



# New Jersey Community Solar Energy Pilot Program Program Year 2 Application Form

## Section A: Application Form Requirements, Instructions, Terms and Conditions

The following Application Form is intended only for entities submitting a community solar project for consideration by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU"). Projects selected by the Board will be approved for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program, pursuant to the rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.

This Application Form is valid only for the following Program Year and Application Period:

#### Program Year 2, Application Period 1

Application Period Opens: Staff will inform stakeholders once the online application portal is open. The online application portal will open no later than December 31, 2020.

Application Period Closes: Friday, February 5, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. EST

#### I. Minimum Qualification Requirements

The Community Solar Energy Pilot Program is open to projects that meet the following minimum requirements, and the full requirements defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9 (available for reference at the following link: http://njcleanenergy.com/files/file/R 2019%20d 021%20(51%20N J R %20232(a)).pdf).

- 1. The proposed community solar project must be located in the electric service territory of an Electric Distribution Company ("EDC") in the State of New Jersey.
- 2. Existing solar projects may not apply to requalify as a community solar project. An existing solar project, as defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.2, means a solar project having begun operation and/or been approved by the Board for connection to the distribution system prior to February 19, 2019. Projects having received a subsection (t) conditional certification from the Board prior to February 19, 2019 should refer to section B. XIII. Special Authorizations and Exemptions for additional information.
- 3. The Board will not consider Applications for EDCs to develop, own, or operate community solar project(s).
- 4. The Board will not consider Applications for projects sited on preserved farmland, as defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.2.
- 5. The Board will not consider Applications for projects exceeding the capacity limit for individual community solar projects, set at 5 MWdc as defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.4(g).

## II. Instructions for Completing the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program Application Form

 Applications <u>must</u> be submitted via a dedicated online application process. Staff will provide further details on how to submit an Application online upon the opening of the online application process. The online application process will reflect the exact questions and requirements laid out



- in this Application Form. This PDF Application Form is being provided to allow Applicants to develop their Applications; **do not** submit an Application using this PDF Application Form. Any Application submitted using this PDF Application Form rather than the dedicated online application process will not be considered.
- 2. Each solar project applying to participate in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program requires the submission of an individual Application Form. **Do not apply for more than one (1) project per Application Form.** There is no limit to the number of Application Forms that can be submitted by any one Applicant (see the definition of an "Applicant" in section A. III. Terms and Conditions).
- 3. Do not submit the same project (same Applicant name and project site) multiple times or with various sizes.
- 4. All questions are required to be answered, unless explicitly marked as optional. All attachments are required, unless explicitly marked as optional. All attachments must be submitted with the Application Form via the online application process, therefore forming a complete application package.
- 5. Do not in any way amend, edit, or otherwise change the questions or format of this application form.
- 6. Original signatures on all forms and certifications of this Application Form are required. The certifications contained in section C must be notarized and may not be modified. More information on how to submit electronic certifications will be provided upon the release of the online application process.
- 7. Attachments must be submitted as part of the Application Form via the online application process.

  The Board will not accept documentation sent directly to the Board.

## III. Terms and Conditions

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#### **General Terms and Conditions**

- 1. The "Applicant" is defined as the entity that submits the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program Application Form (for example, an Applicant may be a project developer, project owner, project operator, property owner, contractor, installer, or agent thereof).
  - Prior to completing the Application Form, the Applicant must carefully review the rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9, and any other rules, regulations, and codes applicable to the design, construction, and operation of a community solar project in New Jersey. All Applications must be in compliance with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and laws. Furthermore, submission of an Application Form does not obviate the need for compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations at any time during the design, construction, operation, and decommissioning of a community solar project including, but not limited to, regulations by commissions such as the New Jersey Highlands Council and the New Jersey Pinelands Commission.
- 2. By submitting an Application, the Applicant acknowledges notice on behalf of all project participants that the information included in the Application is subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. Aggregated information may be used by the



Board and/or other state, federal, county, regional or local agencies in reports and evaluations, and the geographic location may be used to update Geographic Information System ("GIS") mapping. Applicants must identify sensitive and trade secret information that they wish to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3 (see "Submission of Confidential Information). Furthermore, the Applicant understands that the list of approved community solar projects will be published on the Board of Public Utilities website.

3. Amendments or supplements to the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program Application Form will be made available via the New Jersey Clean Energy Program ("NJCEP") website at <a href="https://www.njcleanenergy.com">www.njcleanenergy.com</a>. This Application Form may be modified for future Application Periods at any time without prior notification.

#### **Evaluation of Applications and Approval of Projects**

- 4. Only Applications that are administratively complete by the close of the Application Period will be considered for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program during that Program Year. An application will be deemed administratively complete if: 1) All questions are completed, except those explicitly marked as optional, 2) All required attachments are included (see Appendix B for a checklist of required attachments), and 3) All required signatures are included. Applicants will be notified if an Application is deemed administratively incomplete. An incomplete Application may be amended and resubmitted during the next Pilot Program Application Period without advantage or disadvantage, so long as it conforms to the requirements of that Application Period. In the event that any required information or attachment is missing, the Application will be deemed incomplete and will not be scored.
- 5. Only Applications that are submitted via the online application process will be considered for participation in Program Year 2 ("PY2") of the Pilot Program.
- 6. Any Application that contains factually incorrect information will be eliminated from consideration.
- 7. The Applicant may be required to supplement the information provided in the Application Form upon request from the Board or Board Staff.
- 8. Following the close of the Application Period, each Application will be reviewed and evaluated by a dedicated Evaluation Committee.
- 9. In reviewing each application, Board Staff may consult with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"), the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, or other state agencies and consultants as are relevant to the Application. Any information marked and submitted as confidential will be treated as such by the receiving agency, and used for the sole purpose of evaluation.
- 10. Board Staff may reject Applications that are incomplete at the close of the Application Period, that are not in compliance with the rules and regulations established in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9, or that do not meet a minimum standard for selection, as set forth in this Application Form.
- 11. The criteria for evaluation of Applications are presented in Appendix C (Evaluation Criteria). Projects must score a minimum 50 points total in order to be considered for participation in the



Community Solar Energy Pilot Program. Projects that score above 50 points will be presented to the Board for approval for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program in order, starting with the highest-scoring project and proceeding to the lowest-scoring project, and until the allocated program capacity allocated for that Program Year to each EDC service territory. The last project to be selected by the Board will be granted conditional approval for its full capacity (i.e. no project capacity will be cut off).

The allocated program capacity for Program Year 2 is **150 MWdc**. At least 40% of program capacity (i.e. at least 60 MW) will be allocated to Low and Moderate Income ("LMI") projects. The Board may, at its discretion, award up to 10% over or under this 150 MWdc capacity limit.

The EDC service territory breakdown of capacity for PY2 is as follows:

EDC	% of retail sales	PY2 Allocated Capacity
Atlantic City Electric ("ACE")	12.35%	18.525
Jersey Central Power & Light ("JCP&L)	28.86%	43.29
Public Service Electric & Gas ("PSE&G")	56.87%	85.305
Rockland Electric Company ("RECO")	1.92%	2.88
Total	100%	150

12. The Board may elect not to select projects in an EDC service territory if the number of Applications submitted is insufficient to provide adequate competition. In that event, the Board may allow the unused capacity to be reallocated to another EDC territory.

