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To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Council Members:

The Office of Environmental Sustainability would like the opportunity to respond to Council Resolution 071136 directing the Office of Environmental Sustainability to report on the feasibility of city financing of solar installations and energy efficiency improvements. We have just received a report from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Lab, outlining options for financing solar electric and solar hot water systems on both City-owned facilities and on Milwaukee businesses and residences. We will provide a summary of that report and propose some financing options for the Common Council to consider. We will also describe how these efforts relate to the City's proposed use of federal Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant funds to help finance energy efficiency efforts in City owned facilities and in Milwaukee businesses and residences.

I look forward to the opportunity to brief you on this report.

Sincerely,

Ann Beier, Director
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