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MEMORANDUM

March 19, 2014

To: Board of Carroll County Commissioners
From: Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)
Re: Size and Bulk Requirements Associated with Financing for Solar Energy Facilities
Attachment: *DSIRE SOLAR POLICY GUIDE: A Resource for State Policymakers*

At the annual joint meeting on January 23, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners requested the EAC to review criteria for financing of solar projects to determine if there are size and bulk requirements or limitations associated with financing of these projects.

Upon review of various solar energy grants/programs and their requirements and specifications, it was found that most have no limits on the size. However, there were a few that had limitations. The *Dsire* website used is shown below and is very comprehensive. There were many programs, and the requirements for each are given on this website along with a lot of useful information for commercial, residential, and government entities.

The programs listed below were the only ones found with system size limitations:

- The Commercial Clean Energy Grant Program which is available to commercial, industrial, nonprofit, and local government has an eligible system size of PV: 1-200 kW; SWH: 50-1200 square feet.
- Residential Clean Energy Grant Program, which is available to residential properties, has an eligible system size of PV: up to 20 kW; SWH – 10-100 square feet.

The web site where the information was found is: <http://www.dsireusa.org/solar>. There is also a *DSIRE SOLAR POLICY GUIDE: A Resource for State Policymakers* on this site which the Commissioners may find extremely helpful.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Hatkin".

Josh Hatkin, Chair

C: Carroll County Planning & Zoning Commission

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