Building a just & sustainable economy through nonviolent direct action

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EQAT
Dear Friends of Earth Quaker Action Team,

Sitting down to write this, I have to surrender to a sense of awe. Despite the enormous pillars of injustice that uphold systems destroying people and the planet, together we are building a future and economy based on values of equity, justice and care. We couldn’t do this work without the generous support that comes in so many different ways. Your financial gifts, strategic insights, dedicated time, enduring relationships, and loving prayers sustain us. We are humbled and grateful that you choose to stand with us.

Humor us one more time: In 2015, we won!! After 5 years of pushing PNC to Bank Like Appalachia Matters! (BLAM!), we successfully persuaded bank executives to stop financing companies that practice mountaintop removal coal mining. The story spread like wildfire. We said goodbye to BLAM! and celebrated all we learned in a graduation ceremony in May among Friends and under a beautiful canopy of old-growth trees. With this knowledge, we looked forward for a bold and ambitious new campaign, eventually launching **POWER LOCAL GREEN JOBS** in August, 2015.

We spent the spring and summer in a discernment process to choose this campaign. More than 60 people joined us as we held strategy sessions, research parties, and worship spaces. Out of this discernment, we identified three guiding principles:

- **We need to work for a just and sustainable future.** Among us was a yearning to work on a positive, future-oriented campaign. Now that we won a campaign to stop funding mountaintop removal, we want to work on campaign that’s about starting renewable energy investment.

- **We need to prioritize racial justice in this vision** – by fighting for campaign goals that are explicitly about economic benefits for people of color.

- **We need to work on a campaign that has potential for national impact, while maximizing our southeastern Pennsylvania base** – So we challenged a utility headquartered in Philadelphia, but owned by the national company, Exelon.

**In June, EQAT’s Board approved the POWER LOCAL GREEN JOBS campaign, challenging energy corporations to create jobs in poor communities by making a major shift to locally generated solar power.** We decided to begin by targeting PECO (the utility company serving Southeastern Pennsylvania) to buy solar power from the rooftops of North Philadelphia. PECO can show us that it is moving in the right direction by committing to buy its 2016 mandated solar energy requirement from North Philadelphia rooftops. The next step: committing to a fast-growing local solar industry reducing the many threats of climate change.

We set right to work, holding two meetings with PECO leaders in the fall and simultaneously taking action to show them that we are serious.
2016 will be a decisive year for Philadelphia and for this campaign. Saying YES to POWER LOCAL GREEN JOBS is saying yes to more than 70 new, family sustaining jobs, installing and maintaining the infrastructure. This tiny first step will be followed by many more.

In September, we had our first big, public action to launch the campaign. We made a giant puzzle that showed the interlocking communities ready for a solar energy revolution. Everyone was ready except… PECO. Next, dozens of people came to dance the Electric Slide on their doorstep, challenging PECO to “Get Moving.” Around Thanksgiving, we brought homemade pies to the headquarters. We labeled one pie “local energy” and one “far away” and asked to meet with CEO Craig Adams to see from which pie he would take a slice. Near Christmas, we came singing and bearing a light banner to PECO’s headquarters, where we left the company ornaments and a gift-wrapped solar-panel under the tree.

For a company that prides itself on “Customer, Community, Environment,” PECO has avoided making a commitment to North Philadelphia solar. So in February, we declared loud and clear: PECO has a choice! The utility can use ratepayer money to sustain our communities and accelerate the transition to renewable energy or it can continue to support the fossil fuel industry while Philadelphia communities bear the impacts of polluted air, crumbling infrastructure and unemployment. We are challenging PECO to reveal its decision by May 2. We hope that the company will choose to POWER LOCAL GREEN JOBS. But if it doesn’t, we will be there to blow the whistle on its bad choice.

Thank you, to our family, friends, neighbors and supporters near and far who have already said YES to POWER LOCAL GREEN JOBS and who continue to show up to this beloved community.

Onward to a future powered by local, green jobs!

Samantha Shain, Board Member
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