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By Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail

Honorable Kristi Izzo, Secretary New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor P.O. Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350

Re: Solar Act 2012 Changes to the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Rules (N.J.A.C. 14:8), Staff Memorandum Dated August 15, 2013 (Revised).

Dear Secretary Izzo:

Please accept this original and ten copies of as Comments submitted on behalf of the New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") in connection with the above-captioned matter. Copies of the comments are being provided to all parties on the e-service list by electronic mail and hard copies will be provided upon request to our office.

We are enclosing one additional copy of the comments. <u>Please stamp and date the extra</u> <u>copy as "filed" and return it in our self-addressed stamped envelope</u>. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

By e-mails circulated to Board of Public Utilities ("Board") Renewable Energy Committee, on August 15 and 16, 2013, the Staff of Board's Office of Clean Energy ("OCE"), has requested comments on a memorandum detailing changes to the Board's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Rules, <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:8, that are necessitated by the enactment of the Solar Honorable Kristi Izzo, Secretary August 30, 2013 Page 2

Energy Act of 2012, P.L. 2012, c. 24. Rate Counsel has no comments at this time but reserves

its right to comment on any future rulemaking proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

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