## Milestones and Follow-Up for Approved Projects

- 13. Should the proposed community solar project be approved by the Board for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program, such approval will be contingent on the project being constructed and operated as proposed in its Application. Applicants may not change the location or characteristics of selected projects.
  - Furthermore, pursuant to the rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.3(c), approved projects are expected to begin construction within 6 months of their approval by the Board, and are expected to become fully operational within 12 months of their approval by the Board. Extensions may be granted by Board Staff at its discretion, based on its assessment of the specific circumstances of each project approved.

Please note: the Board proposed an amendment to the Pilot Program rules, which, if approved, would eliminate the deadline to begin construction, establish a requirement that approved projects provide quarterly progress updates, and extend the deadline to become fully operational from 12 to 18 months. Additionally, Staff would be able to grant one, six-month extension; further extensions would need to be requested from the Board via a petition. If approved, these rule amendments will apply to all community solar projects granted conditional approval to participate in the Pilot Program. This note is for informational purposes only. Applicants must be



prepared to construct their projects in accordance with the existing timelines in the current rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.3(c).

In order to monitor compliance, approved projects will be required to submit updates to the Board:

- a. Prior to the beginning of construction, the Applicant must provide evidence that commitments in the following categories have been met: project location, community and environmental justice engagement, other benefits.
- b. Prior to applying for permission to operate ("PTO"), the Applicant must provide evidence that commitments in the following categories have been met: siting (other than location), all permits received.
- c. Prior to applying to the EDC for allocation of bill credits, the Applicant must provide evidence that commitments in the following categories have been met: product offering, subscriber type, geographic limit within EDC service territory.

If the approved project fails to be completed as proposed in the Application, and the Applicant fails to remedy the failure or provide an equivalent modification within a reasonable timeframe, the project may be penalized <u>up to and including a withdrawal of the permission to operate in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program</u>.

#### Incentive Eligibility

14. In order to limit regulatory uncertainty for projects applying to PY2 of the Pilot Program, the Board has determined that Applications selected as part of PY2 be eligible to register for the current Transition Incentive ("TI") program, even if said Applications are selected after the establishment of the Successor Program, subject to projects maintaining compliance with the rules and regulations of the TI Program.

#### Special Considerations for Project Siting

- 15. Unlike Program Year 1, Applicants with ground mounted projects are <u>not required</u> to meet with NJDEP's Office of Permitting and Project Navigation ("OPPN", formerly the Office of Permit Coordination and Environmental Review, or PCER) prior to submitting an Application to the Board. Applicants may request a meeting with the OPPN to identify permits and other potential issues, but doing so is not a prerequisite in the PY2 Application process.
  - Exception: Applications for floating solar projects are required to meet with OPPN prior to submitting an Application. Applicants are responsible for requesting the meeting sufficiently in advance of the Application deadline to ensure that the meeting is able to occur.
- 16. Applicants are required to submit a complete OPPN Permit Readiness Checklist as an attachment to their Application. Applicants are <u>not required</u> to submit the OPPN Permit Readiness Checklist to OPPN prior to submitting an Application, except in the case of floating solar projects. The Evaluation Committee will submit the Checklists of shortlisted Applications directly to NJDEP prior



- to presenting the list of project scores to the Board. The Permit Readiness Checklist is available at the following link: <a href="https://www.nj.gov/dep/pcer/introcklist.htm">https://www.nj.gov/dep/pcer/introcklist.htm</a>.
- 17. Special attention should be paid when siting a project on a landfill, a brownfield, or an area of historic fill. For reference, NJDEP's *Guidance for Installation of Solar Renewable Energy Systems on Landfills in New Jersey* can be found at the following link: https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/swp/solarguidance.pdf.
- 18. The Applicant should review the environmental compliance history at the proposed site and the various operations that were conducted there. Satisfaction of all outstanding NJDEP regulatory compliance obligations, if applicable, will be required prior to applying for permission to operate. The Applicant should identify any outstanding compliance and enforcement issues associated with the property on which the proposed project is to be sited and resolve them accordingly before submitting an Application, if applicable.
- 19. If the proposed project is sited on Green Acres preserved open space, as defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.2, or on land owned by NJDEP, the Applicant must receive special approval for the project from NJDEP <u>prior to submitting the Application to the Board</u>, and attach proof of approval to their application package (see section B. VII. Community Solar Facility Siting).

## Special Considerations for Government Entity Applicants

- 20. Specific exemptions are identified throughout the Application Form which apply 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 Request for Proposals ("RFP"), Request for Quotations ("RFQ"), or other bidding process. If this is the case, the Applicant must include a letter describing the proposed bidding process, and the Applicant should complete all sections of the Application Form based on the project as it will be designed in the bidding process. 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 (see section B. XIII. Special Authorizations and Exemptions).
- 21. Alternatively, Government Entity Applicants may elect to submit an Application after issuing an RFP, RFQ, or other bidding process.
- 22. The Application Form has been designed to ensure that Government Entity Applicants provide the information necessary to equitably score the project against all other Applicants, and to provide contain reasonable assurances that the project will be developed. All Applicants are required to identify a project site.
- 23. Additionally, the Board 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 applying in PY2 may indicate in section B. XIII. Special Authorizations and Exemptions that they plan to utilize opt-out subscriber enrollment if the proposed rule amendment is approved by the Board. 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).

#### Submitting an Application

- 24. Applications must adhere to all of the following instructions for submission. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on the date of the close of the Application Period in order to be considered.
- 25. Applications <u>must</u> be submitted via the dedicated online application process. Staff will provide further details on how to submit an Application online upon the opening of the online application process. The online application process will reflect the exact questions and requirements laid out in this Application Form. This PDF Application Form is being provided to allow Applicants to develop their Applications; <u>do not</u> submit an Application using this PDF Application Form.

### <u>Submission of Confidential Information</u>

- 26. All Applications received will be posted to the New Jersey Clean Energy Program website, and will be available through NJBPU's Public Document Search. The information contained in and submitted with the Application is subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47-1A-1 et seq.
- 27. Claimed sensitive and trade secret information that Applicants wish to keep confidential must be submitted in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

#### **Questions and Further Information**

- 28. Please address all questions pertaining to the Application Form to communitysolar@njcleanenergy.com.
- 29. Additional guidance and Frequently Asked Questions will be available on the NJCEP website at: <a href="http://njcleanenergy.com/renewable-energy/programs/community-solar">http://njcleanenergy.com/renewable-energy/programs/community-solar</a>.



