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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Chair and Members of the Commission

FROM: Pamela Knotts, Regulatory Policy Administrator *PK*

SUBJECT: CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE REVIEW OF THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR
THE PROCUREMENT OF SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS
PSC Docket No. 11-399

In November of 2011, the Commission approved Delmarva's Application for Approval of a Pilot Program for the Procurement of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SREC Pilot Program or Pilot Program) with modifications. This was memorialized in Order No. 8093. The Order stipulated that the Commission would retain a consultant to conduct an independent review of the Pilot Program. Although the Taskforce (led by DNREC) intends to monitor and evaluate the Pilot Program, the Public Service Commission Staff suggested that its role in that process should be advisory only, and there should be an independent review of the Pilot Program. A Request for Proposal to analyze and evaluate the Pilot Program was issued February 22, 2012. Proposals were received (in alphabetical order) from Boston Pacific Company, Inc. (highest bid¹), Meister Consultants Group (not to exceed bid of \$28,884), New Energy Opportunities, Inc. (not to exceed bid of \$50,910) and Oxford Advisors LLC. (not to exceed bid of \$52,625).

Boston Pacific has been a past SOS technical monitor and New Energy Opportunities, Inc has worked on various dockets with Commission staff. Both have performed their functions quite well. All of the consulting firms offering bids have some degree of experience designing/evaluating renewable programs, with Meister Consultants Group having the most experience. Staff has contacted some of the entities for whom Meister has performed work and received favorable recommendations.

Meister has more experience in various jurisdictions in reviewing and helping create renewable programs and the lowest bid price. My recommendation for a consultant to provide an independent review for the SREC Pilot Program is Meister Consultants Group with a not to exceed bid of \$28,884.

¹ Boston Pacific submitted bid marked as Confidential