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**Re: Joint SEIA CCSA Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of R. Taylor Speer And
Karen M. Kemerait
PA PUC - Docket Number: P-2026-3060298**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Please be advised that this office represents Solar Energy Industries Association and the Coalition for Community Solar Access (“SEIA” and “CCSA”), in the above-referenced action. Enclosed for electronic filing is a Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of R. Taylor Speer and Karen M. Kemerait.

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If you have any questions with regard to this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel W Cortes".

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NOTICE TO PLEAD

Counsel of Record:

You are hereby notified that the Solar Energy Industries Association (“SEIA”) and the Coalition for Community Solar Access (“CCSA”), has filed, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.103(a) and 1.22(b), a Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* (“Motion”) in the above-captioned proceeding. You may submit a response to the Motion within twenty (20) days pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.103(c). If no response is submitted, the presiding officer may rule on the Motion without a response from you. All pleadings, such as a response to the Motion, must be filed with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, with a copy served on the undersigned counsel for SEIA and CCSA, the Administrative Law Judges, and all other parties.

Respectfully submitted,



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**MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* OF
R. TAYLOR SPEER AND KAREN M. KEMERAIT**

Pursuant to the Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”), 52 Pa. Code § 1.22(b), and the Pennsylvania Bar Admission Rules, Samuel W. Cortes, Esq., an attorney in good standing and authorized to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby moves for the admission *pro hac vice* of R. Taylor Speer, Esq. and Karen M. Kemerait, Esq. to appear and participate on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association (“SEIA”) and the Coalition for Community Solar Access (“CCSA”) in the above-captioned matter.

The Verified Statements of Samuel W. Cortes, R. Taylor Speer, and Karen M. Kemerait are attached hereto and relied upon in support of this motion.

I certify that copies of this motion and the attached Verified Statements have been served on all parties of record in the above-captioned matter, and a certificate of service is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERIFIED STATEMENT OF R. TAYLOR SPEER

I, R. Taylor Speer, submit the following verification pursuant to 231 Pa. Code § 1012.1 and in support of the motion filed by Samuel W. Cortes, Esq. for my admission *pro hac vice* in the above-captioned matter. I hereby state as follows:

1. I am admitted to practice and am a member in good standing of the South Carolina State Bar (Attorney ID No. 100455) and the Florida State Bar (Attorney ID No. 0057427).

2. I have never been suspended, disbarred, or otherwise disciplined in South Carolina or Florida, nor am I currently the subject of any proceedings for suspension, disbarment, or disciplinary action.

3. I shall comply with and be bound by the applicable statutes, caselaw, and procedural rules of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure.

4. I shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania courts and the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board with respect to acts and omissions occurring during my appearance in this matter.

5. I have not previously been admitted *pro hac vice* before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or any courts of record in Pennsylvania.

6. I consent to the appointment of Samuel W. Cortes, Esq. as the agent upon whom service of process shall be made for all actions, including disciplinary actions, which may arise out of my practice of law in this matter.

7. It is my understanding that a *pro hac vice* appearance before the Commission is the equivalent of appearance before a special court as defined in 204 Pa. Code § 81.501(g). As such, a *pro hac vice* candidate's appearance in this proceeding *pro hac vice* does not require the payment of any fee to the Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Board ("IOLTA Board") pursuant to 204 Pa. Code § 81.505(c) or the filing of an informational form with the IOLTA Board pursuant to 204 Pa. Code § 81.503(c) and 204 Pa. Code § 81.504. I note that the website for IOLTA Board provides information that a payment form and payment of a *pro hac vice* fee to the IOLTA Board is not required for administrative agency proceedings.¹ In the event that a payment form and admission is in fact required, I will promptly file the form and make the payment.

8. I verify that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that the statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.



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Pro Hac Vice Candidate

¹ The "Frequently Asked Questions" on the IOLTA Board's website provides: "Is a payment form and admission fee required for state agency appearances . . . ? No. The rule does **not** apply to administrative agency proceedings . . ."

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VERIFIED STATEMENT OF KAREN M. KEMERAIT

I, Karen M. Kemeraït, submit the following verification pursuant to 231 Pa. Code § 1012.1 and in support of the motion by Samuel W. Cortes for my admission *pro hac vice* in the above-captioned matter. I hereby state as follows:

1. I am admitted to practice and am a member in good standing of the North Carolina State Bar (Attorney ID No. 18270).

2. I have never been suspended, disbarred, or otherwise disciplined in North Carolina, nor am I currently the subject of any proceedings for suspension, disbarment, or disciplinary action.

3. I shall comply with and be bound by the applicable statutes, caselaw, and procedural rules of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure.

4. I shall submit to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania courts and the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board with respect to acts and omissions occurring during my appearance in this matter.

5. I have not previously been admitted *pro hac vice* before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or any courts of record in Pennsylvania.

6. I consent to the appointment of Samuel W. Cortes, Esq. as the agent upon whom service of process shall be made for all actions, including disciplinary actions, which may arise out of my practice of law in this matter.

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8. I verify that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that the statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.



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VERIFIED STATEMENT OF SAMUEL W. CORTES

I, Samuel W. Cortes, hereby state as follows:

1. I am counsel for SEIA and CCSA in the above-captioned matter currently pending before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2. I am admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and am in good standing with all courts and administrative agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3. In addition to my sponsorship of R. Taylor Speer and Karen M. Kemerait in this proceeding, I am acting as a sponsor of a candidate for *pro hac vice* admission in the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

4. I have never been suspended, disbarred, or disciplined by any court or administrative agency, nor am I subject to any proceedings for suspension, disbarment, or disciplinary action.

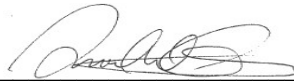
5. After reasonable investigation, I believe that R. Taylor Speer and Karen M. Kemerait, the candidates for admission *pro hac vice* before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, are reputable and competent attorneys.

6. I am in a position to recommend the admission *pro hac vice* of R. Taylor Speer and Karen M. Kemerait.

7. If there are any proceeds from the settlement of this matter, such proceeds shall be received, held, distributed and accounted for in accordance with Rule 1.15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct, including the IOLTA provisions thereof, if applicable.

8. I shall remain the attorney of record for this case, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure.

9. I verify that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that the statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.



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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE* OF
R. TAYLOR SPEER AND KAREN M. KEMERAIT**

Upon consideration of the Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of R. Taylor Speer and Karen M. Kemerait, on this ___ of March, 2026, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Motion is hereby GRANTED; and

ORDERED that R. Taylor Speer and Karen M. Kemerait are admitted *pro hac vice* for the purposes of representing that the Solar Energy Industries Association and the Coalition for Community Solar Access in the above-captioned action.

Administrative Law Judge

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