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COMMISSIONER JAMES S. ALESI

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(The meeting commenced at 10:32 a.m.)

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Prompt for the webcast to begin in 10 seconds. Good morning. I call this session of the Public Service Commission to order. Madam Secretary, are there any changes to the final agenda?

SECRETARY PHILLIPS: There are no changes to the final agenda.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Before moving to the agenda, I'd like to conduct a roll call of commissioners. When I call your name, please confirm that you are present. Commissioner James Alesi?

COMMISSIONER ALESI: Present.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner David Valesky?

COMMISSIONER VALESKY: I am here.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner John Maggiore?

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: Present.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Uchenna Bright?

COMMISSIONER BRIGHT: Here.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Denise

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Sheehan?

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: Here.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Radina Valova?

COMMISSIONER VALOVA: Present.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Before we turn to the regular agenda, do any Commissioners wish to recuse from voting on item 301? Commissioner Alesi?

COMMISSIONER ALESI: I do not.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Valesky?

COMMISSIONER VALESKY: No.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Maggiore?

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: No.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Bright?

COMMISSIONER BRIGHT: Thank you, Chairman. No.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Sheehan?

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: No.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: And Commissioner Valova?

COMMISSIONER VALOVA: No.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you all. We'll now begin with our regular agenda.

We have one item for discussion today. Item 301, case 21-E-0629 related to the New York Sun Program, post 10-gigawatt report. It'll be presented to us today by Marco Padula, Director of Markets and Innovation, Justin Fung, Peter Sheehan and Carlene Pacholczak are here for questions. Marco, please begin.

MR. PADULA: Thank you. Good morning, Chair Christian and Commissioners. Item 301 is a draft order in case 21-E-0629 in the matter of the advancement of distributed solar addressing a filing by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, or of which I'll refer to as NYSERDA.

On January 5th, 2024, NYSERDA made a filing titled New York Sun Program, Impacts of the Inflation Reduction Act and the potential for incremental distributed solar capacity beyond the 10-gigawatt goal in accordance with the Commission's New York Sun midpoint review order in this proceeding. I will refer to this filing as the post 10-gigawatt report.

Recall that the New York Sun Program is administered by NYSERDA and has been in operation since 2014. The program provides upfront incentives to rooftop and community distributed solar projects throughout New York State.

The program utilizes a declining megawatt block approach that was designed to recognize the declining cost of solar development as the market scaled in New York and across the industry.

The megawatt block program has been implemented very successfully by NYSERDA in a transparent manner where they've provided the industry with full awareness of the available incentives and status of funding levels to inform their business decisions.

Specifically, NYSERDA maintains a website that provides real-time information on the current incentive levels by sector and region in megawatt block dashboards. Building upon New York's renewable portfolio standard, the New York Sun Program started with a three-gigawatt target in 2014.

It was expanded to a six-gigawatt target in 2020 and then to the current 10-gigawatt

target in 2022 with a total ratepayer funded budget of $3.267 billion.

The Commission's 10-gigawatt order issued in April of 2022 required D.P.S. staff and NYSERDA to file a report to the Commission once half of the incremental four gigawatts was achieved.

The midpoint report was filed in January of 2023. The midpoint report, among other things, concluded that the New York Sun Program could achieve the 10-gigawatt goal at a lower cost than the New York Sun Program budget that was authorized in the 10-gigawatt order.

In the Commission's New York Sun midpoint review order issued in June of 2023, the Commission directed NYSERDA to file a report that includes an estimate of the amount of incremental distributed solar capacity that it could achieve beyond 10-gigawatts by 2030, while remaining within the approved budget. And required that such additional capacity must consist only of community distributed generation projects that commit at least 40 percent of the project capacity to residential subscribers within disadvantaged communities.

The Commission also required NYSERDA

to detail the federal guidance that has been issued to date on the Inflation Reduction Act, its impacts on the New York Sun Program and New York Sun Program ad --adaptations that have been and will be undertaken in response to that guidance.

NYSERDA's post 10-gigawatt report summarizes the impacts of the various components of the I.R.A. on the New York Sun Program and also notes that NYSERDA submitted an Environmental Protection Agency, Solar for All application on October 12th, 2023, requesting $400 million towards a portfolio of proposed financial assistance programs, supporting distributed solar projects, benefiting New York's low income and disadvantaged communities and households.

