



## *MSEIA SOLAR REPORT FOR NEW JERSEY 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.



## New Jersey - Renewable Energy

Reference No.	Description	Why It Matters	Most Recent Action	Next Action
<a href="#">NJ Utilities SREC II Financing Program</a>  <i>Opened on 12/17/2015</i>	Utilities Atlantic City Electric, Jersey Central Power & Light, and Rockland Electric Company have issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to select solar projects with which to enter into contracts for the purchase of SRECs.	Opportunity to sell SRECs in the NJ market.	BPU issued order ( <a href="#">9/26/16</a> ), after considering the 19 projects submitted in response to the Round 4 solicitation. For the: (1) residential & small commercial segment (50 kW and below, 12 bids were received, totaling 207.10 kW, and the BPU approved one award totaling 44.0 kW and rejected the other 11 bids for non-competitive pricing; (2) residential & small commercial (greater than 50 kW to 2 MW), seven bids were received, totaling 4,913.80 kW, and the BPU approved two awards totaling 3,330 kW and rejected the other five bids for non-competitive pricing; and (3) landfills, brownfields, or "areas of historic fill" segment, no bids were received.	Round 5 is now open.  A bidders' webinar is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. ET on <a href="#">10/24/16</a> .  Bids are due by 5:00 p.m. ET on 11/30/16.



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<p><a href="#">Senate Bill S2276 (Bob Smith)</a></p> <p><i>Opened on 05/23/2016</i></p>	<p>Would establish the “New Jersey Solar Energy Study Commission” and modify the State’s solar renewable energy portfolio standards. The commission would include the BPU President, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, and the Director of the Division of Rate Counsel; a representative of the BPU Clean Energy Program; two members of the Senate; two members of the General Assembly; one public member appointed by the President of the Senate; one public member appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly; and 13 public members appointed by the Governor, representing various interests including the State’s four electric public utilities, environmental conservation, residential solar energy development, grid-connected solar energy development, roof and ground mounted commercial and industrial solar energy development, energy storage, the academic and business communities, and the Retail Electric Supply Association.</p> <p><i>Continued on next page...</i></p>	<p>Would provide a small but meaningful increase in mid-term solar requirements, improving the market for new solar projects and likely SRECs, but perhaps more significantly, the proposed commission could make dramatic long-term changes to the state solar market.</p>	<p>S2276 was passed by the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (10/6/16).</p>	<p>Awaiting Assembly floor vote on S2276.</p>



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<a href="#">Senate Bill S2276 (Bob Smith)</a>  (cont.)	<p>The commission would study all aspects of New Jersey’s solar energy generation industry, and make findings and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on how the use of solar energy could be expanded.</p> <p>Would also raise the solar carve-out under the state RPS, from 3.20% in Energy Year 2018 to 3.28%; from 3.29% in Energy 2019 to 3.55%; from 3.380% in Energy Year 2020 to 3.83%; and 3.470% in Energy Year 2021 to 4.10%. Additionally, the commission would be required to recommend carve-out percentages for 2022 and beyond.</p> <p>Cross-filed with <a href="#">Assembly Bill A3918</a>.</p>			



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<a href="#">Assembly Bill A210 (DeAngelo, Gusciora, Benson)</a>  <i>Opened on 01/27/2016</i>	This bill makes clear that homeowners' associations in common interest communities cannot prohibit the installation of solar collectors on the roof of any single family home or any townhouse located within such a community.  <i>Cross-filed with Senate Bill <a href="#">S2029</a>.</i>	Would ensure that potential customers are not restricted from solar panel installation by homeowners' associations.	Passed by the Assembly (9/15/16).  Received in the Senate; referred to Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee (9/26/16).	Awaiting action by Senate committee.



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<a href="#">NJCEP Renewable Energy Committee</a>  <i>Opened on 09/01/2016</i>	New Jersey's Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) promotes increased energy efficiency and the use of clean, renewable sources of energy including solar, wind, geothermal, and sustainable biomass. The Renewable Energy Committee works with public stakeholders to further the program's renewable goals.	Offers financial incentives for renewable energy investment to residential, commercial, and municipal customers.	Renewable Energy Committee issued monthly solar activity report ( <a href="#">10/14/16</a> ). 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.	Committee meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on 10/20/16.



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