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Brent H. Jaco
Superintendent
Pecos-Barstow-Toyah Independent School District
1301 South Eddy Street
Pecos, Texas 79772

Re: Certificate for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District
Maintenance and Operations taxes by and between Pecos-Barstow-Toyah
Independent School District and DBR Solar, LLC, Application 1824

Dear Superintendent Jaco:

On July 15, 2022, the Comptroller issued written notice that DBR Solar, LLC (applicant) submitted a completed application (Application 1824) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313.¹ This application was originally submitted on April 18, 2022, to the Pecos-Barstow-Toyah Independent School District (school district) by the applicant.

This presents the results of the Comptroller's review of the application and determinations required:

- 1) under Section 313.025(h) to determine if the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C; and
- 2) under Section 313.025(d), to issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value of the property and provide the certificate to the governing body of the school district or provide the governing body a written explanation of the Comptroller's decision not to issue a certificate, using the criteria set out in Section 313.026.

Determination required by 313.025(h)

Sec. 313.024(a)	Applicant is subject to tax imposed by Chapter 171.
Sec. 313.024(b)	Applicant is proposing to use the property for an eligible project.

¹ All Statutory references are to the Texas Tax Code, unless otherwise noted.

Sec. 313.024(d) Applicant has requested a waiver to create the required number of new qualifying jobs and pay all jobs created that are not qualifying jobs a wage that exceeds the county average weekly wage for all jobs in the county where the jobs are located.

Sec. 313.024(d-2) Not applicable to Application 1824.

Based on the information provided by the applicant, the Comptroller has determined that the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C.

Certificate decision required by 313.025(d)

Determination required by 313.026(c)(1)

The Comptroller has determined that the project proposed by the applicant is reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district's maintenance and operations *ad valorem tax* revenue lost as a result of the agreement before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, see Attachment B.

Determination required by 313.026(c)(2)

The Comptroller has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state, see Attachment C.

Based on these determinations, the Comptroller issues a certificate for a limitation on appraised value. This certificate is contingent on the school district's receipt and acceptance of the Texas Education Agency's determination per 313.025(b-1).

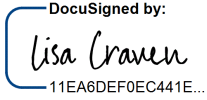
The Comptroller's review of the application assumes the accuracy and completeness of the statements in the application. If the application is approved by the school district, the applicant shall perform according to the provisions of the Texas Economic Development Act Agreement (Form 50-826) executed with the school district. The school district shall comply with and enforce the stipulations, provisions, terms, and conditions of the agreement, applicable Texas Administrative Code and Chapter 313, per TAC 9.1054(i)(3).

This certificate is no longer valid if the application is modified, the information presented in the application changes, or the limitation agreement does not conform to the application. Additionally, this certificate is contingent on the school district approving and executing the agreement by **December 31, 2022**.

Note that any building or improvement existing as of the application review start date of July 15, 2022, or any tangible personal property placed in service prior to that date may not become "Qualified Property" as defined by 313.021(2) and the Texas Administrative Code.

Should you have any questions, please contact Will Counihan, Director, Data Analysis & Transparency, by email at will.counihan@cpa.texas.gov or by phone toll-free at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 6-0758, or at 512-936-0758.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Craven
Deputy Comptroller

Enclosure

cc: Will Counihan

Attachment A – Economic Impact Analysis

The following tables summarize the Comptroller’s economic impact analysis of DBR Solar, LLC (project) applying to Pecos-Barstow-Toyah Independent School District (district), as required by Tax Code, 313.026 and Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d)(2).

Table 1 is a summary of investment, employment and tax impact of DBR Solar, LLC.