Section b. Community Solar Energy Project Description	ection B: Community Solar Energy Project	Description
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## I. Applicant Contact Information

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## 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 (option	nal, complete if applicable): <u>No</u>	overa Development Partners, LLC
First Name: Kevin	Last Name: Orcl	
Daytime Phone: 862.222.6152	Email: korchard@	novera.energy
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 132		
Municipality: Bedminster	County: Somerset	Zip Code: 07921

The proposed community solar project will be primarily built by:

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

<sup>\*</sup>This name will be used to reference the project in correspondence with the Applicant.



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 (option	al, complete if appl	licable):	
First Name:		_ Last Name:	
Daytime Phone:		Email:	
Mailing Address:			
Municipality:	County: _		Zip Code:
IV. Property/Site Owner Info	ormation		
V. Community Solar Subscri	per Organization (o	ptional, complete ij	f known)
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VI. Proposed Community So	lar Facility Characte	eristics	
Community Solar Facility Siz			
	•		atically eliminated. If awarded, projects
will be held to the MWdc siz	e indicated in this $\iota$	Application.	



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 ele	ectric service territory in which the proposed community solar facility is located: (select one)
	☐ Atlantic City Electric ☐ Jersey Central Power & Light
	☑ Public Service Electric & Gas ☐ Rockland Electric Co.
mu cha	eceiving conditional approval by the Board (subject to nt described in the Terms and Conditions).
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The pro	poposed community solar facility is an existing project*
	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. Cor	nmunity Solar Facility Siting
1.	The proposed community solar project has site control*
	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)
	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
	N.J.A.C. 7:36).
-	1433/4.6. 7.30).
1	The proposed community solar racinty is located, in part or in whole, on (check all that apply):
	☐ a landfill (see question 7 below)
	☑ a brownfield (see question 8 below)
	$\square$ an area of historic fill (see question 9 below)
	oxdot a rooftop (see question 10 below)
	$\square$ a canopy over a parking lot or parking deck
	$\square$ a canopy over another type of impervious surface (e.g. walkway)
	$\square$ a water reservoir or other water body ("floating solar") (see question 11 below)
	$\square$ 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

\*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
	www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/landfill.htm
	Action Outcome ("RAO") issued by a Licensed Site 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? $\square$ Yes $\boxdot$ 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? $\square$ Yes $\square$ 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? $\square$ Yes $\square$ 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
	located on land or a building that is preserved by a
	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? $\square$ Yes $\boxtimes$ 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
I	If "Yes," explain the modification below.
1	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
	ciency and attempt to reduce consumption of
	njcleanenergy.com Drogram™
I	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)
	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 <u>not required</u> 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
1	The Applicant has received all non-ministerial permits* for this project (optional)
3.	The Applicant has received all hori-ministerial permits for this project (optional)
	*Receiving all non-ministerial permits is <u>not required</u> 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 normit for which approval is contingent upon the project meeting are determined
	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
	and established standards. Examples of non-ministerial permits include: local planning board

- 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.

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Permit Name	Permitting	Date Permit Applied for (if applicable) /
& Description	Agency/Entity	Date Permit Received (if applicable)
Interconnection Agreement	PSE&G	
Building and Electrical Permit	City of Newark	
TREC Registration	NJBPU	

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.

<u>Exception</u>: 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: <a href="https://www.njcleanenergy.com/files/file/CommunitySolar/FY21/8E%20-">https://www.njcleanenergy.com/files/file/CommunitySolar/FY21/8E%20-</a>

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



	If "Yes," include the interconnection study received from the EDC.  ☐ Yes ✓ No
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K. Cor	nmunity Solar Subscriptions and Subscribers
	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 residentia
	customers 🗹 Yes 🗆 No
6.	
6.	community solar project □ Yes ☑ No
6.	community solar project
6.	An affordable housing provider is seeking to qualify as an LMI subscriber for the purposes of the community solar project



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 <i>(optional)</i> $\square$ Yes $\square$ 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:



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)
	$\square$ No geographic restriction: whole EDC service territory
	$\square$ Same county OR same county and adjacent counties
	Same municipality OR same municipality and adjacent municipalities
	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	<ol> <li>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.)</li> </ol>
	The subscription proposed offers guaranteed or fixed savings to subscribers $\square$ Yes $\square$ No If "Yes," the guaranteed or fixed savings are offered as:
	A percentage saving on the customer's annual electric utility bill
	$\square$ A percentage saving on the customer's community solar bill credit
	☐ Other:
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	more product offering form(s) found in Appendix A. See Appendix A for exemptions.)
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	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:
	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 p	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 shou	ald indicate on its website that the project is currently
seeking subscribers	
If "Yes," the contact information indicated	on the Board's website should read:
Company/Entity Name: Novera Energy	
Daytime Phone: 862.222.6152	
*It is the responsibility of the project's subscriber	organization to notify the Board if/when the project is
	e Board remove the above information on its website.
no longer seeking subscribers, and request that the	s board remove the above information on its website.
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X. Community Engagement	
	is located ☐ Yes ☑ No
	of the project being developed by or in partnership or
collaboration with the municipality in which	
	unicipality is defined as clear and ongoing municipal
	development, or operation of the proposed community
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	a municipal site, municipality facilitating subscriber
	ning the subscription terms, etc.). Examples of evidence
	nicipal request for proposals or other public bidding
	ty's involvement in the project or meeting minutes.
Documentation must be specific to th	e project described in this Application; "generic"
documentation of support that applies to i	multiple projects submitted by the same Applicant will
not be accepted.	
3. The proposed community solar project is k	peing developed by or in partnership or collaboration*
	ation(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.

rt of the project; one or more opportunities for public icipality and/or local community organizations and/or

Please see attached letter of support from Councilman Amador, East Ward

#### 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)

2. 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.

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
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: 30
	If "Yes," estimated number of permanent jobs created in New Jersey: 1
3.	The proposed community solar project will provide job training opportunities for local solar trainees
XIII. Sp	ecial 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)?



2.	Does this project seek an exemption from the 10-subscriber minimum? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
	If "Yes," please demonstrate below (and attach supporting documents as relevant):

- a. That the project is sited on the property of a multi-family building.
- b. That the project will provide specific, identifiable, and quantifiable benefits to the households residing in said multi-family building.

osed bidding process and a copy of the request for bids 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.

- 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).

	This Application is for an opt-out community solar project ☐ Yes ✓ No
В.	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)
lf '	"Yes," the municipality name is:
If	"No," the project will not be considered for eligibility as an opt-out community solar project.
	for eligibility as an opt-out community solar project.
	The proposed opt-out project will allocate all project capacity to LMI subscribers  "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:

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.





#### 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:

- 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
- 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 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



#### **Property Owner Certification**

The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that:

Certification on behalf of my organization; and

- 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
- 4) 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



## **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.

1) I, Kevin Orchard	(name) am the managing member (title) of the
	a Development Partners, LLC (name) and have been authorized to file this
	n behalf of my organization; and
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	correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, based on persona
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## Project Owner Certification

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**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.



2.	Community Solar Subscription Price: (check all that apply)

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



6. Special conditions or considerations:

usual and customary considerations for subscriber approval and enrollment.