If awarded in that requested amount, NYSERDA estimated that Federal Solar for All funding will support deployment of approximately 385 megawatts of incremental distributed solar capacity.

Regarding the ability to achieve the 10-gigawatt goal under budget, NYSERDA reported that a total of approximately $2.846 billion will be needed inclusive -- inclusive of funds expended and committed to date, leaving approximately $421 million on unexpended from the Commission approved New York

Sun budget of $3.267 billion.

NYSERDA currently estimates that the program still has 500 to 600 megawatts of capacity remaining for new applications and commitments to reach the 10-gigawatt target.

In assessing how the estimated New York Sun budget surplus might be utilized, NYSERDA's post 10-gigawatt report first notes that prior Commission approvals expanding the New York Sun Program to six gigawatts had a budget that was not fully expended, not fully funded through incremental ratepayer collections.

But instead relied on the use of uncommitted funds from legacy NYSERDA portfolios, which are no longer active. This included the use of newly uncommitted legacy funds that materialize each year due to project attrition.

NYSERDA also notes, excuse me, that the Commission further directed that if uncommitted legacy funds were not sufficient up to $118.3 million in New York Green Bank funds could be reallocated to fully fund the New York Sun Program.

As of the filing of the post 10-gigawatt report, NYSERDA reported that 43.3 million

of uncommitted legacy funds were previously applied to New York Sun from legacy programs and estimated a remaining shortfall of up to $75 million for the New York Sun Program that would be needed to be reallocated from the New York Green Bank program in order to fully fund New York Sun Program's authorized budget.

NYSERDA proposes to avoid the reallocation of the 75 million from the New York Green Bank and instead allow the continued availability of funding for New York Green Bank activities reducing the total authorized New York Sun budget by a commensurate amount. This would result in 346 million in incremental solar capacity beyond the 10-gigawatt goal.

The NYSERDA report then presents several different scenarios to illustrate what could potentially be achieved with the surplus funds -- funds, excuse me, ranging between 500 to 1200 megawatts of additional capacity beyond 10 gigawatts.

The scenarios include procuring all incremental capacity from opt-in community solar projects supported by existing inclusive community Solar adder program model, procuring all incremental

capacity from an automatic enrollment or Statewide Solar for All Program model, and three, splitting incremental capacity evenly between the two models.

In sum, NYSERDA requests the Commission to do the following. One, authorize it to commit and expend the total New York Sun Program budget of 3.267 billion to achieve deployment of eligible distributed solar beyond the 10-gigawatt goal. Two, avoid reallocation of the $75 million of estimated $421 million surplus funds from the Green Bank.

Three, include remaining surplus funds estimated at 346 million within the solar energy equity framework with this amount targeted to community solar projects that each dedicate no less than 40 percent of their capacity to residential customers who are residents of disadvantaged communities or have household income at or below 80 percent of the area median income.

Fourth, continue to include residential customers with household incomes between 60 to 80 percent of area median income, as well as members of disadvantaged communities within the 40 percent capacity minimum for community solar

projects.

And five, continue to support onsite residential projects, affordable housing projects, and pre-development and technical assistance within the solar energy equity framework based on future market conditions, program uptake and in consultation with D.P.S. staff and stakeholders.

With that background, the draft order recognizes that New York Sun has made solar energy more accessible and affordable for New Yorkers and has been a successful program at fostering clean energy development.

It also concludes that New York is well-positioned to achieve the 10-gigawatt goal and the distributed solar market has sufficiently matured.

At the same time, the draft order recognizes current concerns around energy, affordability and economic uncertainty, and therefore carefully balances the request to continue ratepayer funded incentives under the New York Sun Program with the Commission's broader responsibility to ensure just and reasonable rates.

With all of this in mind, I'll now

walk through the proposed major decisions in the draft order and how it reallocates the surplus dollars, builds upon the successes of the program and sets the stage to phase out upfront New York Sun incentives.

First, to establish the amount of available surplus funds from the estimated $421 million, the draft order reports that of the 118.3 million in funds, the Commission allowed to be reallocated from uncommitted legacy portfolios and if needed, the New York Green Bank.

Approximately, 64 million in legacy funds were relied upon up from the 43.3 million included in the post 10-gigawatt report, leaving a remaining liability on the New York Green Bank of approximately 54.3 million.

Next, the draft order relieves the New York Green Bank of its liability to the New York Sun Program and authorizes the 54.3 million to be used for New York Green Bank purposes. The draft order then directs that approximately $64 million in uncommitted funds previously reallocated to New York Sun be returned to the legacy NYSERDA portfolios from which they originated.

