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Hon. Dan Scripps, Chair
Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 East Saginaw Highway
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CC: Lynn Beck, MPSC Grants Administrator

RE: Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure Enhancement and Development Grant

Dear Commissioner Scripps and Ms. Beck:

I am glad to provide this letter of support for the Superior Solar Project's proposal to the Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure Enhancement and Development Grant. This project brings significant improvements to the Upper Peninsula's electric grid, and it will reduce carbon emissions and lower costs in comparison to current natural gas powered generation.

I have followed this project from its inception in my previous roles on the Board of Directors of the Citizens Utility Board of Michigan, the Marquette City Commission, and the UP Energy Task Force. The Superior Solar Project (SSP) (www.superiorsolarproject.com) will provide valuable resilience to the Upper Peninsula grid, providing 149.7 megawatts of electricity powered by the sun. This technology will significantly cut carbon emissions and reduce the energy burden for Upper Peninsula residents, who currently pay some of the highest rates in Michigan. I spoke in favor of this project on behalf of the Citizens Utility Board of Michigan at the January 2021 MPSC Hearing, citing its potential to reduce electric costs for residential customers. I applaud the MPSC for recognizing in its Request for Proposal the need to reduce the energy burden for our residents, as this is critical to the long-term success of our transition to a low-carbon economy.

As a state legislator representing residents of four counties in the central Upper Peninsula, I want to support projects that will bring about equitable and sustainable benefits to the region. The Superior Solar Low Carbon Pilot Project (SS LCPP) will invest in over 225,000 solar panels and upgrade the regional ATC/MISO grid, creating 200 union construction jobs. With these investments, SS LCPP will implement key strategies informed by the recommendations of the UP Energy Task Force. These include generating more affordable and reliable energy for over 30,000 Upper Peninsula homes.



In closing, I want to highlight the time and resources SSP devoted to outreach for this project. SSP has issued public notices, inviting citizens to in-person and virtual Open Houses. They have been extensively engaged with citizens and stakeholder groups in the planning stages, working in collaboration with both the Sands Township Board and Planning Commission. They also conducted many meetings with constituent groups, including the snowmobile and motocross groups who access the trails in the area.

I have no doubt that this project will provide considerable benefit to our state, and I want to thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenn Hill", written in a cursive style.

Rep. Jenn Hill