## Appendix B: Required Attachments Checklist

Note that this list is for indicative purposes only. Additional attachments may be required, and as identified throughout this Application Form. Please review the Application Form in its entirety, and attach attachments as required. The page numbers reference the pages from the <u>Application Form</u> as it was originally approved by the Board, not as they may appear in this fillable PDF.

Required Attachments	Reference	
Attachments marked with an asterisk (*) are only required if the project	Page	Attached?
meets the specified criteria. All others are required for all Applications.	Number	
Delineated map of the portion of the property on which the community	p. 10	
solar facility will be located (in color).		
Proof of site control.	p. 10	☑Yes ☐ No
(*) If the proposed project is located, in part or in whole on a rooftop:	p. 12	☑Yes □ No
substantiating evidence that the roof is structurally able to support a solar	·	
system.		
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Copy of the completed Permit Readiness Checklist.	p. 14	☑Yes □ No
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A screenshot of the EDC capacity hosting map at the proposed location,	p. 16	☑Yes □ No
showing the available capacity (in color).		
Substantiating evidence of project cost in the form of charts and/or	p. 20	☑Yes □ No
spreadsheet models.		
Product Offering Questionnaire(s) in Appendix A.	p. 30 – 31	☑Yes ☐ No
Certifications in Section C.	p. 25 – 29	✓ Yes  ☐ No

Optional Attachments  Attachments marked with an asterisk (*) only apply if the project meets  the specified criteria.	Reference Page Number	Attached?
(*) If the project is located, in part or in whole, on a brownfield: copy of	p. 12	☑Yes ☐ No
the Response Action Outcome (issued by the LSRP) or the No Further		
Action letter (issued by DEP).		
(*) If the project is located, in part or in whole, on an area of historic fill:	p. 12	□Yes ☑ No
copy of the Response Action Outcome (issued by the LSRP) or the No		
Further Action letter (issued by DEP).		
Substantiating evidence that the proposed community solar facility has	p. 14	□Yes ☑ No
been specifically designed or planned to preserve or enhance the site (e.g.		
landscaping, site and enhancements, pollination support, etc.).		



Proof of a meeting with NJDEP Office of Permitting and Project Navigation ("OPPN"), if applicable.  (*) Proof of a meeting with OPPN is optional, except for projects that are in part or in whole a floating solar project.  (*) If the Applicant met with OPPN (formerly PCER) during PY1, and there have been no changes to the project or site characteristics, include any comments received from OPPN on the PY1 Application.	p. 14	□Yes ☑ No
Permits received for this site or project.	p. 15	☐Yes ☑ No
Evidence of experience on projects serving LMI communities or partnerships with organizations that have experience serving LMI communities	p.16	□Yes ☑ No
(*) If an affordable housing provider is seeking to qualify as an LMI subscriber for purposes of the community solar project: signed affidavit from the affordable housing provider that the specific, substantial, identifiable, and quantifiable long-term benefits from the community solar subscription will be passed through to their residents/tenants.	p. 17	□Yes ☑ No
(*) If the account holder of a master meter will subscribe on behalf of its	p. 17	□Yes ☑ No
loped in partnership or organization(s) and/or af the project is located.	p. 19 – 20	□Yes ☑ No
Evidence that the proposed project is being developed with support and in consultation with the community in which the project is located.	p. 20	☑Yes □ No
(*) If the project is seeking an exemption from the 10-subscriber minimum rule: supporting documents if needed.	p. 22	□Yes ☑ No

Required Attachments for Exemptions	Reference Page Number	Attached?
If the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), and	p. 22	□Yes ☑ No
the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a Request for Proposals (RFP), Request for Quotations (RFQ), or other		
bidding process:		
Attach a letter from the Applicant describing the bidding process		
and a copy of the request for bids (RFP, RFQ, or other bidding		
document) that is ready to be issued if project is granted		
conditional approval by the Board.		
If the proposed community solar project is located, in part or in whole, on	p. 11	□Yes ☑ No
Green Acres preserved open space or on land owned by NJDEP.		
Attach special authorization from NJDEP for the site to host a		
community solar facility.		



If the proposed community solar project has received, in part or in whole, a subsection (t) conditional certification from the Board prior to February	p. 22	□Yes ☑ No
19, 2019.		
⇒ 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.		
If the proposed community solar project plans to operate as a municipal		
opt-out project, contingent on the Board's approval the relevant proposed		
rules.		
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development, ownership, and operation an opt-out community		
solar project, contingent on the proposed rules being approved by		
the Board		
Attach an affidavit that the municipal project owner will comply	p. 24	□Yes ☑ No
with all applicable rules and regulations, particularly those relating		
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## Appendix C: Evaluation Criteria

The Evaluation Criteria chart below lists the various categories that the Board will consider in evaluating project Applications. Projects must score a minimum of 50 points total in order to be considered for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program. Projects that score above 50 points will be awarded program capacity in order, starting with the highest-scoring project and proceeding to the lowest-scoring project, until the capacity for each EDC territory is filled. The last project to be selected by the Board will be granted conditional approval for its full capacity.

Evaluation Criteria	Max. Points (total possible points: 100)
Low- and Moderate-Income and Environmental Justice Inclusion Higher preference: LMI project	25
Siting	20
re Note: Applicants with a floating solar project must meet with DEP prior to submitting an Application, and take special notice of DEP's siting guidelines.  The siting criteria for floating solar located at sand and gravel pits that have little to no established floral and faunal resources has been moved from "medium preference" to "higher preference" per a Board Order dated January 7, 2021.	Max. possible bonus points: 3  Max. possible bonus points: 2
**Note: bonus points will only be available for projects in the "higher" or "medium" preference siting categories. Projects in the "No Points" siting categories are not eligible for bonus points.	



Community and Environmental Justice Engagement	15
Higher preference: formal agreement, ongoing collaboration or effective	
partnership with municipality and/or local community organizations	
and/or affordable housing provider (per Section X, Questions 1, 2, and 3)	
Medium preference: consultation with municipality and/or local	
community organization(s) and/or or affordable housing provider (per	
Section X, Question 4)	
No Points: no collaboration or collaboration has not been proven	
Product Offering	15
Higher preference: guaranteed savings >20%, flexible terms*	
Medium preference: guaranteed savings >10%, flexible terms*	
Low preference: guaranteed savings > 10%, hexible terms	
No Points: no guaranteed savings, no flexible terms*	
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*Flexible terms may include: no cancellation fee, short-term contract	
Other Benefits	10
Higher preference: Provides jobs and/or job training and/or	
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## **List Of Attachments**

- A1. Site Map
- A2. Site Control
- A3. Substantiating evidence that the roof is structurally able to support a solar system
- A4. Economic Opportunity Zone screenshot
- A5. Completed Permit Readiness Checklist
- A6. PSE&G hosting capacity map screenshot
- A7. Response Action Outcome
- A8. Substantiating Evidence of Project Cost
- A9. Letter of support





### **ENGINEERING TECHNICAL MEMO:**

# Evidentiary Support for Rooftop Solar - Blanchard Solar

Rydberg Power, Inc.

