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RE: Docket No. M-2017-2631527 Interpretation of Recent Legislature by the PUC

Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

I am a builder and developer and South Side Pittsburgh resident who has placed in service solar pv systems as a part of my developments and would like to continue to do so. However I was very disappointed to see the value of SRECs in PA drop from over \$300. to virtually nothing. This seriously affected my business model on several systems that I had installed as a part of my efforts to create net zero residential and commercial developments. I engage in these efforts since I am concerned about air quality, business and employment opportunities and preserving resources for succeeding generations. i.e. It's like we have been given stewardship of a fine estate and we are cutting down all of the trees to heat the house! There are answers to preserving scarce resources and they lie in conservation and alternative energy.

I was pleased to hear of the recent legislative action but dismayed at the PUC possible interpretation which would effectively negate the legislation.

I urge the PUC to support the following interpretation:

Under the supplemental interpretations offered by Chairman Brown and Vice Chairman Place, qualifying facilities must be located within Pennsylvania – with no “grandfathering” of out-of-state facilities that were certified prior to October 30, with comments requested regarding treatment of already generated or ‘banked’ credits from out-of-state facilities.

Supporting this interpretation will create more economic opportunity and an image of a Commonwealth that is concerned about the future which will help us to attract more young people to Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania. Effectively negating the action of our State Legislature on this issue disrespects the will of the People and creates an image that is not forward thinking and unconcerned about the negative effects of fossil fuels.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ernie Sota".

Ernie Sota  
President, LEED AP