

July 2, 2020

Subject: Docket No. E-2, Sub 1167 and Docket E-7, Sub 1166\

Dear Madam Chair and Commissioners,

Eagle Solar & Light (ESL), located in Durham, North Carolina, is writing in support of modifications to the DEC and DEP rebate programs as proposed by the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA) in their June 5, 2020, initial comments. We are proud members of NCSEA and believe it represents the interests of small renewable companies and our customers.

Additionally, we are grateful for the NCUC Public Staff's June 5, 2020, initial comments that recommend increasing the non-profit \$.75/kW rebate to \$1/kW. We are proud to report that we are currently the only company with leases, most of which are with non-profits, registered with the NCUC since HB589. As such, ESL has discussed pricing options of solar purchasing and leasing with a large number of non-profits and municipalities, and we believe that the Public Staff proposed rebate increase will be viewed favorably by these entities. However, while some smaller non-profits (such as churches) may decide to move forward *faster* with a larger rebate, we do not think the rebate amount is the primary constraint in the investment decision for non-profit entities. Furthermore, it is our contention that the municipalities such as Buncombe County and City of Asheville are the most likely to take advantage of the Rebate allocation for the remaining life of the program.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 205-223-1639 or salexander@eaglesolarandlight.com if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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