Applicant	DBR Solar, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy - Solar
School District	Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD
2020-2021 Average Daily Attendance	2,411
County	Reeves County
Proposed Total Investment in District	\$182,354,000
Proposed Qualified Investment	\$182,354,000
Limitation Amount	\$30,000,000
Qualifying Time Period (Full Years)	2026-2027
Number of new qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	1*
Number of new non-qualifying jobs estimated by applicant	0
Average weekly wage of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	\$993
Minimum weekly wage required for each qualifying job by Tax Code, 313.021(5) (B)	\$993
Minimum annual wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$51,640
Minimum weekly wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$1,272.75
Minimum annual wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$66,183
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$182,354,000
Estimated M&O levy without any limit (15 years)	\$13,398,355
Estimated M&O levy with Limitation (15 years)	\$6,273,978
Estimated gross M&O tax benefit (15 years)	\$7,124,377

* Applicant is requesting district to waive requirement to create minimum number of qualifying jobs pursuant to Tax Code, 313.025 (f-1).

Table 2 is the estimated statewide economic impact of DBR Solar, LLC (modeled).

Year	Employment			Personal Income		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2026	250	272	522	\$12,909,875	\$31,990,125	\$44,900,000
2027	250	284	534	\$12,909,875	\$37,630,125	\$50,540,000
2028	1	29	30	\$51,640	\$8,618,361	\$8,670,000
2029	1	11	12	\$51,640	\$5,438,361	\$5,490,000
2030	1	(7)	-6	\$51,640	\$2,748,361	\$2,800,000
2031	1	(14)	-13	\$51,640	\$1,198,361	\$1,250,000
2032	1	(15)	-14	\$51,640	\$418,361	\$470,000
2033	1	(13)	-12	\$51,640	\$158,361	\$210,000
2034	1	(9)	-8	\$51,640	\$238,361	\$290,000
2035	1	(5)	-4	\$51,640	\$498,361	\$550,000
2036	1	(1)	0	\$51,640	\$788,361	\$840,000
2037	1	2	3	\$51,640	\$1,078,361	\$1,130,000
2038	1	4	5	\$51,640	\$1,378,361	\$1,430,000
2039	1	6	7	\$51,640	\$1,648,361	\$1,700,000
2040	1	7	8	\$51,640	\$1,858,361	\$1,910,000
2041	1	7	8	\$51,640	\$1,998,361	\$2,050,000
2042	1	7	8	\$51,640	\$2,048,361	\$2,100,000