February 3, 2021

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 7th Floor P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-035

Re: Program Year 2, Community Solar Application – 69 Blanchard Street Newark, NJ

Dear Members of the Board of Public Utilities,

Rydberg Power, Inc. is an engineering group focused on renewable and sustainable utility scale, commercial, residential building solar projects. Our services have supported over 900+ MWac of built PV projects, 2.8+ GW of projects in development, and 75 MW of battery ESS projects spanning four continents. As an employee-owned business, our team is invested in delivering the highest-quality solutions and with the best possible customer experience for each of our clients.

We are writing this letter in support of Novera Energy's PY2 community solar application for 69 Blanchard Street in Newark, NJ. Rydberg Power has provided Novera with preliminary structural review of as-built drawings of the building, initial electrical design and layouts for this project which are incorporated into the application.

Rydberg has reviewed the as-builts structural plans of the existing building for the proposed roof mount solar project and incorporated the findings into the preliminary design. Accordingly, please accept this letter as substantiating evidence verifying the suitability of the roof to accommodate a solar system as required by Question 10 of Section B, subsection VII. Community Solar Facility Siting.

Sincerely,

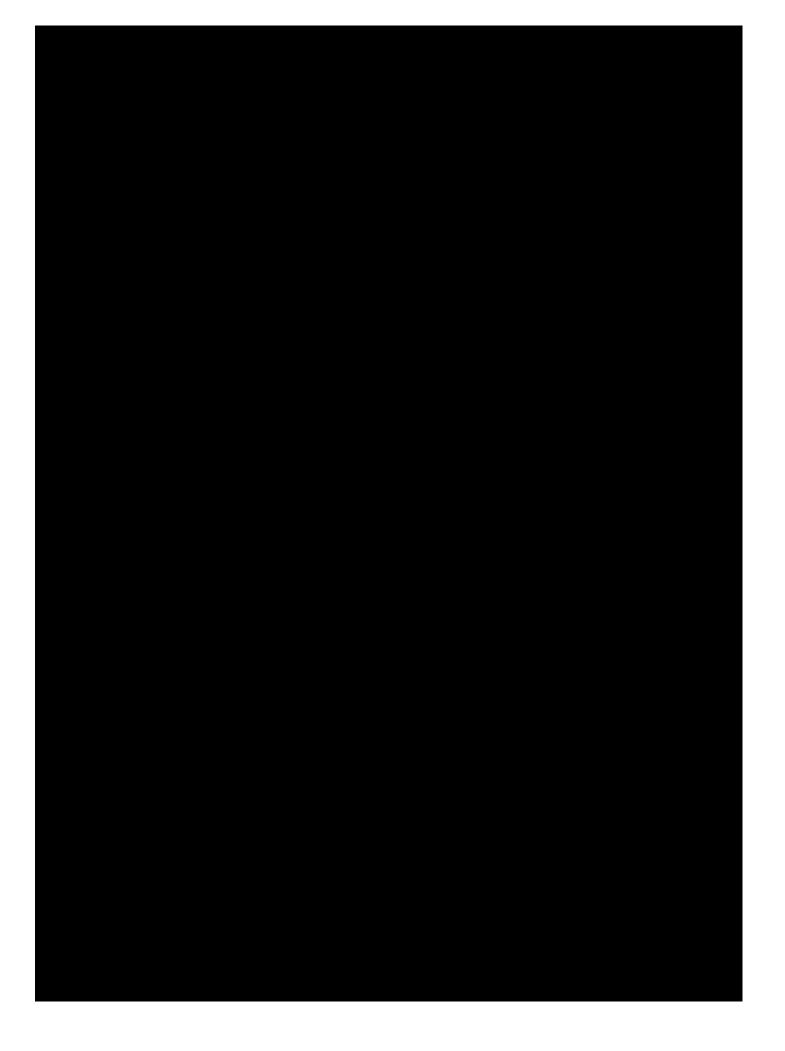
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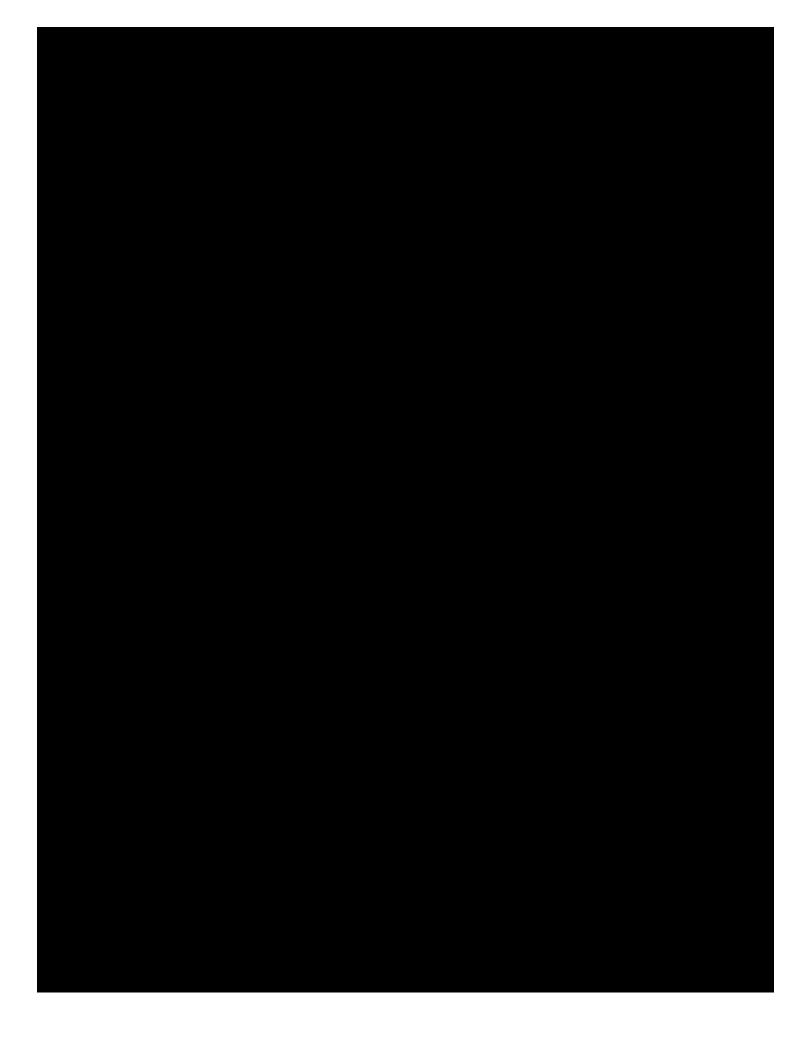


