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PSC Acts Against Eight Energy Companies for Failing to Abide by Rules

Commission Staff Identifies Several Regulatory Violations by Energy Companies

ALBANY — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today revoked Polaris Power Services LLC's (Polaris) eligibility to operate as an energy services company (ESCO) in New York State. The Commission also acted against seven distributed energy resource (DER) companies for violating the Commission's Uniform Business Practices rules.

"Every distributed energy resource provider and energy service company in New York must comply with all applicable orders from this Commission to maintain eligibility to operate in New York," **said Commission Chair Rory M. Christian**. "If the companies fail to comply, we will take swift action to revoke their ability to do business in New York State or penalize them financially."

Taken together, these companies provide services to thousands of New York consumers across the state. If a consumer's ESCO or DER is no longer allowed to do business in New York State, the consumer's service reverts back to the local utility, or the consumer can select another energy provider.

Uniform Business Practices or UBP provide for consistent business procedures for ESCOs, DER companies, and electric and natural gas utilities across the state. As the competitive retail energy market has evolved in New York, the UBP has been revisited and modified to reflect changes in the market while continuing to provide consumer protections, streamlined business transactions and communications protocols between ESCOs, DERs and utilities.

In addition to revoking Polaris Power's ability to operate as an ESCO in New York, the Commission ordered the following:

- County Solar Solutions Inc. must show within 30 days why its authorization to act as a DER provider should not be revoked.
- Despaux Holdings LLC must show within 30 days why its authorization to act as a DER provider should not be revoked.
- Ecosave LLC must show within 30 days why its authorization to act as a DER provider should not be revoked.
- Smart Home Energy Source must show within 30 days why its authorization to act as a DER provider should not be revoked.

- ATTYX, LLC must show within 30 days why its eligibility to act as a DER provider should not be revoked.
- F.I Electrical Corp must show within 30 days why its authorization to act as a DER provider should not be revoked.
- Elite Design and Construction must show within 30 days why its authorization to act as a DER provider should not be revoked.

An ESCO is a company eligible to sell electricity and/or natural gas to end-use customers using utility transmission or distribution systems and may also perform other retail service functions. A DER provider is a company that provides access to small-scale, modular energy generation and storage technology that is usually located near where electricity is used, like a solar farm, rooftop solar panels or battery storage, and can be connected to the power grid to provide electricity locally, rather than relying solely on large, centralized power plants.

Today's decisions may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at www.dps.ny.gov and entering Case Numbers 24-M-0482 (Polaris), 25-E-0343 (County Solar), 25-E-0344 (Despaux Holdings), 25-E-0345 (Ecosave), 25-E-0348 (Smart Home), 25-E-0341 (ATTYX), 25-E-0347 (F.I Electrical) or 25-E-0346 (Elite Design) in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission documents may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500). If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.