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**HB1195 -- Net Energy Metering, SUNRISE Program, and Community Solar Energy
Generating Systems Program (SUNRISE Act)
449th Session of the General Assembly
Maryland House of Delegates
Environment and Transportation Committee
Position: Favorable**

Testimony of Perch Energy (formerly Arcadia) on HB1195

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and members of the Environment & Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide favorable testimony on HB1195, Net Energy Metering, SUNRISE Program, and Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program (SUNRISE Act).

Introduction to Perch Energy

Perch Energy is the nation's largest community solar subscriber manager. Having acquired Solstice in February 2026, Perch now manages over 3GW of solar capacity across 1,000+ solar projects in 16 states, serving over 430,000 residential customer equivalents with proprietary software technology and automation.

This acquisition comes after Perch and Arcadia announced a new venture combining both companies' industry-leading community solar businesses to create a new standalone company in March of 2025.

Perch remains focused on delivering utility bill savings for consumers and businesses at a time when energy savings are needed most. To-date, Perch has already saved an estimated \$100M for our customers.

Support for HB1195 and SB843

If enacted, the SUNRISE Act would enable new ways for projects to direct savings to low and moderate income households, which provides important optionality to the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems (CSEGS) program and program participants.

Importantly, this legislation would establish two new pathways for customers to receive savings from community solar programs. First, this would allow CSEGS projects to satisfy their Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) requirement by ensuring eight percent of project output goes to verified

LMI households at a 100% discount, meaning those participants will receive savings that far exceed the standard 10-20 percent savings common in the program today.

Second, this would enable projects to satisfy their LMI requirement by instead directing eight percent of output to Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP) for application on existing OHEP customer accounts. This will allow those customers to receive even more savings.

This increased optionality will ensure project financing and development may continue unhindered while meaningful savings continues to be directed to LMI households.

Conclusion

Perch asks the Committee for a favorable report on HB1195. I appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me at jfeinstein@perchenergy.com or 202 999 8916 if you would like to discuss further.

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