In light of increasing affordability concerns, the draft order requires these funds will be utilized by the Commission to provide relief to ratepayers for the cost of NYSERDA's other clean energy programs currently pending before the Commission.

With the remaining 302.7 million to provide continuity in the New York Sun Program and to allow for additional time to phase out the upfront incentives currently provided, the draft, excuse me, let me take a cough drop.

I will start this over with this one. With the remaining $302.7 million -- million, to provide continuity in the New York Sun Program and to allow for additional time to phase out the upfront incentives currently provided.

The draft order before you includes a recommendation for $150 million to be used to incentivize distributed solar beyond 10 gigawatts on the condition that such solar projects be within the statewide Solar for All frame -- framework. Losing my voice.

This $150 million will result in approximately 500 megawatts of additional distributed

solar being developed in New York State. Additionally, since the post 10-gigawatt report, the draft order notes that NYSERDA received notice. Sorry, can we take a break?

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Take your time. Yeah, why don't we have -- maybe Justin, I don't know if you're in a position you can pick up play pinch hitter in this role?

MR. FUNG: Thanks, Marco. I will restart that sentence. This $150 million will result in approximately 500 megawatts of additional distributed solar being developed in New York State. Additionally, since the post 10-gigawatt report, the draft order notes that NYSERDA received notice of a U.S. E.P.A. Solar for All award in the amount of 249.8 million.

This funding could be used to further support clean energy and distributed solar objectives, while also supporting low-income customers and disadvantaged communities. The draft order estimates that an additional 240 megawatts of distributed solar capacity could be achieved with this funding.

The draft order recommends that the

remaining $152.7 million of surplus funds from the 10-gigawatt budget be reallocated to offset ratepayer costs of supporting some of the State's other critical initiatives, including building electrification and energy efficiency that provide direct benefits to homeowners and businesses in the form of further energy savings.

In closing, the draft order before you recognizes the success of the New York Sun Program to date and provides additional support for the distributed solar market, while New York phases out upfront incentives.

At the same time, the draft order notes that the state and the Commission will continue to support this vital industry through the other market mechanisms that have been adopted, including the Statewide Solar for All framework, the value of distributed energy resources, tariff and existing State and local government tax credits, all in the context of reducing energy costs for New York's consumers and supporting clean energy development efforts.

This concludes our presentation. We're happy to take any questions you may have.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: So, thank you, Marco. Thank you, Justin. Thank you, everyone. It's always a good day when we can talk about success, you know, a successful initiative like this. Sound okay? Thank you.

In looking over the order and hearing your presentation, I -- I'm reminded yet again of how Commission actions evolve over time. And since the creation of the renewable portfolio standard, the department, through the development of various studies, reports, and various Commission orders, we've adjusted various aspects of these programs time and time again.

It's not a monolith. We don't set it up and forget it. We're always diligent, paying attention and following through on what is required at that moment in time for these programs to be effective, and to deliver on the required results.

This means flexibility has been a key part of our decision-making and that we're on pace to achieve our goal is evident of how effective and important these various efforts have been.

This program developed through the various actions to date has been important in

ensuring a strong solar market in New York State, supporting the growth in clean energy industry, while also increasing access to energy solutions and reducing the energy burden for lower income households in New York State.

All of these are key policy considerations and priorities for the Commission, and I'm grateful that our efforts are on track to meet our target not only on time, but most importantly under budget. And I wholeheartedly support the use of the remaining funds as outlined in the order.

This program aims to provide a clear and transparent upfront set of incentives to accelerate distributed solar development in New York State, and it has achieved that goal. These efforts here will increase access to clean energy solutions for all New Yorkers, while also adding capacity to the grid and supporting the transition to a cleaner energy future.

I look forward to seeing the further benefits through the tighter coordination of our low-income solar programs, along with the Clean Energy Hubs and the various energy efficiency and building electrification programs as described in the order.

And I thank you for your time and your diligence in bringing this to us today. With that, Commissioner Alesi?

COMMISSIONER ALESI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the report. Good job all around. Based on the continued success of what's contained in this report, I'm very happy to support the initiative and I'll be voting yes on it.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Commissioner Valesky?

COMMISSIONER VALESKY: Thank you, Chair. This is -- this is a great -- a great opportunity to -- to -- to continue a -- an incredibly successful program and in addition, to focus our increased attention on energy affordability.