Source: CPA REMI, DBR Solar, LLC

Table 3 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the region if all taxes are assessed.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O		Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD I&S Tax Levy	Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD M&O Tax Levy	Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Reeves County Tax Levy	Reeves County Hospital District Tax Levy	RCGWCD Tax Levy	Emergency Service District #1 Fire Tax Levy	Emergency Service District #2 Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
			Tax Rate*	0.0971	0.9634		0.4756	0.2500	0.0040	0.0915	0.0912	
2027	\$182,854,000	\$182,854,000		\$177,551	\$1,761,615	\$1,939,167	\$869,690	\$457,135	\$7,314	\$167,401	\$166,843	\$3,607,550
2028	\$167,338,910	\$167,338,910		\$162,486	\$1,612,143	\$1,774,629	\$795,897	\$418,347	\$6,694	\$153,197	\$152,687	\$3,301,451
2029	\$153,975,597	\$153,975,597		\$149,510	\$1,483,401	\$1,632,911	\$732,339	\$384,939	\$6,159	\$140,963	\$140,493	\$3,037,805
2030	\$138,943,745	\$138,943,745		\$134,914	\$1,338,584	\$1,473,498	\$660,844	\$347,359	\$5,558	\$127,202	\$126,778	\$2,741,239
2031	\$125,580,433	\$125,580,433		\$121,939	\$1,209,842	\$1,331,780	\$597,286	\$313,951	\$5,023	\$114,968	\$114,585	\$2,477,593
2032	\$111,104,760	\$111,104,760		\$107,883	\$1,070,383	\$1,178,266	\$528,436	\$277,762	\$4,444	\$101,715	\$101,376	\$2,192,000
2033	\$96,907,178	\$96,907,178		\$94,097	\$933,604	\$1,027,701	\$460,910	\$242,268	\$3,876	\$88,718	\$88,422	\$1,911,894
2034	\$82,709,596	\$82,709,596		\$80,311	\$796,824	\$877,135	\$393,383	\$206,774	\$3,308	\$75,720	\$75,468	\$1,631,788
2035	\$68,512,013	\$68,512,013		\$66,525	\$660,045	\$726,570	\$325,857	\$171,280	\$2,740	\$62,722	\$62,513	\$1,351,682
2036	\$54,314,431	\$54,314,431		\$52,739	\$523,265	\$576,005	\$258,330	\$135,786	\$2,173	\$49,724	\$49,559	\$1,071,576
2037	\$40,116,849	\$40,116,849		\$38,953	\$386,486	\$425,439	\$190,804	\$100,292	\$1,605	\$36,727	\$36,604	\$791,471
2038	\$33,705,782	\$33,705,782		\$32,728	\$324,722	\$357,450	\$160,311	\$84,264	\$1,348	\$30,857	\$30,755	\$664,986
2039	\$33,690,782	\$33,690,782		\$32,714	\$324,577	\$357,291	\$160,240	\$84,227	\$1,348	\$30,844	\$30,741	\$664,690
2040	\$33,675,782	\$33,675,782		\$32,699	\$324,432	\$357,132	\$160,169	\$84,189	\$1,347	\$30,830	\$30,727	\$664,394
2041	\$33,660,782	\$33,660,782		\$32,685	\$324,288	\$356,973	\$160,097	\$84,152	\$1,346	\$30,816	\$30,713	\$664,098
2042	\$33,645,782	\$33,645,782		\$32,670	\$324,143	\$356,814	\$160,026	\$84,114	\$1,346	\$30,802	\$30,700	\$663,802
			Total	\$1,350,405	\$13,398,355	\$14,748,760	\$6,614,621	\$3,476,841	\$55,629	\$1,273,205	\$1,268,964	\$27,438,020

Source: CPA, DBR Solar, LLC

*Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

Table 4 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district and Reeves County, with all property tax incentives sought being granted using estimated market value from the application. The project has applied for a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and tax abatement with the county.

The difference noted in the last line is the difference between the totals in Table 3 and Table 4.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O		Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD I&S Tax Levy	Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD M&O Tax Levy	Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Reeves County Tax Levy	Reeves County Hospital District Tax Levy	RCGWCD Tax Levy	Emergency Service District #1 Fire Tax Levy	Emergency Service District #2 Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
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2028	\$167,338,910	\$30,000,000		\$162,486	\$289,020	\$451,506	\$358,154	\$418,347	\$6,694	\$153,197	\$152,687	\$1,540,585
2029	\$153,975,597	\$30,000,000		\$149,510	\$289,020	\$438,530	\$329,552	\$384,939	\$6,159	\$140,963	\$140,493	\$1,440,637
2030	\$138,943,745	\$30,000,000		\$134,914	\$289,020	\$423,934	\$297,380	\$347,359	\$5,558	\$127,202	\$126,778	\$1,328,211
2031	\$125,580,433	\$30,000,000		\$121,939	\$289,020	\$410,959	\$268,779	\$313,951	\$5,023	\$114,968	\$114,585	\$1,228,264
2032	\$111,104,760	\$30,000,000		\$107,883	\$289,020	\$396,903	\$237,796	\$277,762	\$4,444	\$101,715	\$101,376	\$1,119,997
2033	\$96,907,178	\$30,000,000		\$94,097	\$289,020	\$383,117	\$207,409	\$242,268	\$3,876	\$88,718	\$88,422	\$1,013,810
2034	\$82,709,596	\$30,000,000		\$80,311	\$289,020	\$369,331	\$177,023	\$206,774	\$3,308	\$75,720	\$75,468	\$907,623
2035	\$68,512,013	\$30,000,000		\$66,525	\$289,020	\$355,545	\$325,857	\$171,280	\$2,740	\$62,722	\$62,513	\$980,658
2036	\$54,314,431	\$30,000,000		\$52,739	\$289,020	\$341,759	\$258,330	\$135,786	\$2,173	\$49,724	\$49,559	\$837,331
2037	\$40,116,849	\$30,000,000		\$38,953	\$289,020	\$327,973	\$190,804	\$100,292	\$1,605	\$36,727	\$36,604	\$694,005
2038	\$33,705,782	\$33,705,782		\$32,728	\$324,722	\$357,450	\$160,311	\$84,264	\$1,348	\$30,857	\$30,755	\$664,986
2039	\$33,690,782	\$33,690,782		\$32,714	\$324,577	\$357,291	\$160,240	\$84,227	\$1,348	\$30,844	\$30,741	\$664,690
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2041	\$33,660,782	\$33,660,782		\$32,685	\$324,288	\$356,973	\$160,097	\$84,152	\$1,346	\$30,816	\$30,713	\$664,098
2042	\$33,645,782	\$33,645,782		\$32,670	\$324,143	\$356,814	\$160,026	\$84,114	\$1,346	\$30,802	\$30,700	\$663,802
			Total	\$1,350,405	\$6,273,978	\$7,624,383	\$3,843,288	\$3,476,841	\$55,629	\$1,273,205	\$1,268,964	\$17,542,311
			Diff	\$0	\$7,124,377	\$7,124,377	\$2,771,332	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,895,709
Assumes School Value Limitation and Tax Abatements with the County.												