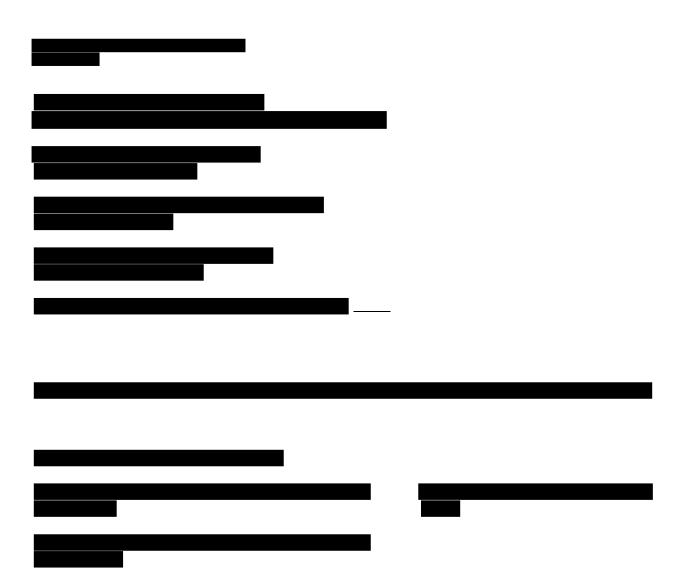
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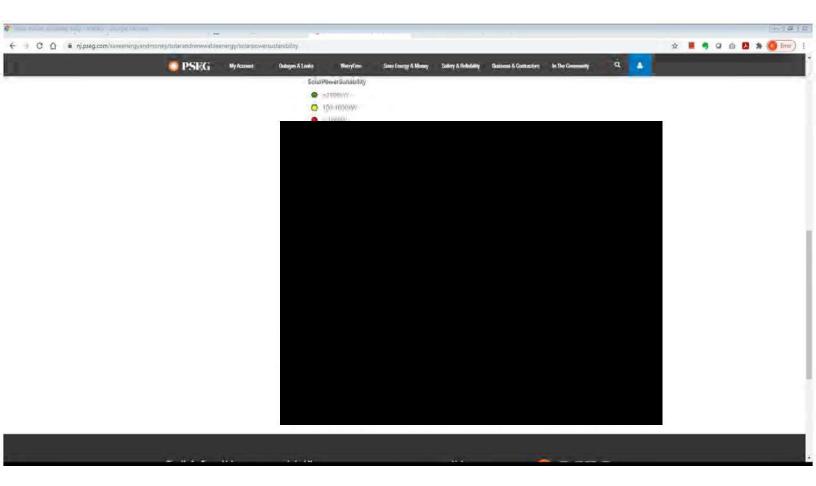


