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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church St
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RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (LM-2023-0468) AND ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AND LEASE AGREEMENTS (LM-2025-0306)

Dear President Walker-Myers:

The Office of Climate and Sustainability is requesting to amend two Orders previously adopted concerning the Order of the Board of Alders authorization of solar power purchase agreements and solar lease agreements.

Order LM 2023-0468 was favorably recommended by the Energy Procurement Committee on September 8th, 2023 and the City Services and Environmental Policy Committee on October 5th, 2023. It was approved by the Board of Alders on November 9th, 2023, and subsequently amended to allow for indemnification of United Illuminating for any issues related to the project's interconnection agreements at the Board's March 17, 2025 meeting.

The City has entered into two power purchase agreements for parking canopies at LW Beecher School and Hill Central School and one lease agreement with Greenskies Clean Energy LLC, the solar contractor selected by the City through a competitive solicitation.

Since the approval of this order and its subsequent amendment, the structure of federal solar energy incentives has changed. In order to monetize the federal incentives, the project developer, Greenskies Clean Energy LLC, needs to finance the parking canopy and landfill projects through sale leaseback transactions. This financing is essential to complete construction and maintain the ongoing operations of the projects. However, due to the change in federal tax code, it was not originally contemplated in the Board's order. The landfill project is generating revenue of \$72,000 annually, while the two solar parking canopies are forecast to save over \$65,000 annually in electricity costs.

Therefore we respectfully request your honorable Board's favorable action on the first attached amended Order (LM 2023-0468), which includes language allowing for the City to consent to financing agreements necessary for the projects' construction closeout and operations. This will allow the City and its contractor Greenskies to smoothly transition to ongoing operations and maintenance, and ensure uninterrupted savings from power purchase agreements and revenues from the landfill lease.

In addition, the City needs to amend Order LM 2025-03-06, which authorized solar lease agreements to develop solar canopies over the parking lots at Bowen Field, East Shore Park, and Clemente School. This Order was approved at the Board's September 2nd, 2025 meeting. These projects will need to utilize a similar financing arrangement which was not contemplated at the time the order was passed. For similar reasons as stated previously, we respectfully request your honorable Board's favorable action on the second attached amended Order.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (475) 331-3769.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Winter', written in a cursive style.

Steven Winter

Executive Director