Source: CPA, DBR Solar, LLC
*Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

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Attachment B – Tax Revenue before 25th Anniversary of Limitation Start

This represents the Comptroller's determination that DBR Solar, LLC (project) is reasonably likely to generate, before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement. This evaluation is based on an analysis of the estimated M&O portion of the school district property tax levy directly related to this project, using estimated taxable values provided in the application.

	Tax Year	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Cumulative)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Cumulative)
Limitation Pre-Years	2025	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2026	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2027	\$1,761,615	\$1,761,615	\$0	\$0
Limitation Period (10 Years)	2028	\$289,020	\$2,050,635	\$1,323,123	\$1,323,123
	2029	\$289,020	\$2,339,655	\$1,194,381	\$2,517,504
	2030	\$289,020	\$2,628,675	\$1,049,564	\$3,567,068
	2031	\$289,020	\$2,917,695	\$920,822	\$4,487,890
	2032	\$289,020	\$3,206,715	\$781,363	\$5,269,253
	2033	\$289,020	\$3,495,735	\$644,584	\$5,913,837
	2034	\$289,020	\$3,784,755	\$507,804	\$6,421,641
	2035	\$289,020	\$4,073,775	\$371,025	\$6,792,666
	2036	\$289,020	\$4,362,795	\$234,245	\$7,026,911
	2037	\$289,020	\$4,651,815	\$97,466	\$7,124,377
Maintain Viable Presence (5 Years)	2038	\$324,722	\$4,976,537	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2039	\$324,577	\$5,301,114	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2040	\$324,432	\$5,625,546	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2041	\$324,288	\$5,949,834	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2042	\$324,143	\$6,273,978	\$0	\$7,124,377
Additional Years as Required by 313.026(c)(1) (10 Years)	2043	\$323,999	\$6,597,977	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2044	\$323,854	\$6,921,831	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2045	\$323,710	\$7,245,541	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2046	\$323,565	\$7,569,107	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2047	\$323,421	\$7,892,528	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2048	\$323,276	\$8,215,804	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2049	\$323,132	\$8,538,936	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2050	\$322,987	\$8,861,923	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2051	\$322,843	\$9,184,766	\$0	\$7,124,377
	2052	\$322,698	\$9,507,464	\$0	\$7,124,377
		\$9,507,464	is greater than	\$7,124,377	
Analysis Summary					
Is the project reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?					Yes

Source: CPA, DBR Solar, LLC

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Attachment C – Limitation as a Determining Factor

Tax Code 313.026 states that the Comptroller may not issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value under this chapter for property described in an application unless the comptroller determines that “the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state.” This represents the basis for the Comptroller’s determination.

