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Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)  
Office of Environmental Justice and Equity (OEJE)  
100 Cambridge Street, 9th Floor  
Boston, MA 02114

**Submitted via Email**

**Re: Public Comments on the Draft Standards and Guidelines for Community Benefits Plans and Agreements**

Dear EEA OEJE Staff,

On behalf of BSC Group, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the **Draft Standards and Guidelines for Community Benefits Plans and Agreements**. As an environmental and engineering consulting firm that assists public and private clients in utility and renewable energy development, infrastructure permitting, and environmental compliance across Massachusetts, we recognize and support EEA's leadership in advancing the Commonwealth's clean energy goals through thoughtful and equitable siting practices.

We have one question for clarification on the Community Benefits Plans and Agreements Guidance we would like to submit for the public record:

For linear infrastructure projects that span multiple municipalities (e.g., transmission lines crossing 3+ towns), does the guidance support a single, coordinated Community Benefit Plan/Agreement addressing shared regional priorities, or does it require separate host-community agreements tailored to each municipality?

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and for your continued leadership in advancing thoughtful, equitable clean energy siting in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,  
**BSC Group, Inc.**



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