But before I just make just really brief comments along those lines, I want to -- Marco, thank you for your leadership, your entire staff, the entire team in bringing this to our attention. I would also be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the presence in the General Counsel Chair of John Sipos, who is our acting general counsel.

John, it's good to see you in that

chair and I'm sure I speak for all of my colleagues here in that we look forward to continuing to see your great work in -- in your new role. I -- I appreciate Marco, you're giving us a little bit of a history lesson because this is a program that goes back over a decade now.

The original 3-gigawatt target that you had indicated established back in 2014, I think if memory serves me correct, the New York Sun Program itself began as a 2-year pilot project even earlier than that.

And I do want to just, you know, acknowledge the leadership of -- of former Governor Cuomo under whose leadership New York Sun began and the previous iterations of the Public Service Commission and -- and a number of chairs that -- that go back in time that have continued to move this -- this process forward.

So many kudos to the Department of Public Service and its staff over the last several years. I also want to single out the outstanding work at NYSERDA and the program administrators that have shepherded this effort over these many years, you've done an outstanding job. And to the industry

itself. You know, this is a program, government creates a number of programs, right, in many different issue areas, and even in the clean energy space, government creates many programs.

Not all are anywhere near as successful as this one is. And I think there are a lot of lessons that can be taken away as we go forward and as we reflect back on the effectiveness of New York Sun. And that really brings us to today.

You know, we are at a point where the industry Marco -- Marco, as you indicated in your presentation, the industry has sufficiently matured over time to bring it to a point where I don't think it's a -- an exaggeration to say one of the most successful, if not, the most successful program in solar program in the entire country.

So how do we figure out how we go when it appears more clearer than ever that we are going to achieve a 10-gigawatt goal and actually have a surplus? So how do we address a surplus? It doesn't happen so often in -- in government.

And I think -- I think Marco, you and your team have really found the sweet spot here as to what we should do. I think all of the NYSERDA

recommendations are significant and important, but I think perhaps most importantly, the changes that you are recommending to us in this draft order have to do with affordability.

First, around the New York Green Bank liability to the New York Sun Program, and then with the final allocation of over a $152 million of surplus funds from the 10-gigawatt budget itself, reallocating to offset rate payer costs of some of the other critical clean energy initiatives.

So, if my math is correct, we're we are dedicating over a third of these -- well over a third of these surplus funds toward energy affordability opportunities. And I think that's critically important, and it seems to me that as we go forward and I'll strongly be supporting the order.

As we go forward, we have the unique opportunity to continue a very successful program while at the very same time doing something meaningful about energy affordability for ratepayers across the State. So again, I wholeheartedly support this -- this item. And again, thanks for all the -- the tremendous efforts.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you,

Commissioner. Commissioner Maggiore?

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: Thank you. Thank you for the presentation and thank you for your -- your good work on the order. I have three questions. The first one has -- is really building off of what the Chair said and what Commissioner Valesky said, we did not coordinate this.

And it's basically, a yes/no question just to -- to affirm my understanding of what we're doing which I -- which is that, you know, you in your presentation reminded us that the origins of the New York Sun Program dated back to 2014, Commissioner Valesky cited a predecessor program.

That it's been a successful program and it has made solar energy more accessible and affordable for New Yorkers, and in so doing, has fostered clean energy development in New York State.

So, while the program acts in alignment with the State's climate law, the C.L.C.P.A., its origins date back before the C.L.C.P.A., and it is highly likely that we would be considering this exact same order today if there was no C.L.C.P.A.

In other words, it's a successful,

sensible program. And this order today builds upon a logical series of decisions that were set in motion as far back as 2014 or even before. Is -- is that -- do you agree with that assessment?

MR. PADULA: I agree with that a hundred percent. It actually, you know, goes back to the beginning of the R.P.S., which was twenty -- 2004, which had the --

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: Yeah.

MR. PADULA: -- a customer sited tier and the New York Sun Program builds upon that.

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: Great. Okay, thank you. So, my other two questions are -- are, I'm going to ask you to expand on a couple things. The -- the first is this, we're directing NYSERDA to create additional synergies between low-income solar programs and other ratepayer funded programs.

Can you expand on -- on how we're doing that and what we're -- what we're going to -- what we're trying to go for?

MR. PADULA: Well, ultimately, it's about maximizing the benefits for low-income customers in terms of bill reductions.

