

MSEIA SOLAR REPORT FOR PENNSYLVANIA OCTOBER 2016 SUMMARY

Strategic Highlights

Delaware RPS regulation hangs on court decision. Parties are awaiting action in the matter pending before Delaware Superior Court on whether the regulations governing a freeze of the minimum percentages of eligible energy resources and solar PV may be issued. The ruling could place greater authority of qualifying renewable energy for the RPS in the hands of the DEPSC. Oral arguments were held last month and a decision is forthcoming...

The BPU selected winning bidders in Round 4 solicitation of the RFP for SREC contracts. Bids were approved by the BPU on [DATE] for the residential and small commercial segments of 50kW and below as well as 50kW to 2MW. Round 5 is now open with bids due by [DATE]...

NJ Assembly passed a bill that would protect potential solar customers. Assembly Bill A210, sponsored by, DeAngelo, Gusciora, and Benson, would prevent homeowners' associations from prohibiting the installation of solar collectors. The bill is now in the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee...

Property Assessed Clean Energy Program bill introduced in the Pennsylvania House on October 3. House Bill HB2380, sponsored by Galloway would establish funding for a PACE program that would provide capital to support renewable energy projects for residential and commercial structures...

The PAPUC extended the AEPS true-up deadline another six months. Under consideration from consumer advocates and other stakeholders, the order declined to put the compliance obligation shortfall onto utilities which could recover the costs from ratepayers...

The NJCEP Renewable Energy Committee issued its monthly solar activity report. The trend in consistent solar installation completions continues with 1,746 solar systems providing Permission to Operate (PTO) letters with the total capacity of 26 MW.





Pennsylvania - Renewable Energy

Reference No.	Description	Why It Matters	Most Recent Action	Next Action
House Bill HB2380 (Galloway) Opened on 10/03/2016	Would establish the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program which authorizes municipal authorities to operate a financing program to provide capital to support renewable energy projects for residential and commercial structures.	PACE financing can provide opportunities for renewable energy projects.	Referred to House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee (10/3/16).	Awaiting House committee action.



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PAPUC Docket No. P-2016- 2546452 Opened on 05/20/2016	Petition of PECO Energy Company (PECO) for: (1) approval of its Microgrid Integrated Technology Pilot Plan; and (2) issuance of a declaratory order regarding the recovery of microgrid costs. PECO is seeking PAPUC approval for authority to conduct a community microgrid pilot, which would include the utility constructing, owning, and operating several distributed energy resource technologies to power the proposed microgrid, including natural gas engines. PECO is proposing two integrated microgrids to support approximately 388 acres in Concord Township with a variety of public service loads, including healthcare, local emergency services, a retirement community, hotels and gas stations to form a microgrid capable of supplying power to three critical government facilities and twenty-seven public accommodations with a typical aggregate peak load of 8.6 MW. PECO also will share lessons learned from the Pilot to create a roadmap for the deployment of future microgrids and the integration of DERs. Associated Case: PAPUC Docket No. A-2016-2546450 - PECO's application for construction of microgrid distributed energy resources fueled by natural gas.	As in the recently-rejected proposal by BGE in Maryland, this proposal raises significant concerns about utility involvement - and rate recovery - in what should be a competitively-provided service.	Parties filed testimony (10/5/16). Testimony is not publicly available.	Hearings now scheduled for 10/18/16 - 10/19/16. Initial briefs are due by 11/8/16; reply briefs are due by 11/22/16. Recommended decision from ALJs expected by 1/16/17. Final decision from PAPUC expected in 3/17.





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