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The County of Peoria appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the draft 2022 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan.

Specifically the County of Peoria has a suggested edit to Section 7.4.3. Traditional Community Solar. The IPA has proposed a scoring system that prioritizes qualitative aspects of individual community solar projects. The County of Peoria supports the 6 criteria listed and proposes an additional criterion:

7. Projects for which the land is owned by a non-profit or public sector entity. (2 points)

The IPA has requested additional prioritization criteria that specifically make a project unique and can better differentiate proposed projects, and ideally criteria apparent within the project at the time of application given challenges inherent with later commitments or criteria that would cause the need for downstream compliance.

Prioritizing projects hosted by non-profits or public sector entities make a project unique and bring direct benefits to local residents beyond community solar subscriptions by directing lease payments to local organizations or governments. The IPA has used this approach to prioritize projects in other programs such as Illinois Solar for All.

Sincerely yours,

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