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Green Finance Framework Provides Attractive Financing Opportunities

NextEnergy Capital (“NEC”), a leading global renewables manager specialised on the solar+ infrastructure sector, is pleased to announce that it has introduced a Green Finance Framework (“Framework”) that allows access to capital at a reduction to market margins due to its sustainable business activities.

The Framework, which benefits both existing and new investors across NEC managed funds, is designed to help NEC lead the transition to clean energy while also enabling the company to secure Green Loans at a reduced margin. Under this Framework, loans issued can take various forms, including public transactions or private placements and senior unsecured or subordinated issuances. The proceeds from these loans are allocated to eligible green projects that provide clear environmental benefits, such as renewable energy development, and energy storage systems.

The Framework was given a Second Party Opinion (“SPO”) by Standard & Poor’s (“S&P”), which validates the document and approach of Green Loans. The Framework was awarded a Dark Green rating, the best possible rating awarded by S&P’s Shades of Green Analytical Approach. The SPO highlighted NEC’s actions to integrate nature into investment decisions and detailed supply chain management. Moreover, NextEnergy Group was highlighted for its unique ability to reduce environmental risks across all stages of the solar value chain.

The first fund to benefit from the Framework and SPO was NextPower V ESG, an international OECD private solar+ fund targeting \$1.5bn, which secured a five-basis point margin reduction on one of its existing debt facilities.

The NextEnergy Group Environmental, Social, and Governance (“ESG”) team will conduct thorough evaluation and selection processes to guarantee that the net proceeds of green instruments issued under the Framework will be utilised to originate loans that fulfil the eligibility criteria.

The additional benefits of this Framework include alignment with ESG goals, increased transparency and accountability, and support for long-term growth. By adhering to global best practices in sustainable finance methodologies, guidelines, and taxonomies, the Framework provides a transparent set of criteria for increasing capital allocation towards a low-carbon economy.

Giulia Guidi Head of ESG at NextEnergy Capital, commented

"We are thrilled to leverage our Green Finance Framework to continue leading the transition to clean energy. This achievement underscores our commitment to sustainability and our dedication to driving positive environmental impact through responsible investment.

NEC's Green Finance Framework aligns with the Group's broader sustainability strategy, which focuses on ensuring capital supports goals for nature and communities. By integrating ESG priorities into its development, investment, and asset management activities, NEC continues to set the standard for responsible investment in the solar energy sector."

Further information:

NextEnergy Group

NextEnergy Group was founded in 2007 to become a leading market participant in the international solar sector. Since its inception, it has been active in the development, construction, and ownership of solar assets across multiple jurisdictions. NextEnergy Group operates via its three business units: NextEnergy Capital (Investment Management), WiseEnergy (Operating Asset Management) and Starlight (Project Development).

NextEnergy Capital

NextEnergy Capital ("NEC") comprises the Group's investment management activities. To date, NEC has invested in over 460 individual solar plants for a capacity in excess of 3GW across its institutional funds. www.nextenergycapital.com

- **First Fund:** [NextEnergy Solar Fund \("NESF"\)](#), is a specialist solar energy and energy storage fund, which is listed on the premium segment of the London Stock Exchange. It currently has an installed capacity of 983MW spread among 102 individual operating assets in the UK and Italy, comprising an unaudited gross asset value of £1,104m. NESF is one of the largest listed solar and energy storage investment companies in the world.
- **Second Fund:** [NextPower II \("NP II"\)](#), a private fund made up of 105 individual operating solar power plants and an installed capacity of 149MW, focused on consolidating the substantial, highly fragmented Italian solar market. Launched in 2016, NP II was successfully divested in January 2022 at IRRs significantly in excess of its gross target of 10-12%.
- **Third Fund:** [NextPower III ESG \("NP III ESG"\)](#), is a private fund exclusively focused on the international solar infrastructure sector, principally targeting projects in carefully selected OECD countries, including the US, Portugal, Spain, Chile, Poland, Greece, and Italy. NP III is now fully invested with 172 assets, totalling 1.8GW. NP III completed its fundraise with a total of \$896m, including an SMA raised. The target of the fund was \$750m.
- **Fourth Fund:** [NextPower UK ESG \("NPUK ESG"\)](#), is a private unlevered fund investing in greenfield subsidy-free solar projects, with PPA's, in the UK. NPUK ESG is a 10-year closed-ended private fund targeting £500m. To date, NPUK has raised total commitments of £683m exceeding its target within six months of first close, with the UK Infrastructure Bank providing cornerstone match-funding of £250m.
- **Fifth Fund:** [NextPower V ESG \("NPV ESG"\)](#), is a private contracted solar strategy that offers investors the opportunity to earn strong risk-adjusted returns from the solar PV infrastructure asset class with a highly experienced team and a track record of success in solar deployment globally. The strategy will primarily invest in OECD solar assets and adjacent technologies (e.g. battery storage) in the target markets. NPV ESG is targeting \$1.5bn in size with a \$2bn ceiling.

Further information on the NextEnergy Group is available at: <https://www.nextenergygroup.com/>

WiseEnergy®

WiseEnergy® is NextEnergy Group's asset operator. WiseEnergy is a leading specialist asset operator in the solar sector. Currently, WiseEnergy provides development, construction and operating services to over 1,500 solar and battery assets with an installed capacity in excess of 2.5GW. Its asset management clients include listed solar funds (in addition to the Company), banks, private equity funds and other specialist investors. Further information on WiseEnergy is available at: www.wise-energy.com

Starlight

Starlight is NextEnergy Group's development company that is active in the development phase of solar projects. It has developed over 100 utility-scale projects internationally and continues to progress a large pipeline of c.10GW of both green and brownfield project developments across global geographies. www.starlight-energy.com/

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