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**Attn: Christine Long, Registrar**

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0249 – PUC Distribution 2021 ICM**

We are counsel to the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”). SEC has completed its review of the interrogatory responses, which are quite thorough. However, there are still quite a number of unanswered questions that need to be explored, likely in some form of oral questioning, before parties and the Board can reach conclusions on whether this project should go ahead as proposed. Given the size of the project relative to the utility rate base, the record is in our view not yet sufficient.

PO #6 doesn’t indicate any process in this matter after the interrogatory responses. Under the circumstances, we suggest that the Board consider a technical conference to deal with the items that need further information or explanation. Depending on the questions and answers, that could produce a sufficiently complete record here that might allow the Board to avoid an oral hearing and go directly to argument.

We have not discussed this with other parties, who may of course have their own views.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly,  
**Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corporation**

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cc: Wayne McNally, SEC (by email)  
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