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S.1189 Landmark Solar Energy Bill Advances to the Governor's Desk South Carolina Clean Energy Business Alliance // June 4, 2014

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In partnership with Duke Energy, The InterTech Group, SCE&G, Santee Cooper, the Electric Cooperatives of SC and the Coastal Conservation League, SCCEBA has assisted in successfully pushing S.1189 also known as the "Solar Energy Bill" through the South Carolina Legislature and has been signed by Gov. Nikki Haley.

SCCEBA Executive Director, Jim Poch said, "This bill really represents a collaboration, a partnership and a vision to advance the renewable energy market in South Carolina on a level we've never seen before". He added, "getting the environmental groups, utilities and the business community together to develop positive and essential solar energy legislation is the only reason this bill was so successful. It took a great deal of collaboration".

In summary, S.1189 will allow solar energy system leasing by non-utilities in South Carolina, updates net metering policies, establishes a voluntary Distributed Energy Resource program for utilities and allows utilities to recover renewable energy costs by using the annual fuel rider. For more information about S.1189, please visit http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/bills/1189.htm

The legislation was signed by South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley on June 2, 2014 and is the second significant piece of clean energy legislation signed this year. In May, Gov. Haley signed H.3125 also known as the Clean Energy Industry Manufacturing Market Development Advisory Commission.

SCCEBA congratulates all partners in these efforts and looks forward to continued success during the remainder of the legislative calendar.

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