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I would like to submit two issues for review of the committee and commend all involved on the hard work and many hours obviously put into the development of this report.

Attached, E-1, Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures, Docket No. RM13-2-000.

In an effort to streamline interconnection standards for DG based solar FERC changed guidelines on interconnection fast track qualifications. FERC does not regulate state interconnections but many analysts see this as a catalyst for State PSC's to address the backlog of feasibility studies for interconnection on fast track QF's. The trend around the country is that solar is good for the state and that enabling the safe, reliable introduction of these solar installations will become the norm.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/energy/news>

The second is that the President issued a memorandum directing all federal agencies to reduce conventional energy usage and increase renewable energy (RE) sources of energy to 20% by 2020.

The consensus is that a diverse energy portfolio is a strong energy portfolio and RE specifically solar, is the leading source of new generation in the US today.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2013/11/solar-energy-was-americas-sole-new-power-source-in-october/281867/>

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/recent-findings/us-solar-photovoltaic-pipeline-grows-43-gigawatts-enough-power-more-six-million>

The US military has committed to RE and power purchase agreements (PPA's) to third party solar companies to provide solar generated electrons with \$7b commitment and MW's of deployed solar nationwide. The cost of solar approaches the avoided cost rate issued by regulated utilities in many states and to dismiss this opportunity for economic development would be a tragic waste of an

opportunity to grow South Carolina small businesses. There is room for a consensus for all SC ratepayers and the utilities mandated to serve as well as the solar companies who would like to work with the established energy providers.

Thank you.

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"I'd put my money on the Sun and Solar Energy, what a source of Power! I hope we don't have to wait until oil and coal run out, before we tackle that."  
-Thomas Edison

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