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Hon. Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary
New York Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza, 19th Floor
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case 15-E-0751- Joint Petition of the City of New York, Sustainable Westchester, Inc., Solar One, New York Solar Energy Industries Association, New York City Economic Development Corporation, and New York City Housing Authority Regarding Community Credit Compensation – Solar Energy Industries Association Comments

Dear Secretary Phillips:

The Solar Energy Industries Association (“SEIA”) respectfully submits these comments in response to the *Joint Petition of the City of New York, Sustainable Westchester, Inc., Solar One, New York Solar Energy Industries Association, New York City Economic Development Corporation, and New York City Housing Authority Regarding Community Credit Compensation*, filed on March 10, 2020.

As the national trade association for the solar industry, SEIA is leading the transformation to a clean energy economy, creating the framework for solar to achieve 20% of U.S. electricity generation by 2030. SEIA works with its 1,000 member companies and other strategic partners to fight for policies that create jobs in every community and shape fair market rules that promote competition and the growth of reliable, low-cost solar power. We regularly participate in matters before the New York Public Service Commission (“Commission”).

SEIA strongly supports the recommendations of the Joint Petition Regarding Community Credit Compensation. The petition made two recommendations:

1. Immediately create an additional 180 megawatts of new Community Credit capacity at \$0.12 per kilowatt hour for Con Edison community solar customers; and
2. Work with stakeholders to identify future solutions that support solar jobs and bill discounts for Con Edison customers, while reducing any negative impacts on downstate customers that are not subscribed to community solar.

Community solar is very important to New York City. Given that NYC has a larger proportion of renters than the rest of State, community solar remains the only viable option for many residents to access the benefits that going solar provides. Furthermore, unlike the rest of the New York State which is

increasingly powered by clean energy, New York City's electricity is mostly generated by fossil fuel plants which produce a significant amount of climate changing emissions. To help meet the state and city's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, more in-city community solar should be encouraged.

We urge the Commission to approve this petition to support community solar in New York City.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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