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VIA EMAIL (HouseCorporations@rilegislature.gov)

Representative Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
Chair, House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903
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Re: Support for H7015; An Act Relating to Business and Professions – Electricians

Dear Representative Solomon:

I write to you in your capacity as Chair of the House Corporations Committee and with regards to H 7015, a bill pending before your Committee which would include electrical work on renewable energy systems as requiring an electrical contractor's license pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-6-8(a). I write in my capacity as Senior Legal Counsel for Revity Energy LLC and its affiliates ("Revity") and to express **Revity's support for H 7015**. Revity is a Rhode Island-based utility-scale solar developer which has successfully developed over 158 megawatts, direct current (MWDC) of solar capacity in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and has another 37.6 MWDC in various stages of construction and development in Rhode Island. These developments are projected to generate approximately 265,429,200 kilowatt hours of renewable electricity per year and produce enough renewable electricity to power about 38,125 homes. At any given time, Revity employs up to a hundred (100) licensed electricians from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 99 ("IBEW") to assist in the electrical installations at its facilities.

Revity has spoken with the IBEW about its concerns regarding unlicensed electricians performing electrical work in the State of Rhode Island and Revity shares these concerns as Revity relies heavily on the skilled electricians who are members of the IBEW. Revity stakes its reputation on the quality of the solar energy facilities that it installs throughout the State and quality electrical work is one of the most important components in the installation of a solar energy facility. To the extent that the licensed electrical industry in Rhode Island is being threatened by unlicensed interlopers, that presents a direct threat to Revity's continuing ability to develop solar energy installations to serve the residents of Rhode Island for decades. Lastly, any suggestion that utility-scale solar facilities cannot be financially successful if required to use licensed electricians is false. **Revity stands with the IBEW in its support for H 7015.**

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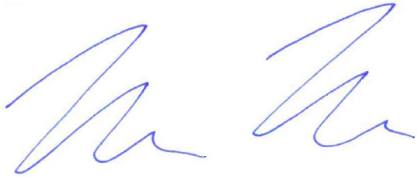
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If the Committee has any additional questions regarding the positions taken in this correspondence, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



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