

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Subject: Alternative Assets Commitment

Action Requested: Approval of D. E. Shaw Renewable Investments (“DESRI”) AssetCo III, L.L.C.

Background and Summary: We recommend a commitment of up to \$30 million from the Long Term Portfolio to D. E. Shaw Renewable Investments (“DESRI”) AssetCo III, L.L.C (the “Fund”), offered by a New York, NY, based manager that invests in wind and solar energy across the United States.

DESRI is a vertically integrated firm that develops, operates, and owns long-term renewable power assets. The firm was founded in 2011 by Bryan Martin and David Zwillinger, and is now one of the largest private renewable energy companies in North America. Messrs. Martin and Zwillinger bring together over 30 years of combined experience and leadership in the renewable energy industry. The Fund will own interests in multiple operating renewable projects, including a solar energy farm based in Michigan.

This commitment offers the Long Term Portfolio the opportunity to invest alongside an experienced, nimble team in a rapidly growing industry. These investments are expected to offer an attractive risk-adjusted return as well as to be consistent with the university’s broader focus on renewable energy and more efficient resource utilization.

Respectfully submitted,



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