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NOTICE1

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Generic Solar Proceeding

In the Matter of the Board's Establishing A Generic Proceeding To Review The State of the Solar Market

Order Opening A Generic Proceeding

In The Matter of The Implementation of <u>L.</u> 2012, <u>C.</u> 24, The Solar Act of 2012:

Docket No. QX17090949

In the Matter of The Implementation of <u>L.</u> 2012, <u>C.</u> 24, The Solar Act of 2012, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:3-87(Q)(R) AND (S) – Proceedings to Establish the Processes For Designating Certain Grid-Supply Projects As Connected To The Distribution System; and

Docket No. EO12090832V

In The Matter of The Implementation of N.J.S.A. 48:3-87(R), Designating Grid-Supply Projects As Connected To The Distribution System - Order Implementing Certain Provisions of N.J.A.C. 14:8-2.4(G) For Energy Year 2018

Docket No. QO16020130

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6 <u>et seq.</u>, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") has scheduled public hearings wherein interested parties may present comments for the record on the state of the New Jersey solar market.²

The production of clean solar energy continues to be an issue of importance in New Jersey. Given the significant technological changes in the industry over the years, the economics and the financial models of solar energy have also changed significantly. At this time, the Board considers it prudent to solicit input on the development of the New Jersey solar market.

By Order dated September 22, 2017, the Board directed Staff to convene all interested parties to participate in a generic proceeding to review all aspects of New Jersey's solar market. As part of the generic proceeding, the Board will hold three separate public hearings as detailed

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² Persons interested in attending the above meeting who require special accommodations should contact the office of the Secretary of the Board at (609) 292-0093 at least three (3) days prior to the Meeting date so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

below. Pursuant to the Board's direction, Staff will work with stakeholders to develop a list of topic areas and questions upon which interested members of the public may submit comments. This list will be posted on the NJCEP website under the link for Policy Updates and Request for Comments on the Home page at http://www.njcleanenergy.com/main/njcep-policy-updates-request-comments/policy-updates-and-request-comments as well as the webpage devoted to the Generic Solar Proceeding. Posting will occur prior to the first scheduled hearing.

All comments/rebuttals should be submitted in PDF or Word format to <u>publiccomments@njcleanenergy.com</u>. **The comment period will end at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17.** All comments will be posted to the NJCEP website at the end of the comment period.

After the list of topics/questions has been finalized, the questions will be posted to the NJCEP.com website on or about November 27. 2017. Responses to the questions will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Generic Solar Open Public Hearings:

December 4, 2017, 8:00–10:45 am

NJ Department of Environmental Protection Agency
401 East State Street

First Floor Public Hearing Room

Trenton, NJ 08625

December 5, 2017, 9:00–11:30 am Hackensack City Hall, Council Chambers, 3rd floor 65 Central Avenue Hackensack, NJ 07601

December 8, 2017, 1:00–3:30 pm Stockton University Campus Center Board of Trustees Room 101 Vera King Farris Drive Galloway, NJ 08205-9441

Secretary of the Board

Dated: November 29, 2017