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SMART Program Director,

Subject: 400 MW Review Public Comments

Outlined below are statements transmitted to you as written stakeholder feedback on the 400 MW Review that DOER is currently undertaking for the SMART Program:

Hyperion Systems, LLC requests two discrepancies in the SMART Program be addressed. Currently there is not an agricultural adder for projects under 25 kW. Given that most farms in Massachusetts are small farms (average size 70 acres per USDA census) denying smaller farmers this incentive adds to the unlikelihood of renewable energy affordability for farms who wish to make a long-term investment in holding their costs down. Small farms then face the choice of either not implement a solar array or leasing portions of their land to a developer. While the later is a viable option, it is believe the intent of the adder was to make solar more affordable for agricultural producers to fully realize the benefit of the arrays.

The second correction that needs to be considered is the size of the cap on additional solar implementation. Past experience suggests that 400 MW will be gone in a matter of days – if not the very first day its open. To suggest otherwise is disingenuous on the part of energy policy decision-makers, and continuing to limit job growth, economic development and the growth of renewable energy in Massachusetts.

Prior to the Baker Administration, Massachusetts ranked either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in renewable energy development. Currently Massachusetts ranks 7th at best and continues to lag behind more forward-looking states. Massachusetts must do more if it wants to be considered a leader in the industry because today it is not.

Sincerely,

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