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**PINE GATE RENEWABLES WELCOMES STEVE LEVITAS**

**Asheville, NC** – Pine Gate Renewables is pleased to welcome Steve Levitas to the team as Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives. In that capacity, Steve will lead the company's engagement in energy market reform and the expansion of offtake opportunities for independently owned solar generation resources.

"This is a critical time in the solar industry as we look to make America's clean energy future a reality," said Levitas. "I'm excited about joining Pine Gate Renewables and am honored to have the chance to be part of that important work."

Prior to joining Pine Gate, Steve served as Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Strategy for Cypress Creek Renewables, where he led the company's regulatory and government affairs activities, and as Vice President for Business Affairs and General Counsel for FLS Energy. He spent over twenty years in private law practice, concentrating on renewable energy project development and environmental regulatory matters.

Steve has also served as Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, and was Director and Senior Attorney of the North Carolina office of the Environmental Defense Fund, which he opened in 1988. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Harvard Law School and was the recipient of The Charlotte Business Journal's Energy Leaders Award.

"We are thrilled to have Steve joining the team at Pine Gate Renewables," said Pine Gate CEO Ben Catt. "His contribution to the growth of the solar industry in North Carolina and throughout the US cannot be understated. His experience and knowledge in the space will be instrumental as we continue to scale our business."

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**About Pine Gate Renewables**

Pine Gate Renewables is a developer, owner, and operator of utility-scale solar farms with 400+ MWs of operational sites across the country. To learn more about Pine Gate and their mission to Get Solar Done, visit [www.pgrenewables.com](http://www.pgrenewables.com).