

March 7, 2024

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Subject: Solar By Us, LLC Support of the State of Minnesota's CPRG Coalition Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

Solar By Us, LLC intends to support the State of Minnesota, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and other state agencies involved in the proposal, to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

This is exceptional work for the coalition to endeavor on because of the deep need and underserved nature of the communities impacted through this residential decarbonization effort. A collaboration between state and local governments, with experienced community-focused organization engagement, will effectively connect with individual community members on impactful implementation and optimize the balance of fundamental support with shared learning and scalability.

We anticipate participating in the proposed work through active engagement in developing and refining specific aspects of the program, bringing to bear our firm's expertise and capabilities. Ensuring low-income and disadvantaged communities are centered and prioritized in the work of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota is a fundamental need. At a minimum, this means we will:

- actively participate in the four annual convenings described in the proposal,
- share information and resources with the communities we serve to build awareness about programs and home decarbonization opportunities,
- share information from the communities we serve to state program staff and relevant local government staff to improve programming and results over time; and,
- contribute in specific ways identified through our engagement with this process and work.

Solar By Us is excited about equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our firm's base mission. We exceed present market offerings to optimize clean energy solutions for Minnesotans experiencing barriers to adoption and find innovative ways for the benefits to be more broadly shared and ripple out into the surrounding community. Specifically, our organization is already bringing targeted solar projects to the communities that will be served by this proposal at a small scale. Our potential impact will be magnified greatly through this coalition's effort, as we have been actively developing new offerings to address the overlooked and underserved nature of these populations. Our efforts in community engagement, solar and storage project development, energy efficiency upgrades, utility programs and regulation, and project financing are ready to be brought to bear. We look forward to helping maximize the impacts for our fellow Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

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