Methodology

Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d) states the Comptroller shall review any information available to the Comptroller including:

- the application, including the responses to the questions in Section 8 (Limitation as a Determining Factor);
- public documents or statements by the applicant concerning business operations or site location issues or in which the applicant is a subject;
- statements by officials of the applicant, public documents or statements by governmental or industry officials concerning business operations or site location issues;
- existing investment and operations at or near the site or in the state that may impact the proposed project;
- announced real estate transactions, utility records, permit requests, industry publications or other sources that may provide information helpful in making the determination; and
- market information, raw materials or other production inputs, availability, existing facility locations, committed incentives, infrastructure issues, utility issues, location of buyers, nature of market, supply chains, other known sites under consideration.

Determination

The Comptroller **has determined** that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the DBR Solar LLC’s decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. This is based on information available, including information provided by the applicant. Specifically, the comptroller notes the following:

- Per DBR Solar LLC in Tab 5 of their Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value:
 - A. “Throughout the United States the production of renewable energy has been increasing as the cost of these systems has decreased and technological advancements have improved efficiency. In 2021, Texas ranked 2nd in installed solar capacity.¹ The state’s geographic position and containment of several large population centers has made Texas a favorable location for renewable energy development.”
 - B. “Renewable energy developers face many challenges in the determination of project location—one of these factors being the selection of an area where the greatest return on investment can be achieved. There are several factors that contribute to Texas favorability for development, one however that does not is the state’s notoriously high property tax burden—ranking in the top 10 across the United States.”
 - C. “An appraised value limitation on qualified property allows developers to significantly diminish the property tax liability that composes a substantial ongoing cost of operation that directly impacts the economic rate of return for the project. In the absence of an appraised value limitation, the development of renewable energy facilities becomes financially uncertain as the rate of return often fails to meet the minimum return required to proceed. In the event an appraised value limitation agreement is not received by DBR Solar, LLC it is rather certain that the capital allotted for the development of this project will be reallocated for use in another state where either the property tax burden is lower or economic incentives can be secured, namely locations WaterBridge is currently active including Oklahoma. Thus, an appraised value limitation agreement between DBR Solar, LLC and Peco- Barstow-Toyah Independent School District is the determining factor in the decision to locate this facility within the state of Texas.”

- Supplemental Information provided by the applicant stated the following:
 - A. “This project is not known by any other names otherwise mentioned in this application.”
 - B. “This project may have been known as August Draw Energy in the past-in media reports, investor presentations, or any listings with any federal or state agency.”
 - C. This project has applied to ERCOT and was assigned IGNR number 25INR0112 in September 2022.”

Supporting Information

- a) Section 8 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- b) Attachments provided in Tab 5 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- c) Additional information provided by the Applicant or located by the Comptroller

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Supporting Information

**Section 8 of the Application for
a Limitation on Appraised Value**

SECTION 8: Limitation as Determining Factor

1. Does the applicant currently own the land on which the proposed project will occur? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Does the applicant have current business activities at the location where the proposed project will occur? ☐ Yes ☒ No
4. Has the applicant made public statements in SEC filings or other documents regarding its intentions regarding the proposed project location? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Has the applicant received any local or state permits for activities on the proposed project site? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Has the applicant received commitments for state or local incentives for activities at the proposed project site? ☐ Yes ☒ No
7. Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project? ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. Has the applicant provided capital investment or return on investment information for the proposed project in comparison with other alternative investment opportunities? ☐ Yes ☒ No
9. Has the applicant provided information related to the applicant's inputs, transportation and markets for the proposed project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
10. Are you submitting information to assist in the determination as to whether the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in Texas? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Chapter 313.026(e) states "the applicant may submit information to the Comptroller that would provide a basis for an affirmative determination under Subsection (c)(2)." If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in Section 8, attach supporting information in Tab 5.

