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Regarding Aggregated Distributed Energy Resource (ADER) ERCOT Pilot Project

SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS LETTER OF INTEREST

Project No. 53911

Before the Public Utility Commission of Texas

Thursday, August 29, 2023

Solar United Neighbors submits this letter stating our interest in participating as a member of the Aggregated Distributed Energy Resource (ADER) Task Force moving forward, in response to the request for letters of interest included in the Memorandum filed by Commissioner Glotfelty on August 14, 2024.¹

Solar United Neighbors is a national non-profit organization dedicated to creating a clean, equitable, and resilient energy system that benefits everyone. In Texas, we have run 26 solar co-ops to help people learn about solar and go solar together at a discounted group price. We have educated thousands of Texans about solar and storage, and have helped homes and small businesses install 3.7 MW of solar and 1.2 MW of battery storage combined. We have also helped more than 8,000 Texas solar owners select the best Retail Electricity Provider (REP) plan from available options.

We hope to participate as a member of the ADER Task Force based on our extensive experience helping Texas electricity customers weigh the costs and benefits of installing solar and battery storage. Through this work, we have built a unique understanding of the barriers – financial and otherwise – currently limiting the adoption of customer-owned DERs in the Texas market. Further, our staff have worked closely with national experts to develop best practices for Distributed or Virtual Power Plant (DPP or VPP) programs that address these barriers. We would be excited to collaborate with other Task Force members to adapt those best practices for the Texas market and contribute to the success of this critical project.

¹ Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty, Memorandum RE Item #41 - Project No. 53911 - Aggregate Distributed Energy Resource (ADER) ERCOT Pilot Project. August 14, 2024. Web: https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/Documents/53911 81 1419425.PDF

Thank you for this opportunity and your consideration. We look forward to working with the Commission, staff, and other stakeholders as this project moves forward, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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