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## **RE: 2026–27 Illinois Shines Program Guidebook Feedback**

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Lightstar Renewables, LLC (“Lightstar”, Illinois Shines Approved Vendor #1101) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft changes to the 2026–2027 Illinois Shines Program Guidebook. Our comments are summarized below:

- **Size increase for community solar projects:** Lightstar enthusiastically supports the increase in size limit for community solar projects from 5 MW to 10 MW AC in Section 1.E.
- **Project Labor Agreements requirement:** Lightstar reiterates industry’s concerns regarding the requirement for Project Labor Agreements for Community Solar applications over 3MW AC in size under Section 4.R. Lightstar provides the following feedback regarding PLA-specific items under this section:
  - *“All amendments to the PLA shall be sent to the Program Administrator for review.”* This requirement could become administratively burdensome, depending on what the reviewers consider an amendment that must be submitted. Lightstar recommends elaborating on what is considered a substantive amendment requiring review by the Program Administrator. Lightstar also recommends specifying a timeframe for submission of such amendments for review, such as: *“all amendments to the PLA shall be sent to the Program Administrator within 60 days.”*
- **Updated Traditional Community Solar Scoring Criteria:** Lightstar provides the following comments regarding this item in Appendix F:
  - Lightstar strongly supports the additional point (2 total) allocated to projects that include a commitment to utilize agrivoltaics or dual-use solar. This

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- Lightstar enthusiastically supports the expansion of community solar projects that can qualify for county siting points with five or fewer projects approved at the time of application.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Brianna Fiorillo". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light gray rectangular border.

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