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**Nassau County's Largest Solar Company Celebrates Solar + Storage Milestone**

*After 15 years of business, EmPower Solar installs 2,000 solar systems and 100 battery storage backup projects across New York helping to meet State goal of 50% by 2030*

ISLAND PARK, NY, July 16, 2018 – Island Park-based solar panel installer, EmPower Solar, celebrated 2,000 solar panel system completions at an Island Park client's home along with Senator Todd Kaminsky, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, LIPA Chief Executive Officer Tom Falcone, and Island Park Mayor Michael McGinty on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

EmPower Solar has deployed 23 megawatts of solar throughout Long Island, New York City, and Westchester since 2003. Installations range from residential homes, commercial buildings, and even the first community solar installation on Long Island. Their commercial installation portfolio consists of 200 solar panel systems throughout New York.

The 2,000 milestone system is a 10.5 kW solar array in Island Park, New York. The system, consisting of 30 SunPower 350-watt panels and two Tesla Powerwalls will offset 104% of the recently-raised home's annual energy needs.

"Our home was devastated by Superstorm Sandy, and we are finally reaching the end of our renovations and storm-proofing," said Robert Logan, the milestone installation's homeowner. "We knew that it was important to install solar and batteries to keep our power on in the case of another severe weather event and intentionally chose the most trusted company on Long Island to execute. Our experience with EmPower Solar was so easy and painless, we wish we had another house to install solar on!"

In addition to powering the home's energy needs, two Tesla Powerwalls will allow the homeowners to access power produced by their solar panels in the event of a power outage. Energy produced onsite will be stored in Tesla batteries and accessible if the grid goes down. When Sandy hit in 2012, Island Park was one of a few towns to experience a natural gas interruption, leaving homes with generators powerless. As a Tesla Powerwall Certified Installer, EmPower Solar has seen an increase in demand for home battery systems over the last few years, which is an important step to enabling the feasibility of solar energy on a mass scale.

"By the day, we grow more passionate about our mission to deliver superior technology, maximum savings, and exceptional service. After 15 years of extensive work in solar energy and batteries, we have a few big picture take-aways. Based on our experience and involvement

in our energy infrastructure, we are confident that all of New York and beyond can be 100% powered by solar plus storage. We will not stop until we achieve this goal," said David G. Schieren, Chief Executive Officer of EmPower Solar.

"The future of power in this country is Clean Energy. By providing access to renewable energy for our community, SunPower by EmPower Solar equips Long Island to lead the way in energy efficiency. As the Ranking Member of the New York State Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, I am very proud of the work they have done and continue to do" said Senator Todd Kaminsky, who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

As EmPower Solar celebrates 15 years of business, the company also reflects on other achievements. The company employs 70 full-time workers in Island Park and generates millions in economic activity for the region per year. To date, the company has saved its clients over 15 million dollars in avoided energy costs. The company has also deployed over 20 electric vehicle charging stations, including six at the company's own Solar Design Center that power the company's fleet of 10 electric vehicles. Active in LISEIA and NYSEIA, EmPower Solar has played an integral role in accelerating the Long Island and New York region on a path towards clean energy.

"PSEG Long Island is proud to celebrate SunPower by EmPower Solar's 2,000th PV installation. We work closely with the solar industry to safely interconnect solar systems to the electric grid," said Michael Voltz, director of energy efficiency and renewables. "Long Island is a leader in the number of solar installations in New York State. The clean energy generated by solar systems will help offset carbon emissions by using a cleaner, greener energy that will reduce environmental impact well into the future."

"It is with great pleasure the Island Park Chamber of Commerce congratulates EmPower Solar on their historic achievement. We wish them continued growth and success in helping rebuild the Island Park community," said Michael Scully, President of the Island Park Chamber of Commerce.

### **SunPower by EmPower Solar**

SunPower by EmPower delivers superior solar and battery technology, maximum savings, and exceptional customer service.

Since 2003, SunPower by EmPower Solar has been the preferred solar provider of over 2,000 New Yorkers, earning an industry-leading customer satisfaction rating. In 2016, EmPower was chosen as a SunPower Master Dealer. In joining forces with SunPower Corporation, one of the world's most innovative and sustainable energy companies, EmPower Solar leverages 30 years of industry experience and record-setting technology.

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