

BOROUGH OF SWARTHMORE
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

WHEREAS, current Pennsylvania law mandates that only one half of one percent of Pennsylvania's electricity generation be solar by the year 2021, a goal that is clearly inadequate in light of the widely-recognized need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly, as per the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate for our local utility PECO to play a leadership role in spurring increased solar electricity generation in its service area, as has been the case with peer utilities in New Jersey, New York and other states; and

WHEREAS, installing solar panels on the rooftops of homes, churches, schools and community organizations offers a potential source of green jobs as well as much-needed economic benefit for homeowners and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia's Earth Quaker Action Team (eqat.org), a grassroots, nonviolent action group including Quakers and people of diverse beliefs pressing for a just and sustainable economy, is calling on PECO to increase its share of solar-generated electricity to 20% by the year 2025, and to prioritize rooftop solar panel installations creating jobs for residents of high-unemployment areas throughout Philadelphia and its surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, a transition to 20% solar by 2025 would enable PECO to largely phase out its use of natural gas to generate electricity, thereby reducing the Philadelphia region's carbon footprint; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 8TH day of May, 2017, the Borough of Swarthmore calls upon PECO to take the lead in substantially increasing the proportion of solar-generated electricity that it sells, and that it prioritize the generation of electricity from rooftop solar-panel installations in high-unemployment communities in the Philadelphia 5-county region.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this 8th day of May, 2017.

SWARTHMORE BOROUGH COUNCIL

DAVID L. GROVE
PRESIDENT

ATTESTED THIS 8th DAY
OF MAY, 2017

APPROVED THIS 8th DAY
OF MAY, 2007

JANE C. BILLINGS
BOROUGH MANAGER

TIM KEARNEY
MAYOR