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: Yeah.

MR. PADULA: So, as we have other programs like energy efficiency programs or building electrification programs, some of them like building electrification could increase bills with electrification.

And in instances like that, we should also be encouraging those same customers to do a solar program or enter into a community D.G. project that can provide the benefits of another program like the solar program. So, it's maximizing all the benefits to ultimately reduce customer's bills.

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: Great. I mean, that's very sensible to me. And my -- my last question is, you know, as I'm reading through the draft order, it -- there's a lot of discussion of the use of adders, A-D-D-E-R-S. so first, can you explain what the term means and can you address how adders are used throughout the order?

MR. PADULA: Sure. So, the New York Sun Program has what's called a base incentive that all projects would get, and -- and the base incentive varies by region and by use case, either it's -- if it's residential or commercial.

But on top of that, there are adders,

like, an adder for prevailing wage or an adder for Statewide Solar for All. So, if a particular project does prevailing wage, they would get an adder on top of the base incentive. Those adders are to encourage additional use cases.

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: Great. Thank you very much. Those are my questions. Thank you. I -- I'll be supporting this order.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Commissioner Bright?

COMMISSIONER BRIGHT: Thank you. And thank you Marco and Justin for the presentation. And thank you the -- to the team for bringing this to us. I more have comments than questions, but I will say, just as a general question.

I mean, I do see New York Sun as, you know, which is helping people to take advantage of low-cost energy sources as an extremely important element of making energy affordable. And so, it sounds like it's safe to say that we are well on our way to achieving the 10-gigawatt goal below budget.

And that if all goes as planned, we will be using that funding for other State-supported affordability priorities, which is -- right?

MR. PADULA: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER BRIGHT: Okay. And we're able -- so basically, you know, we were able to meet our goal, then we upped our goal, and now we're on track to exceed that goal again and are paying money back into the coffers of the New York Green Bank and legacy funds as well.

So, I fully support this item, and I would also note that in the order we talk about stacking incentives, which, you know, you just sort of talked about a little bit with Commissioner Maggiore.

And just recognizing and acknowledging the importance of optimizing programs and making sure that they're leveraged together, including with the use of the Clean Energy Hubs to make sure that people understand their options and have customized solutions.

So, I really appreciate everything that's in this order, and I will be fully supporting it, and it's great to see you, John.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. And Commissioner Sheehan?

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: Good morning.

First, I do want to just echo my thanks to Marco and the team for the presentation and for the work on the draft order and to all the stakeholders who participated in this process.

As echoed, I'm going to echo a couple things of my fellow commissioners, which I -- I view New York Sun as a successful program really by every measure. So, kudos to NYSERDA and D.P.S. staff who've been implementing this program successfully over many years. And I'm actually one of the few people who was around in 2004 when we did the R.P.S. too. So, geez, God, I'm old.

But -- so it's -- it's really -- I have to say, it's a -- it is unusual to be at a point where we are predicted to reach our goal, our 10-gigawatt goal under budget, so that's an important milestone to celebrate and I congratulate everyone for their work on that.

I did just want to have a couple things expounded on, if you don't mind, Marco. The -- the draft order basically states that the 150 million that we're dedicating to continuing New York Sun be directed to the Statewide Solar for All Program.

And I just wanted you to speak to that a little bit. I know we got a lot of comments about, you know, what to do with this quote, unquote, surplus, and so if you could just speak to that a little bit more, you know, the rationale, the benefits, the advantages, thanks.

MR. PADULA: Sure. There's really two reasons. The first being to build upon the affordability issue that the Statewide Solar for All program benefits will go to the most vulnerable customers.

And second, that the program will result in the most additional megawatts for the additional funding being provided. And -- and that -- that level of detail was provided by NYSERDA in its report, demonstrating that that use case really gets you the most megawatts per dollar.

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: Okay, great. The other thing, I think, it's important I -- because I don't want there -- I -- for me, I -- I -- my intent I want to make sure is clear that we are still very supportive of the solar industry and solar deployment in New York State.

So, I -- I also think it'd be helpful

to talk about the other market mechanisms that the Commission has adopted to help support solar development going forward and other areas of focus. Can you just talk about that a little bit too?

MR. PADULA: So, the -- the Statewide Solar for All Program is -- is one of them, and that's really reduces the customer acquisition costs. And the second is the VDER value stack that really provides certainty to projects and provides an environmental value as well as an avoided distribution value within the value stack components.