SECTION 9: Projected Timeline

NOTE: Only construction beginning after the application review start date (the date the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts deems the application complete) can be considered qualified property and/or qualified investment.

1. Estimated school board ratification of final agreement August 1, 2022
 2. Estimated commencement of construction January 1, 2026
 3. Beginning of qualifying time period (MM/DD/YYYY) January 1, 2026
 4. First year of limitation (YYYY) January 1, 2028
- 4a. For the beginning of the limitation period, notate which **one of the following** will apply according to provision of 313.027(a-1)(2):
- ☐ A. January 1 following the application date ☐ B. January 1 following the end of QTP
- ☒ C. January 1 following the commencement of commercial operations
5. Commencement of commercial operations January 1, 2027

SECTION 10: The Property

1. County or counties in which the proposed project will be located Reeves County
2. Central Appraisal District (CAD) that will be responsible for appraising the property Reeves CAD
3. Will this CAD be acting on behalf of another CAD to appraise this property? ☐ Yes ☒ No
4. List all taxing entities that have jurisdiction for the property, the portion of project within each entity and tax rates for each entity:

M&O (ISD): <u>Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD, 0.96340; 100%</u> <i>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</i>	I&S (ISD): <u>Pecos-Barstow-Toyah ISD, 0.09710; 100%</u> <i>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</i>
County: <u>Reeves County, 0.475620; 100%</u> <i>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</i>	City: <u>N/A</u> <i>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</i>
Hospital District: <u>Reeves County Hospital District, 0.250000; 100%</u> <i>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</i>	Water District: <u>RCGWCD, 0.004000; 100%</u> <i>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</i>
Other (describe): <u>ESD #1 Fire, 0.091549, 100%</u> <i>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</i>	Other (describe): <u>ESD #2 Ambulance, 0.091244, 100%</u> <i>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</i>

Supporting Information

Attachments provided in Tab 5
of the Application for a
Limitation on Appraised Value

Tab 5: Documentation to Assist in Determining if Limitation is a Determining Factor

Throughout the United States the production of renewable energy has been increasing as the cost of these systems has decreased and technological advancements have improved efficiency. In 2021, Texas ranked 2nd in installed solar capacity.¹ The state's geographic position and containment of several large population centers has made Texas a favorable location for renewable energy development.

Renewable energy developers face many challenges in the determination of project location—one of these factors being the selection of an area where the greatest return on investment can be achieved. There are several factors that contribute to Texas favorability for development, one however that does not is the state's notoriously high property tax burden—ranking in the top 10 across the United States.

An appraised value limitation on qualified property allows developers to significantly diminish the property tax liability that composes a substantial ongoing cost of operation that directly impacts the economic rate of return for the project. In the absence of an appraised value limitation, the development of renewable energy facilities becomes financially uncertain as the rate of return often fails to meet the minimum return required to proceed. In the event an appraised value limitation agreement is not received by DBR Solar, LLC it is rather certain that the capital allotted for the development of this project will be reallocated for use in another state where either the property tax burden is lower or economic incentives can be secured, namely locations WaterBridge is currently active including Oklahoma. Thus, an appraised value limitation agreement between DBR Solar, LLC and Peco- Barstow-Toyah Independent School District is the determining factor in the decision to locate this facility within the state of Texas.

¹ Solar Energy Industries Association

Supporting Information

Additional information
provided by the Applicant or
located by the Comptroller

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Comptroller Questions (via email on September 29, 2022):

1. *Is this project known by any specific names not otherwise mentioned in this application?*
2. *Please also list any other names by which this project may have been known in the past-in media reports, investor presentations, or any listings with any federal or state agency.*
3. *Has this project applied to ERCOT at this time? If so, please provide the project's IGNR number and when was it assigned.*

Applicant Response (via email on September 29, 2022):

1. *No.*
2. *August Draw Energy.*
3. *25INR0112 assigned September 2022.*