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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers President, Board of Alders City of New Haven 165 Church St New Haven, CT 06510

RE: ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AND LEASE AGREEMENTS.

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I am pleased to submit the above referenced order for your consideration and action.

As part of the City's commitment to reduce energy costs and improving energy efficiency, we are developing solar energy resources at the City landfill and two parking canopies (at LW Beecher School and Hill Central School). Construction on these projects is planned to begin this summer.

Our Office and the Engineering Department continue to explore new opportunities for solar development. Together we have identified new sites for solar parking canopies, where lease agreements which will generate revenue to support municipal services and power purchase agreements to reduce City energy bills. Developing solar parking canopies allows the City to generate solar energy while conserving undeveloped land and providing shade and protection from the elements to vehicles. The City is seeking to develop solar parking canopies at the Bowen Field parking lot, the Alling Memorial Golf Course parking lot, the East Shore Park north parking lot, and the Roberto Clemente Leadership Academy for Global Awareness parking lot.

Subject to the approval of the Energy Committee, the order authorizes the Mayor to enter into power purchase and lease agreements as well as any ancillary agreements necessary for the installation and technical execution of the solar arrays. Solar arrays are connected to the electric grid and therefore require a standardized agreement with the local electric distribution company to interconnect, which includes a provision to indemnify United Illuminating.

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,

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