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Testimony in Support of House Bill 473 – Electricity—Change of Address—Maintenance of Subscriptions and Contracts

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on behalf of **House Bill 473 – Electricity—Change of Address—Maintenance of Subscriptions and Contracts**. This legislation would allow community solar energy subscribers and residential electric choice customers to maintain their subscriptions and contracts at a new service address when it is within the same service territory as the old address.

This measure would spare consumers from having to re-enroll when moving within the service territory. Such portability is available for cable television and cell phone customers. Providing similar portability for consumers of solar energy and electric choice eases their move. It also would favorably impact the development of projects because the primary cause of customer attrition – moving – would be mitigated. Projects would thus involve less risk, revenues would potentially increase, and developers could subsequently offer consumers better terms.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration of this legislation and respectfully request a favorable report.