

**EXHIBIT "17"**

# Rob Cooper

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Knowledgeable and passionate solar energy professional with over 7+ years of industry experience and success in Engineering, Development and Project Management.

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## EXPERIENCE:

### **AES Distributed Energy, Inc.**

Boulder, CO 2010 - Present

AES DE is a developer, owner and operator of commercial and utility scale solar and solar + energy storage projects throughout the US. In my roles as Business Development Manager and Engineer I have helped AES DE deploy over 100 MW with a current pipeline exceeding 200 MW.

#### Business Development Manager

2013 - Present

- Manage commercial and utility projects during development from origination and acquisition including due diligence, negotiation of definitive documents (PPA, Interconnection, Site Control) and leading all aspects of development and permitting to construction commencement.
- Manage internal teams (finance, legal, engineering) and lead coordination with external teams (co-developers, independent engineers, lawyers, customers) to develop projects.
- Work to develop project pipeline, manage key partnerships, lead RFP responses. Attend major tradeshows to originate projects, meet clients and evaluate new technology.
- Successfully completed projects include: 12 MW portfolio in Massachusetts, 35 MW portfolio in upstate New York, 5 MW project in US Virgin Islands, 5 MW project utilizing multiple solar technologies in Arizona.

#### Design Engineer

2010 - 2013

- Performed Engineering analysis, AutoCAD array layouts and final system production estimates using PVsyst software for majority of project pipeline.
- Lead efforts to evaluate equipment selection (modules, inverters, racking) and EPC contractors.
- Lead design and engineering efforts on several large rooftop and ground-mounted solar projects.
- Participated in commissioning, performance test and punch list review of multiple 1+ MW sites.

### **MidAmerican Energy Company**

Des Moines, IA Summer 2008

#### Engineering Internship

- Completed engineering project mapping Natural Gas pipelines and toured many wind farms
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## EDUCATION:

### **Iowa State University**

Ames, IA 2005 - 2009

*Bachelor of Science: Mechanical Engineering*

GPA: 3.57 Cum Laude

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