



MSEIA SOLAR REPORT FOR DELAWARE DECEMBER 2016 SUMMARY

Strategic Highlights

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

SEIA cites community solar as driving Q3 2016 growth. On December 13, GTM Research and the Solar Energy Industries Association's (SEIA) released their [Q4 2016 U.S. Solar Market Insight report](#), which highlighted that 4.143 GW of solar PV capacity were installed in the United States in the third quarter of 2016. Also of interest, community solar added more capacity during 3Q 2016 than the segment installed in all of 2015, "playing a key role in supporting the second-largest quarter ever for the non-residential PV market," per the report...

Two recent reports on net metering present opposite findings. Environment New York released the [Shining Rewards report](#) that documents the rewards of net metering, and highlights how solar panels provide more benefits than they received from utilities. While the Electric Markets Research Foundation (EMRF) released preliminary results of a research study on [The Sustainability of Net Metering](#), indicating that the value of solar diminishes as more rooftop solar is added to the grid – and that the costs of net metering to customers without rooftop solar become so significant over time that it is not a sustainable policy...

Oral arguments scheduled for U.S. Court of Appeals review of FERC's approval of PJM's proposed changes to the Reliability Pricing Model. Respondents filed briefs supporting FERC's conclusion that the default cap would represent a low-end competitive offer from a low-cost resource...

Proposed community solar implementation tariffs in the Maryland community solar pilot program docket to be considered at the December administrative meeting. Energy advocates filed comments urging the MDPSC to support policies that maximize savings for all Marylanders when considering utility compliance and tariffs, specifically regarding the prompt application of credits to subscribers' utility bill...

Comments filed by stakeholders in the Massachusetts emergency net metering cap rulemaking. The AG urged the DPU not to establish a monthly minimum reliability charge (MMRC) because the law signed by Governor Baker does not allow for its approval at this time. Consumer advocates and solar associations echoed these sentiments, and the Solar Energy Industries Association recommended that the DPU open a separate proceeding to determine whether an MMRC is actually needed...

BPU Staff issued its Microgrid Report. Staff's recommendations include determining New Jersey definitions for DER and microgrids, and developing a stakeholder process to develop and implement TCDER microgrid pilot projects...

The Ohio Legislature passed a Renewable Energy Standards bill. The bill eliminates the renewable energy and energy efficiency requirements for 2017 and 2018, and decreases energy efficiency program requirements. The bill has been transmitted to Governor Kasich and is awaiting his action...



Delaware - Renewable Energy

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| 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 | Taskforce meeting held (12/13/16). The chief agenda item was discussion of the Strawman Proposal : SREC Procurement Design. |
| Next Action | Awaiting next action. |



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