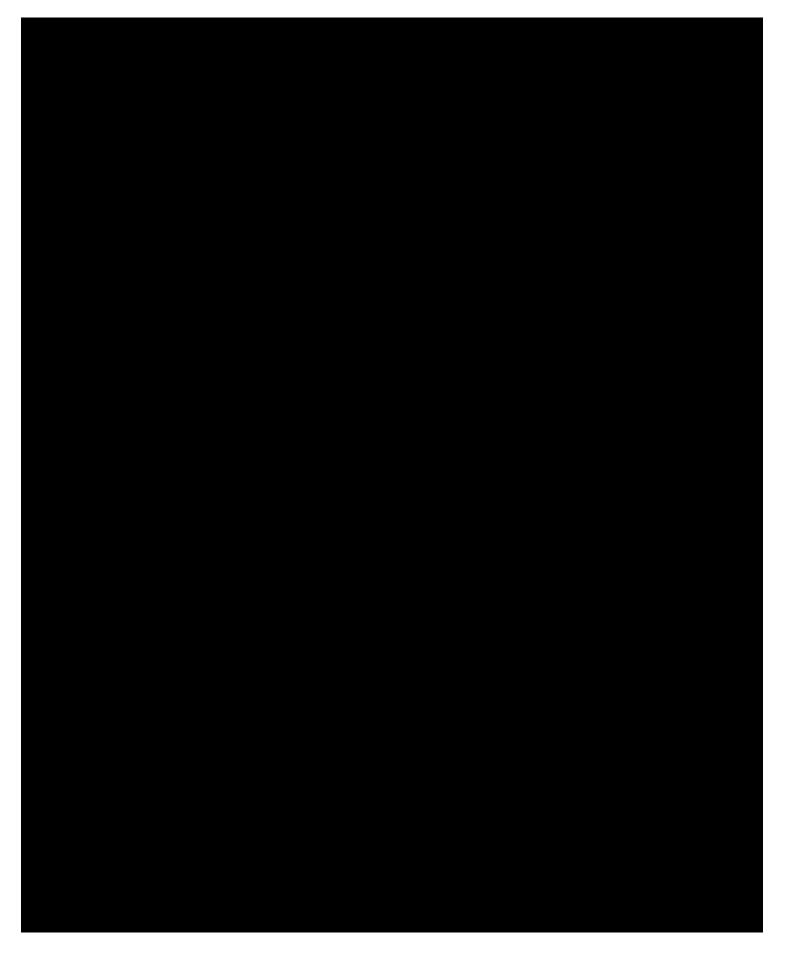


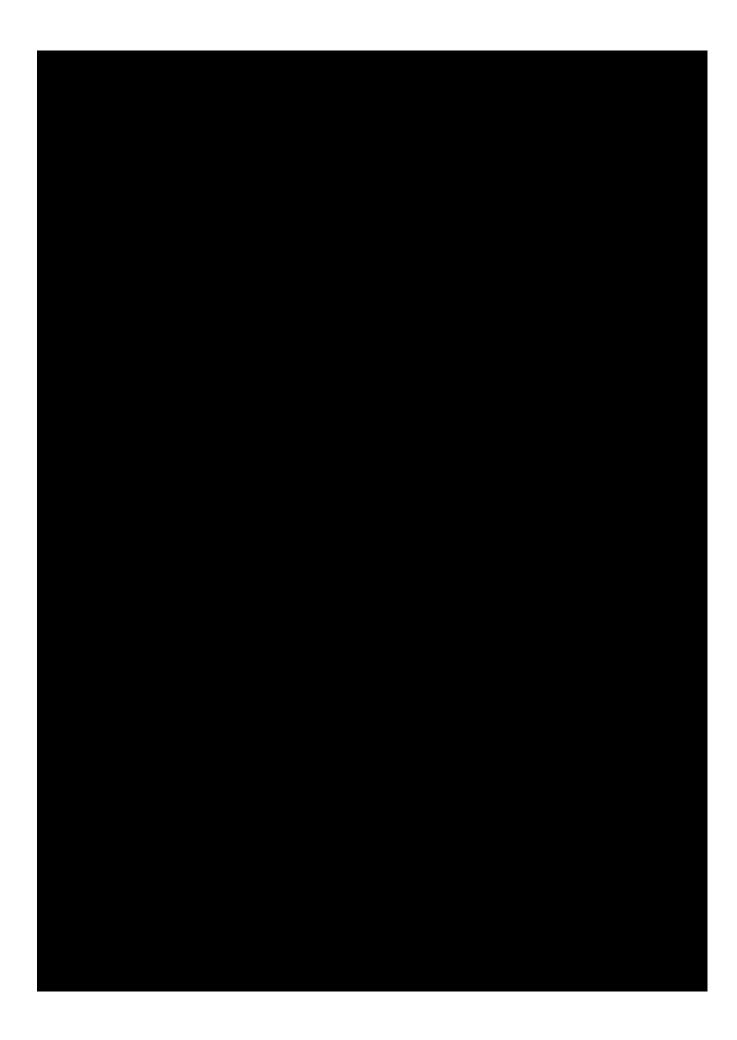




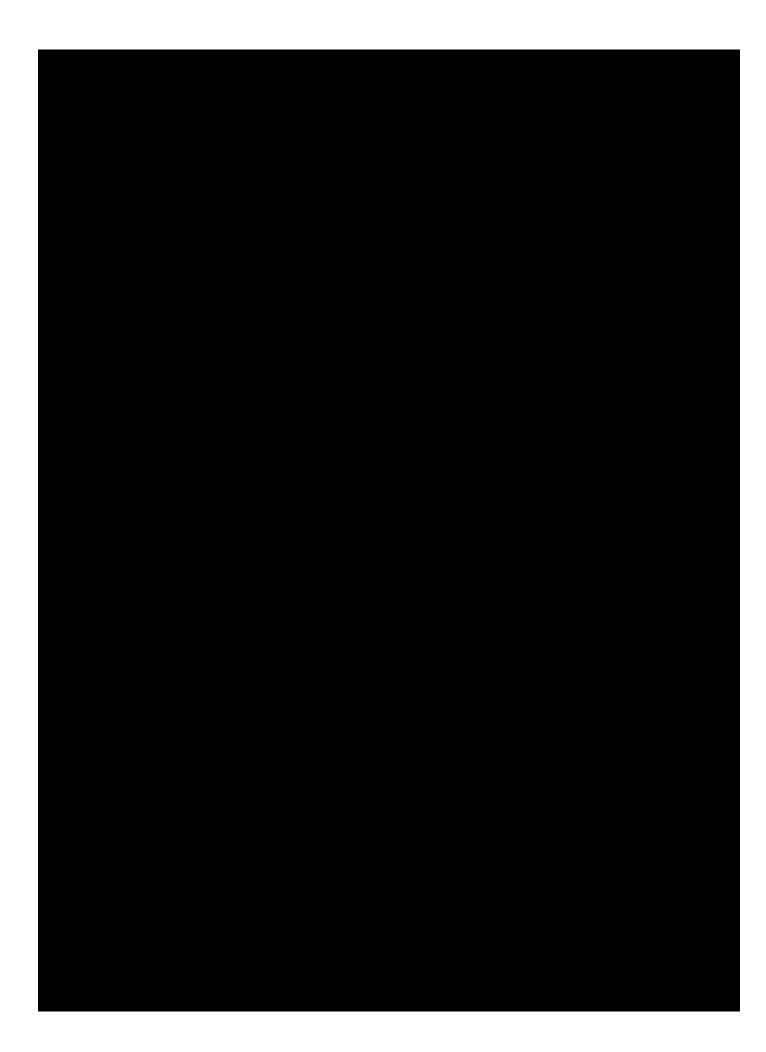


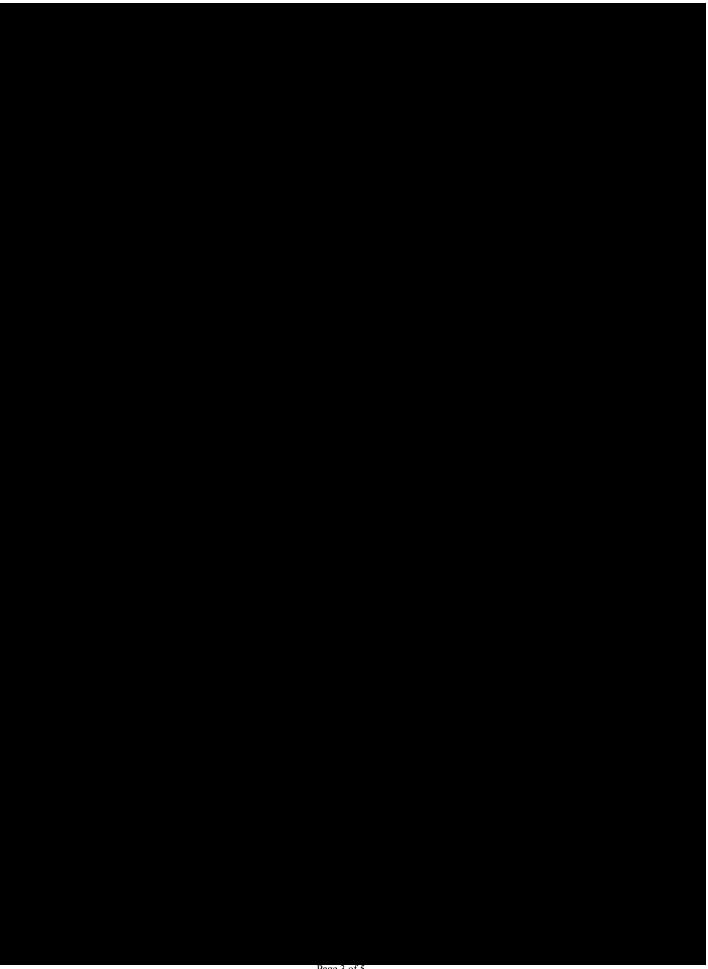


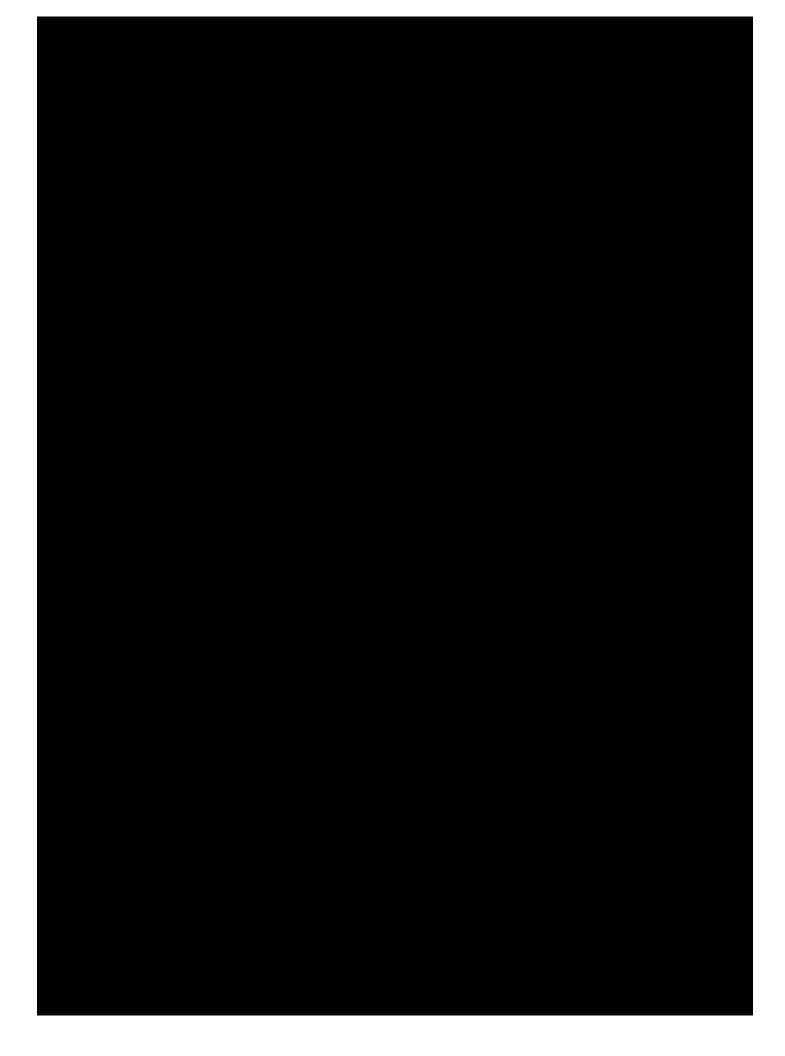


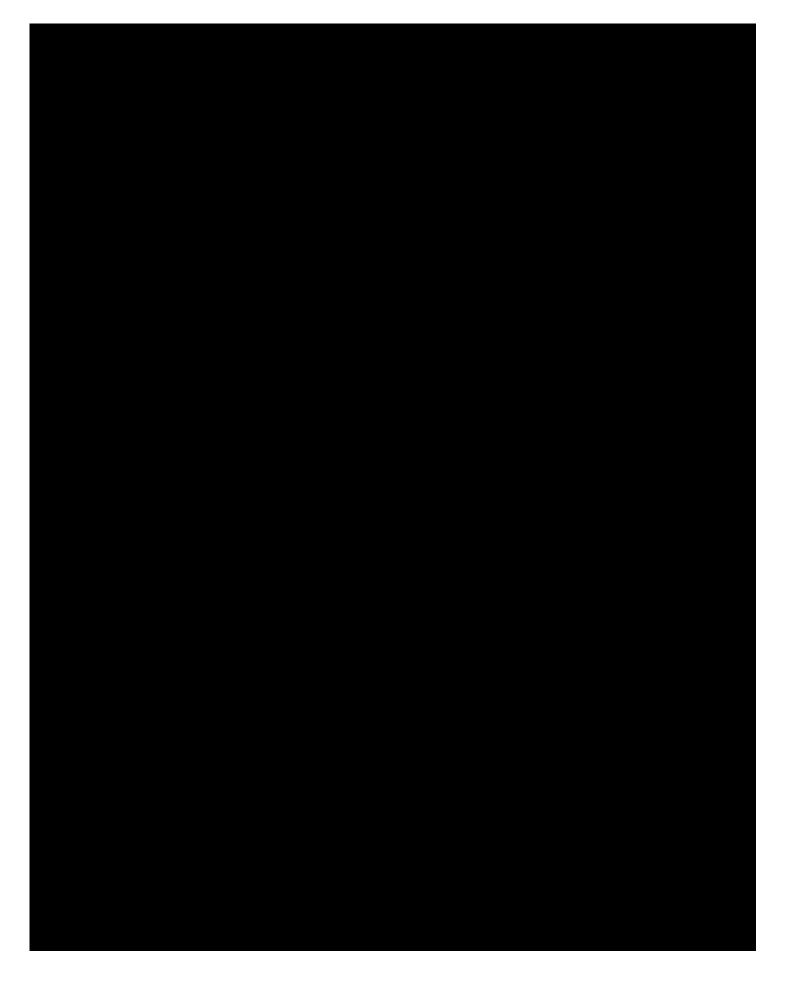


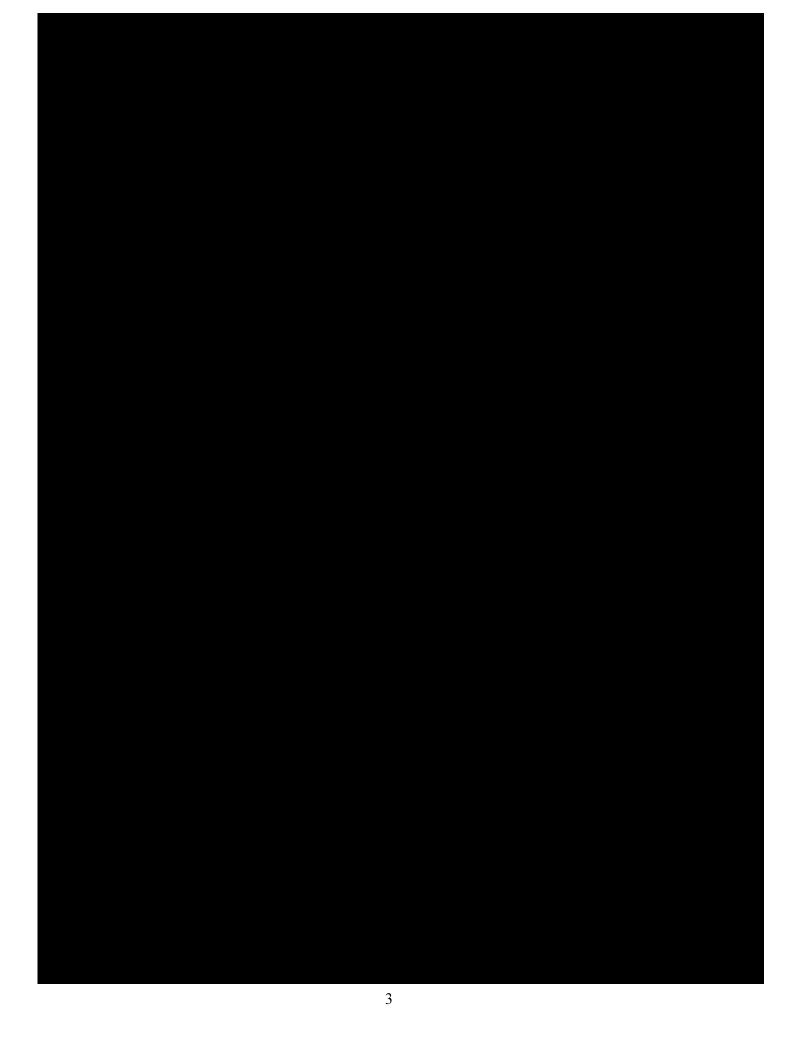




















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Re: Letter of Support for Novera Energy's Solar Year 2 Applications

To Members of the Board pf Public Utilities,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Novera Energy's Community Solar Year 2 application at 69 Blanchard Street in Newark.

With this project Novera Energy will work to ensure that the majority of electricity produced by Novera's Community Solar Year 2 projects will be sold at a meaningful discount to the members of our community.

We are excited by the substantial savings and benefits their community solar project will provide.

We are equally pleased that the majority of these benefits are intended for the local community.

Novera Energy strives to protect our environment and to improve the lives of the communities in which it works. Accordingly, we strongly support Novera Energy's Community solar Year 2 applications.

If you need additional information, please contact me.

Thank you,

Augusto Amador

East Ward Councilman

Newark, NJ