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TO: Members, Senate Finance Committee
FROM: Mary Beth Tung – Director, MEA
SUBJECT: SB0031 (HB0379) – Electricity – Change of Address – Maintenance of Subscriptions and Contracts
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MEA POSITION: FAV

On November 12, 2015, the Maryland Public Service Commission initiated an Administrative Docket, Rulemaking 56 (“RM 56”), to consider revisions to the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 20.62 that will develop draft regulations to implement a pilot program for Community Solar Energy Generation Systems.

MEA has been actively involved in RM56 and generally supportive of the Community Solar Pilot Program (“Program”). The changes to the program proposed by Senate Bill 31 will fill a gap in the current regulations, preserving community solar benefits for subscribers in an efficient manner. The issue of portability of community solar subscriptions was raised in the Public Service Commission workgroup addressing community solar issues, and a similar regulatory fix was contemplated. MEA did not note any opposition to making those changes, and this bill would accomplish the same.

For these reasons, MEA urges the committee for a **favorable report** on Senate Bill 79.