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William F. Welch, Senate Clerk
Office of the Clerk of the Senate
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Boston, Massachusetts 02133

RE: Net Metering Task Force

Dear Clerk Welch:

We write in regards to the Net Metering and Solar Task Force (“Task Force”) established under An Act Relative to Credit for Thermal Energy Generated with Renewable Fuels, Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2014 (“Act”). The Act directs the Task Force to “review the long-term viability of net metering and develop recommendations on incentives and programs to support the deployment of 1,600 megawatts (“MW”) of solar generation facilities in the Commonwealth.” The Act further directs the Task Force, by March 31, 2015, to report on its findings and make recommendations to encourage the continued expansion of solar generation in the Commonwealth.

The Task Force has met numerous times since beginning in November 2014, including two meetings dedicated exclusively to public comments in Boston and Holyoke, and is making strong progress on completing the important objectives laid out in the Act. Materials related to the Task Force’s work, including presentations, minutes, and other documents from each meeting are available on the Task Force website at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/nms-taskforce/>.

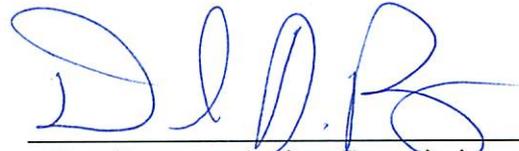
To date, the Task Force has completed a significant portion of its work. Unfortunately, due to scheduling difficulties associated with many winter storms and the complexity of the task at hand, the Task Force will not complete its work by March 31, 2015. The Task Force unanimously agreed to continue meeting and deliberating throughout April to complete its

work. We apologize for the delay in submitting the final report; however, this delay is necessary so that the Task Force may provide the General Court with a comprehensive policy analysis and complete set of recommendations. We expect the Task Force will complete its work on or before April 30, 2015. Should you need additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either of our offices.

Sincerely,



Angela M. O'Connor, Chairman,
Department of Public Utilities



Dan Burgess, Acting Commissioner,
Department of Energy Resources

cc: Senator Benjamin B. Downing
Representative Thomas A. Golden, Jr.