

EXHIBIT A

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**Re: *Distributed Generation Installer Certification Docket No. 12-0213
United Brotherhood of Carpenters/Chicago regional Council of Carpenters
Solar Certification Proposal***

Dear Counsel:

This law firm is general counsel for the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters. We are writing to request that the Illinois Commerce Commission and its related state agencies incorporate contractors and members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters/Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters and the Carpenters Apprentice Training Program into the definition of "Qualified Person" under its proposed certification standards.

The UBC and the Chicago Regional Council through its apprenticeship training on both a national and local level have adopted a comprehensive training program, which includes installation in distributed generation facilities.

The training and scope of work includes the following:

- All installations, erection, and connection of, but not limited to, building integrated photovoltaic arrays, solar shingles, ground mount systems (commercial, industrial, and residential), roof mount systems (commercial, industrial, and residential), and utility scale ground mount systems (shade structures, self-

supporting structures, parking structures, awning structures) solar panels, arrays, modules, concentrating panels, flat panels, including photovoltaic panels, including their supporting structures, shade structures, stand alone, etc., both on and off shore. Structural upgrades to buildings or roof systems, including but not limited to, installation or replacement of joists, perkins, beams, laminated beams, ledger bolts, ledgers, expansion joints, sheeting, and applying or replacing of roofing materials.

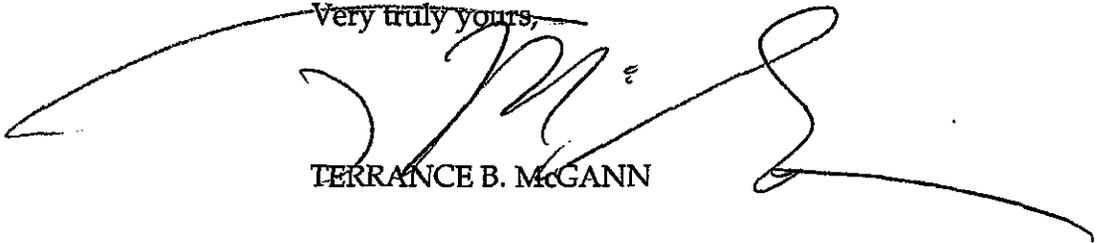
- The Carpenters work involved with these systems include, but are not limited to excavation, layout, benchmarks, digging footings, setting footings, setting of all forms, placement of concrete, blackouts, templates for bolts, lift points, knee braces, cross braces, stripping of forms, rigging, erection of structures (metal, steel, alloy, wood, plastic, or any substitute material or composite), setting, plumbing and aligning, welding, drilling, cleaning, and caulking.
- In addition, but not limited to, setting and placing towers, columns, pedestals, cross members, setting ballast systems, placing and setting blocks, sleepers, setting framework and supports (plastic, metal, wood, or any substitute material or composite), setting of steel trackers supports and tracker racking, setting of single and dual axis tracking systems, dual axis trackers, dual tracking towers, drive systems and gears, generators, hydraulics and inverters, connection of panels to framework or each other, connection of plug and play components, installation of multi service raceways, installation of mounts, shoes, or pads.
- Affixing of all materials with nails, bolts, screws, adhesive, or any new methods of connection, adhesion or joining.
- In addition, but not limited to, use of all recognized tools and equipment of the trade on new construction, repair, modifications, or maintenance work, including but not limited to all moving of machinery, materials, or equipment, making of skids and crates, skidding and unskidding, crating and uncrating; installation of lubrication and/or hydraulic lines or piping.

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We thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

~~Very truly yours,~~


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