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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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HB 1476 – Public Service Commission – Net Energy Metering – Successor Program
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Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Nexamp, one of the nation’s leading distributed solar and energy storage providers, thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 1476. We support the bill’s direction and respectfully request a favorable report with amendments.

Nexamp is a developer, owner and operator of community solar projects in Maryland, has been an active participant in the Community Solar Pilot Program since 2017, and we are proud to have built the Program’s first LMI project, located in Queen Anne’s County, serving 51% low-and moderate-income customers. We now have 9 operating projects across the state, representing 22 MW of clean generation, which provide energy savings to more than 2500 customers statewide, including 1000 LMI customers. In addition to our operating portfolio, we have many projects that are actively in construction and in development here in MD that are planned for participation in net metering and community solar.

Clarity and continuity for existing and pipeline projects

We support the directive in HB 1476 for the Public Service Commission (PSC) to develop and implement a successor program to net energy metering. However, to avoid materially damaging existing assets under the current net metering framework, the bill should more clearly address how current and in-development projects are treated as the State transitions to that successor program. We recommend amendments that:

- Grandfather existing NEM projects and advanced-stage pipeline projects (e.g., those with signed interconnection agreements or comparable milestones) under clearly defined terms;
- Clarify how these projects will be counted toward the statewide cap and any successor-program limits; and

- Establish a transparent, stable transition schedule that avoids gaps or abrupt changes.

This is particularly important in light of the closing window for current federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) structures. Investors and lenders need clear, durable rules to commit capital. Without explicit continuity and grandfathering language, many viable projects risk delay or cancellation, and Maryland risks leaving federal dollars on the table.

Strengthening statutory guidance for the PSC's successor framework

HB 1476 appropriately directs the PSC to convene a proceeding on a successor compensation framework. From Nexamp's perspective, the more clearly the General Assembly defines the objectives and factors the PSC must consider, the more likely the resulting tariff will support sustained private investment and deliver broad customer benefits. We recommend amendments that more explicitly require the PSC to:

- Align compensation with the value these resources provide to the grid and to customers, including avoided energy and capacity costs, reduced line losses, and contributions to reliability and resilience;
- Provide long-term rate and program stability sufficient to support project financing and customer savings;
- Consider administrative simplicity and customer clarity, so that the successor framework is understandable and accessible to households and businesses.

Clear statutory guidance on these points will help ensure the PSC's successor program is not only technically sound, but also durable, equitable, and investable. Nexamp appreciates Speaker Peña-Melnyk's leadership in moving Maryland toward a next-generation, value-aligned successor to net metering.

With amendments to clarify the transition for existing and late-stage development projects, and to provide strengthened direction to the PSC, HB 1476 can provide the certainty needed to keep projects moving, fully leverage remaining ITC opportunities, and support a thoughtful, durable evolution of distributed generation policy. For these reasons, Nexamp urges a favorable report on HB 1476 with amendments. Thank you for your consideration.

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