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Aida Camaho-Welch Secretary New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Post Office Box 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Conti Solar, LLC

Response to Request for Comments Staff Straw Proposal of December 26, 2018

Dear Ms. Camacho -Welch:

Conti Solar, LLC ("Conti") is pleased to submit comments regarding the above-referenced Proposal to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or the "Board"). Conti, headquartered in Edison, NJ, is part of a family of companies that have been a bedrock business in New Jersey for over 113 years and has been a perennial contributor to New Jersey's renewable energy program, with over 150MW of solar projects installed in the state since 2006. We have been a proud contributor to the growth of the New Jersey solar energy market, providing the state with clean, renewable energy, and employees with good, high paying jobs.

We are writing to encourage the Board of Public Utilities to continue your support of the grid supply solar market. We believe grid supply solar farms are of vital importance, contributing substantial amounts of renewable energy to the state of New Jersey – grid supply projects will be necessary to ensure that New Jersey hits it's renewable energy goals. The ability to deploy large scale solar energy projects captures economies of scale, ultimately reducing the cost of the power produced to the customer. Moreover, grid supply solar farms, unlike many smaller scale facilities, utilize mostly a union labor-force.

Additionally, we urge the Board to act quickly to establish a transition program for SRECs. Without a clear transition program, the New Jersey solar market will become increasingly volatile as the 5.1% SREC cap approaches.

We encourage the Board to ensure that grid-supply solar projects continue to be a critical part of any future solar programs in the state – both the transition program and the successor program.

Very truly yours,

Eric K. Millard

Chief Commercial Officer Conti Solar, LLC

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