



MSEIA SOLAR REPORT FOR DELAWARE NOVEMBER 2016 SUMMARY

Strategic Highlights

Note: this month we're providing highlights on activities in neighboring markets...

Comments filed in Maryland's public conference to review the state utility distribution grids. Renewable energy parties filed comments ahead of the PC44 public conference scheduled for December 8-9. Of note, Grid Alternatives believes that PC44 is positive step to transition Maryland to a distributed energy resources (DER) economy, with low-to-moderate income residents who are disproportionately impacted by utility bills benefiting the most from this transition. The Microgrid Resources Coalition strongly supports calculating the benefits and costs of DER, but believes that beyond solar, including microgrids is essential for a comprehensive analysis. Maryland Solar United Neighborhoods expressed concern that the Pepco-produced paper, "Initial Considerations for Grid Modernization in Maryland," fails to discuss how the process of utility transformation can be joined to fulfill Maryland's policy goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the energy sector. Maryland SUN recommends a broader roadmap set the stage for a full utility transformation agenda...

Pepco reports on interconnection statuses. Pepco advised the MDPSC that through the end of September, it has received more than 400,000 interconnection applications across its three utilities...

MDPSC approves Delmarva's power factor changes. The MDPSC approved tariff revisions proposed by utility Delmarva that took effect on October 1. The revisions came in response to concerns about the utility's treatment of power factor issues expressed by the solar industry and net metering customers. In response to questions from MDPSC Chairman Hughes, Delmarva noted only a handful of customers are impacted by this change and all will have a lower bill as a result...

Parties respond to draft decision in the Connecticut review of net metering credit banking policy. Of note, RESA requested clarification from PURA (a) that suppliers will not be required to reimburse customers for banked kWh until the utilities' load settlement issues are resolved; (b) that suppliers will be required to reimburse customers at their avoided wholesale cost; (c) that each supplier will only be required to reimburse customers for banked kWhs for the period that supplier served the customer; and (d) regarding the working group that will be established to address the utilities' load settlement issues...

Virginia rejects utility's proposed community solar rider. Appalachian Power Company's application for approval of an experimental rider for the purchase of non-dispatchable renewable energy has been dismissed by the State Corporation Commission. This was a utility-sponsored effort to develop community renewable energy generation...



Delaware - Renewable Energy

Reference No.	Delaware Renewable Energy Task Force <i>(Opened on 08/14/2014)</i>
Description	Working group for discussing renewable energy issues.
Why It Matters	Could provide interesting intelligence and insight into the Delaware solar industry.
Recent Action	Renewable Energy Taskforce meeting held (10/14/16). The SREC procurement design strawman proposal was presented.
Next Action	Taskforce meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m. EST on 11/16/16. Agenda is available here , and includes discussion of the next SREC procurement.



Delaware - Renewable Energy

Reference No.	27.1 Million in New Merger Benefits Approved for Delmarva Power Customers and the Public <i>(Opened on 10/18/2016)</i>
Description	Following the merger between Delmarva Power and Exelon, Delaware consumers will be receiving an additional \$27.1 million in benefits that will be directed to support energy efficiency programs.
Why It Matters	Enhanced funding for these programs will allow consumers to save money, including assistance for low-income residents in paying their utility bills, as well as provide economic development to spark business growth.
Recent Action	Delmarva issued press release (10/18/16). The Order from the DEPSC provides an additional \$27.1 million in benefits in addition to the \$45 million in the original merger package. Specific benefits include a commitment to develop 5 megawatts of commercial renewable energy generation.
Next Action	Awaiting next action.



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