## **DESCRIPTION OF AMICI CURIAE**

The Center for Biological Diversity ("the Center") is a non-profit environmental organization with over 1.6 million members and online activists dedicated to protecting endangered species and wild places through rigorous science, advocacy, and environmental law. The Center's Climate Law Institute develops and implements campaigns to reduce climate change pollution and advance appropriate renewable energy generation in furtherance of protecting wildlife and those communities most impacted by climate change.

**Food & Water Watch** ("FWW") is a national, nonprofit, public interest consumer advocacy organization with over one million supporters. Because climate change is caused by our ongoing reliance on dirty fossil fuels, FWW advocates for policies that shift energy use to 100% renewable energy, like clean solar power, by 2035. It is critical to FWW's mission and interests that solar power providers be allowed to compete fairly with fossil fuel energy providers and without unwarranted obstruction by state-supported, anti-competition regulatory schemes.

**Friends of the Earth** ("FoE") is a non-profit organization, founded in 1969, with more than 300,000 members in all 50 states, and more than one million activists around the country. FoE's mission is to defend the environment and champion a healthy and just world. Its current campaigns focus on promoting clean energy and solutions to climate change, ensuring the food we eat and products we use are safe and sustainable, and protecting marine ecosystems and the people who live and work near them.

**Greenpeace, Inc.** is a global, independent campaigning organization that uses peaceful protest and creative communication to expose global environmental problems and to promote solutions, including clean energy, that are essential to a green and peaceful future.

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance focuses on enabling people to individually and collectively exercise their rights to generate energy on their own property. The group's interest in this case is the aging concept of a monopoly utility in an era when power generation technology can no longer be monopolized, and the right of residents and businesses of all states to be able to capture the energy falling on their own property without interference from a monopoly company.

**NC WARN, Inc.** is a not-for-profit corporation under North Carolina law, with approximately one thousand individual members and families across North Carolina. Its purpose is to minimize the impacts of the climate crisis – and other hazards posed by electricity generation – by building people power for a swift North Carolina transition to clean, renewable and affordable power generation and increased energy efficiency.