

September 26, 2018

Mr. Anthony Star, Director  
Michael A. Bilandic Bldg., Suite C-504  
160 North LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Adjustable Block Program Lottery

Dear Mr. Star:

I represent the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), where part of our work involves identifying cost-savings opportunities for Illinois public schools across our state.

We have identified electric utility costs as an area where Illinois public schools are interested in reducing their annual electrical expenses through subscribing to selected community solar projects.

Based on our review of historical utility bill data from a sample of IASA member schools, we are confident that a large number of Illinois public schools would like to benefit through a subscription to selected community solar projects, and feel that these projects should be given "small subscriber" preference in the upcoming Adjustable Block Program lottery for the community solar categories.

In your Block 1 Lottery IPA Strawman Proposal dated 9/10/2018, in Section 2 of the "Lottery Process" description on page two, you currently have written:

"For community solar categories only, there will be two rounds of Block 1 lottery selection conducted: the first round, for projects that commit to obtaining 50% of capacity from small subscribers; and the second, for all other projects plus those first-round-eligible projects not selected in the first round."

The IASA requests an amendment to this language to include a preference given to projects that commit to obtaining 50% of capacity from Illinois public schools or small subscribers. The requested amended language would read as follows:

"For community solar categories only, there will be two rounds of Block 1 lottery selection conducted: the first round, for projects that commit to obtaining 50% of capacity from Illinois public schools or small subscribers; and the second, for all other projects plus those first-round-eligible projects not selected in the first round."

We believe that this change would best serve the interests of Illinois taxpayers and the Illinois public school system.

Thank you for taking time to consider this suggestion going forward. If you would like to further discuss, please contact me directly at 217/753-2213.

Sincerely,



Brent Clark, Ph.D.  
Executive Director