with competing offers and weaken our position in the market. Furthermore, we have NDAs with many of our partners that provided for our disclosing our partnerships to the NJBPU on a need-to-know basis, but not necessarily to the wider public, and we want to respect our partners' confidentiality; failure to do so could have a harmful effect by weakening our partnerships.


6. The period of time for which the claimant desires that the custodian treat the asserted confidential information as confidential information;
We desire that the custodian treat the asserted confidential information as confidential information in perpetuity, unless and until, at a future time, we provide explicit written consent to disclose the information.
7. If known, any provision in a statute, rule, Order or other document, which would exempt the information from public disclosure;
None known at this time, other than the confidentiality claim process followed here pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:1-12 and pursuant to the Jan 20, 2021 letter from the Board.
8. Any other substantiation which the claimant believes to be relevant in establishing that the custodian should determine the information to be confidential information.
The nature of a pilot program is that all parties must work together in good faith to create a successful program, despite the risk and uncertainty of an untested program. Disclosure of asserted confidential information would be harmful to the program at large because it would damage the trust and cooperation necessary from all parties to make the pilot program succeed.

Affadavit

Zac Meyer, who is known to me personally, came and appeared before me, the undersigned Notary, and makes this his statement and General Affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the above matters, facts, and statements set forth are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.



Signature of Affiant



Date 2/3/2021

Sworn to subscribed before me, this 3rd day of February 2021



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