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In the DEEP 6/16/21 STEPS Meeting Reference Sheet, I would like to refer to Topic III. "Proposed Listening Session Topics...", Number 6. "Types of incentives..."

Energy storage should be incentivized or maybe even required as part of any solicitation, including but not limited to DEEP-run procurements. During the latter years of my tenure as Siting Council Chairman, I would ask applicants for solar projects if they intended to include energy storage as part of their proposal. The reply always was, "Although energy storage on our project is feasible, we do not intend to include, as there are no DEEP incentives." It should be clear now that not only does energy storage provide multiple benefits when paired with solar, but is now cost effective. I urge DEEP to consider providing incentives to procure energy storage , where applicable, for solar developments. I believe that other states have taken the initiative in this regard.

Thankyou

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