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Testimony SB 931:

Public Utilities - Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity - Solar Photovoltaic Systems

Position: **SUPPORT**

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Dear Chair Feldman and Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

On behalf of Greenbacker Renewable Energy Corporation, I respectfully urge a favorable vote on SB 931. Greenbacker Renewable Energy Company (GREC) is an independent power producer that generates power, invests in power generation technology, and sells power to public and private offtakers. We are currently operating 4 solar projects in the state of Maryland totaling 18.7 MW (ac) in capacity, with 2 others that are on the cusp of reaching commercial operation. Both of those projects could be negatively impacted if the PSC does not choose to follow precedent and approve our SREC applications due to being under 2MWs and co-located right next to one another.

It is vital in renewable energy development to have clarity and transparency in the land use, zoning, permitting and regulatory process. It is essential to create a stable, investable market, which is critical for us if we are choosing to develop a project in the state of Maryland. Our stakeholders must have clear visibility as to which permits are required and which agency or government authorities have jurisdiction over each part of the process. It is also paramount that the renewable energy industry can trust the regulations and precedent set forth before them when they start the development process.

The bill at hand should provide the transparency and security we are seeking to alleviate some of our concerns about developing projects in the state of Maryland. Codifying the clear and obvious precedent previously set forth is equitable, as it leaves jurisdiction for projects under 2 MWs with the host counties, regardless of co-location. This is important, as these projects are often community solar and ANEM projects that benefit LMI residential customers, local governments, non-profits, and agricultural users that are all part of the communities where the projects are located.

We would like to thank Sen Hester for her leadership on this bill and commend her for her commitment to creating a clean energy future for the people of Howard County.

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