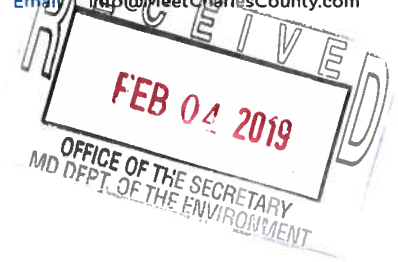




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Ben Grumbles, Secretary
Maryland Department of the Environment
1800 Washington Blvd.,
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

Re: Letter of Support – Origis Energy USA, Inc., MD Solar 1 – Shugart Solar Project

Dear Secretary Grumbles:

I am writing on behalf of the Charles County Economic Development Department (EDD) to convey the EDD's strong support of MD Solar 1, LLC, (a wholly owned, special purpose subsidiary of the project sponsor, Origis Energy USA, Inc.), formed for the purpose of constructing, owning and operating the Shugart Solar Energy Project, and to encourage continued approval of this project by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

The Shugart Solar Energy Project is located within Charles County, MD, and we have enjoyed working with MD Solar 1 throughout its development process. The EDD promotes the economic vitality of Charles County, a rapidly-growing region in the Washington DC metro area. Our strategies, incentives, programs, and partnerships position businesses for success. Our mission is to promote wealth creation and economic growth through quality employment, innovation, and productivity, increase County revenues through the attraction and retention of high-quality jobs and new capital investment, foster a business climate where companies can grow and prosper, and to advance a high quality of life for all County residents. This project, and others like it, are a priority for the EDD and the residents of our region.

Specifically, the Shugart Solar Energy Project will generate 32.5 MW of clean energy and will help meet local, state, regional and federal renewable energy and climate goals. In the Charles County Comprehensive Plan under Chapter 6: Energy Conservation, the County's stated Goal and Objective number 6.6 is to "Grow a green economy with an increased number of jobs in the clean energy and energy efficiency sector."

Not only will the Shugart Solar Energy Project help Charles County to meet its stated energy conservation goals, it will also employ hundreds of people during construction and inject tens of millions of dollars, via construction jobs, land purchases, forest conservation easements, operating service contracts and other sources into the local economy of Charles County over the project life.

In addition to local labor, construction materials and supplies for the project will be purchased in the region, greatly boosting the local economy in the near term. The Shugart Solar Project will produce 100% clean, renewable and



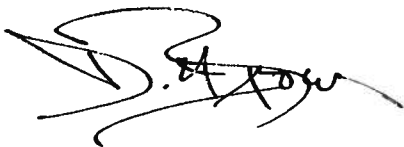
sustainable energy. It does not use natural gas or other fossil fuels in its operation and does not emit harmful pollutants such as mercury or precursors to acid rain. Compared to electricity generated from carbon-intensive fossil fuels, solar energy emits no greenhouse gasses.

Charles County is a growing region of the DC-metro area and will benefit from the distinction of being the home to this innovative, proven technology on the cutting edge of energy production. The project will provide educational and economic opportunities through partnerships between local colleges and businesses.

Charles County has a rigorous and transparent permitting process. Our excellent, dedicated and well-trained staff cover all aspects of land use planning, growth management, forest conservation and other environmental concerns. The Shugart Solar Energy Project received its Special Exception approval by unanimous vote of the Board of Appeals after a thorough public review. I am confident that Charles County has and will continue to fully investigate every aspect of the project while the permitting process continues through construction and operations.

The EDD is in full support of this project and urge the Maryland Department of the Environment to approve the wetlands permit for the Shugart Solar Energy Project, in accordance with its own thorough and comprehensive permitting process, for the betterment of Charles County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. A. Brown", written over a set of horizontal lines.

Darréll A. Brown, Esq.

Director, Charles County Economic Development Department

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