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Questions for Feedback on Land Ownership Requirement

- 1. Under what circumstances, if any, should the Agency consider allowing land where a project participating in the Public School category is sited be sold to an entity that is not a public school or public school district, and the project be allowed to continue to remain under contract and deliver Renewable Energy Credits for payment? I don't see a scenario where this is needed. However, we have seen that Public School Boards (PSB) are leery to tie up the school's land for 20+ years. Being able to access additional land would allow PSB to be more motivated to pursue this block.
- 2. If the Agency does allow for land where a project participating in the Public School category is sited be sold to an entity that is not a public school or public school district, what should be the parameters around such an allowance? I'm not sure if that scenario would be necessary. The only case I could see is if the school merged or was consolidated. I would imagine the school district would then have the desire to sell the property.

Questions for Feedback on the Anchor Tenant Requirement

Components of Waiver

- 1. The Agency proposes the following items as requirements for the waiver request:
- i. Reason for waiver request (i.e., explanation of circumstances that prevent the public school from continuing to act as an anchor tenant)
- ii. Percentage of the project that the public school will subscribe to should waiver be granted (should be within 10-40% range as outlined in the Long-Term Plan)
- iii. Timeline under which the Approved Vendor thinks that the project will be 90-100% subscribed if/when waiver is granted to diminish the subscription size of the public school
- iv. Type of subscribers that will be used to backfill the subscription amount that the public school is diminishing their subscription by
- 2. What additional information should be required in a waiver request that the Agency does not contemplate here? none

Permissible Reasons For Waiver Request

3. What are permissible reasons that a waiver from the anchor tenant might be requested? The Agency is looking for feedback on specific examples of circumstances that should or should not be considered qualifying for this waiver. As mentioned above, the only case I could see is if the school merged or was consolidated. Potentially could see a school's energy load profile dropping, due to lower attendance but highly unlikely.

Review of Waiver

- 4. What documentation should an Approved Vendor need to provide with a waiver request? A letter from school board, yielding school merger/consolidation and a news article.
- 5. How can a school demonstrate with existence of a situation that would give rise to the need of a waiver? none

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