ASSEMBLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5813

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2023

The Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5813.

As amended and reported, this bill exempts electricity sold to certain recovered materials manufacturing facilities from all current and future renewable energy portfolio standards obligations, beginning in 2024.

Specifically, the bill applies to recovered materials manufacturing facilities that: (1) received service under an electric public utility rate that applied only to the owner of the facility on January 1, 2004; (2) manufacture products made from recovered materials, provided, that not less than 50 percent of the content of such products produced in this State meets the definition of recovered materials; and (3) have in place a collective bargaining agreement.

Current law exempts electricity sold to certain recycled materials manufacturing facilities from the State's renewable portfolio standards. The law further provides that the facilities are not required to pay any charges designed to offset any renewable energy portfolio standards obligation of their electric power supplier or basic generation service provider. This bill amends current law to extend the same exemption to certain recovered materials manufacturing facilities, as described above.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments to the bill provide technical changes to the definition of the term “recovered materials.”