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Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
Environment & Transportation Committee
Room 251, Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Written Testimony

HB1476: Public Service Commission – Net Energy Metering – Successor Program

Position: Favorable with Amendments

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and members of the Environment & Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify “favorable with amendments” on HB 1476, Public Service Commission – Net Energy Metering – Successor Program.

My name is Zac Meyer, and I am a Director of Development at Soltage. Soltage originates, develops, finances, owns, and operates solar energy facilities across the nation in 16 states and growing. We have been active in Maryland since 2021 with 3 operational facilities, 2 under construction, and a strong development pipeline of over 100 megawatts of solar in Maryland.

I am here to provide “favorable with amendment” testimony on HB1476, Public Service Commission – Net Energy Metering – Successor Program.

Proposed Amendments: A Transition That Doesn’t Give Up Grid Benefits

Soltage respectfully proposes a predictable path as part of this program transition. Although Soltage supports the evolution of Maryland's energy tariffs to transition to the , we believe the current bill language would unintentionally disrupt current projects under development, especially as the entire industry is focused on meeting the phase-out deadlines associated with Solar Investment Tax Credit repeal by Congress in H.R. 1. We respectfully submit the following amendments to ensure a transition that is both firm and fair for everyone:

- **Safeguard Existing and Under-Development Solar Capacity:** Projects currently in development are racing to meet construction deadlines set by H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill. These and operating projects were financed under the assumption of NEM and are critical to backfilling the loss of federal tax credits.
- **Implement A Transparent Transition:** Ensure that the established and expected revenue structure remains available for projects where significant financial investments have already been made. This includes signing a lease or purchasing property, starting the interconnection process, and acquiring state or local permits. This will also prevent a "rush" of purely speculative applications while honoring legitimate business commitments.

- PSC-Led Valuation Process: Utilize a Public Service Commission (PSC) led process to fairly account for the value of distributed solar and storage. This ensures that Maryland's fastest-growing in-state energy resource is compensated based on the real-world benefits it provides to the grid and the environment.

By adopting these amendments, Maryland can utilize distributed solar as a central tool to lowering consumer and utility energy costs without unintentionally causing a policy transition that could destabilize the industry that will build that new capacity. We look forward to working with the Speaker and this Committee to ensure Maryland remains a national leader in local, reliable, and equitable power.

With these amendments, Soltage would urge a favorable report. However, we feel that our recommended amendments are crucial to ensuring that Maryland maximizes the benefits it can get from distributed solar, especially in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zac Meyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Zac Meyer
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Soltage