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: Uh-huh. Okay, great. So, I just want to just add that, you know, I -- I'm supportive of this order. I -- and you know, clearly, we have limited resources and lots of demands on those resources.

So, I think this balances both the -- the needs in the New York Sun Program and the success of that program as well as our very important priorities of trying to do more to support affordability.

I also just want to note that I look forward to continuing to work with the solar industry to continue to deploy solar in New York State and to

address any, you know, any barriers or issues that may remain in terms of solar deployment. So, I'll be supporting the order, and I appreciate the -- again, the presentation.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. And Commissioner Valova?

COMMISSIONER VALOVA: Thank you. Thank you for the presentation. I will also be supporting the order. Following up on Commissioner Sheehan's last question, I'm going to phrase my question in the form of a statement and ask if it's correct, if -- if that's all right?

In addition to VDER and Statewide Solar for All, I feel like, and please -- please let me know if you think that that's accurate, that the planning processes that we're undertaking also can be supportive of the solar industry.

So, for example, the grid of the future dockets and -- and -- no problem. And -- and -- and the way that it ties into maximizing and optimizing the operating profiles of energy storage and heat pumps, for example.

And optimizing the amount of available hosting capacity could reduce the cost of

interconnecting solar because you are -- you are basically maximizing the -- the available host -- hosting capacity. So, it's a bit more indirect. It's -- it's not quite as direct as VDER for -- for example, or Statewide Solar for All. But is -- is that an accurate statement?

MR. PADULA: Absolutely. And you raise really the issue of interconnection and there are, you know, things that we're doing Statewide for interconnection costs and also the planning proceeding as you stated.

COMMISSIONER VALOVA: Thank you. And so, I -- I concur and -- and I first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth my -- my colleagues. And I think that the order appropriately balances the Commission's responsibility to ensure just and reasonable rates while continuing to build on the success of the New York Sun Program.

And I think we'll have opportunities in the future to consider whether there are any needs for other initiatives in response to market conditions. I don't think this is the final time we may have you know, a supportive program for -- for solar at, you know, of -- of this kind as we've heard

the history of this, of this program is over a decade long.

So, I think it's something that we can keep an eye on and I really appreciate your work on this and will be supporting. Thank you.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. We'll now do a call for a vote. My vote is in favor of approving the recommendations in the post 10-gigawatt report with the modifications discussed. Commissioner Alesi, how do you vote?

COMMISSIONER ALESI: Yes.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Valesky?

COMMISSIONER VALESKY: Yes.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Maggiore?

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: Yes.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Bright?

COMMISSIONER BRIGHT: Yes.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Sheehan?

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: Yes.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: And Commissioner Valova?

COMMISSIONER VALOVA: Yes.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Okay, thank you. The item is approved and the recommendations are adopted.

We'll now move to the consent agenda. Do any Commissioners wish to comment on or recuse from voting on any items on today's consent agenda, beginning with Commissioner Alesi?

COMMISSIONER ALESI: I do not.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Commissioner Valesky?

COMMISSIONER VALESKY: No comments or refuse -- recusals.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Commissioner Maggiore?

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: No comments, no recusals, and no refusals.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Commissioner Bright?

COMMISSIONER BRIGHT: No comments or recusals, thanks, Chair.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Commissioner Sheehan?

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: Yes. I have no

comments, but I am recusing from item 367.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Item 367. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: Yeah.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: And Commissioner Valova?

COMMISSIONER VALOVA: No comments or recusals.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Okay. So, then I'll move to the call for vote. My vote is in favor of the recommendations on the consent agenda. Commissioner Alesi, how do you vote?

COMMISSIONER ALESI: Yes on all items.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Commissioner Valesky?

COMMISSIONER VALESKY: Yes on all items.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Commissioner Maggiore?

COMMISSIONER MAGGIORE: Yes on all items.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Bright?

COMMISSIONER BRIGHT: Yes on all items.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Commissioner Sheehan?

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN: Yes on all items with the exception of item 367, from which I'm recused.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. Commissioner Valova?

COMMISSIONER VALOVA: Yes on all items.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Thank you. And with that, the items are approved and the recommendations are adopted. Madam Secretary, is there anything further to come before us today?

SECRETARY PHILLIPS: There's nothing further.

CHAIR CHRISTIAN: Excellent. And with that I adjourn. Thank you everyone.

(The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.)

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