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July 11, 2017

RE: Berwick, Maine /Nextera Energy Resources LLC

Dear Massachusetts Clean Energy RFP Evaluation Team,

I am the Town Manager of the Town of Berwick, Maine. On July 11, 2017, I met with Aaron Svedlow, Project Director of Lone Pine Solar, LLC, a subsidiary of Nextera Energy Resources, LLC (Nextera). Mr. Svedlow introduced me to Nextera's LLC and all of the large-scale solar project development work around the country and especially those projects here in Maine. I had been following their project in Sanford, Maine at the municipal airport. We discussed NextEra's proposal for a new solar project in Berwick. The proposed solar project will be one of the largest of its kind in New England. If this project is approved it will contribute to economic development of the region by creating construction and operations jobs in the area, as well as tax benefits, without requiring additional local government resources.

I understand that this proposed early-stage project would be built on private land with the power sold to a private customer. Mr. Svedlow confirmed that Nextera's project will be in compliance with all zoning regulations and state environmental regulations, and will be fully decommissioned at the end of its life. He also described his own extensive experience in permitting renewable energy projects in Maine.

Mr. Svedlow discussed the benefits of the proposed project to me, and also described Nextera's relationships with other project host towns throughout Maine, including Sanford, our neighbor. We would welcome an opportunity for a project like this to come to fruition and look forward to working with Nextera to maximize the proposed project's benefits. If the Evaluation Team has any questions, please feel free to contact me at 207.698.1101 (ext. 111).

Sincerely,

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