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Re: Solar Electricity Project No. P161200

Dear Chairwoman and Commissioners:

The National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL Women) is a non-partisan organization composed of current and former black women legislators and appointed officials dedicated to serving as a voice for issues affecting the lives of women. For the past 30 years, we've served as a catalyst to provide economic and social justice for all communities.

NOBEL Women continues to advocate for equitable energy policies in our communities. In 2014, we passed the "[Urging Equitable Distribution of Electricity Grid System Costs](#)" resolution. Earlier this year, our Executive Director Waikinya Clanton was featured in the Huffington Post with her article entitled "[In the Name of Consumer Protection: What Should Consumers Look For If They Make the Solar Transition?](#)"

Within the article, Waikinya discussed the need for consumers to do extensive fact-finding to make sure they are making the right decisions when it comes to installing panels on their homes. This is particularly important for our constituents who may not

be as well-versed regarding energy issues. In the past, there have been numerous complaints regarding ambiguous language in long-term contracts, fraudulent business practices and misleading information. NOBEL Women encourages the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to make sure consumer protections are put in place to manage these issues. Standards should be created to require third-party DG providers to disclose information to consumers about energy output, the extent of property alterations needed and the value of the DG system.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit comments regarding issues important to our constituents. Please don't hesitate to contact our Executive Director Waikinya Clanton at waikinya@nobel-women.org and 202-531-1613 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Hall', with a large, stylized initial 'L' on the left side.

Representative Laura Hall (AL)
National President, NOBEL Women