



MSEIA SOLAR REPORT FOR PENNSYLVANIA JANUARY 2017 SUMMARY

Strategic Highlights

The 2017 legislative season is kicking off around the country. In California, [Senate Bill S.B. 71](#) would express the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would require the installation of solar photovoltaic systems or solar water heating systems; potentially, this could result in significant new demand for solar. New York's [Senate Bill S93](#) would establish a community solar pilot program in the state under the management of the NYPSC, and [Senate Bill 822](#) establishes the Farm-to-Urban Consumer Solar Access Act of 2017, which creates a shared solar program for multi-family dwellings, housing cooperatives, and rural communities located within a five-mile radius of a farm operation. In Virginia, [Senate Bill SB1208](#) (cross-filed as [House Bill HB2112](#)), would require the SCC to adopt rules under which community renewable projects are authorized to operate.

PURA establishes 2017 schedule for Supplier Working Group. On December 23, the Connecticut PURA [issued a 2017 schedule](#) for this stakeholder group meets monthly to discuss current topics including consumer protection, electric supplier licensing, Connecticut's renewable portfolio standards process and compliance as well as other matter important to suppliers.

MEPUC to revise the interconnection rules for small DG facilities in Maine. On December 12, the MEPUC opened a rulemaking to consider changes to interconnection procedures for small distributed generation facilities in Maine. These changes could significantly impact the time to operational status for solar projects. Written comments on the proposed amendments are due by 1/25/7.

Governor Hogan releases Maryland's 2017 environmental agenda. On January 8, Gov. Hogan announced his policy agenda for energy and environmental issues for this coming year (and legislative session). Key initiatives include \$41 million to be invested in Tier 1 renewable projects.

Mississippi working group pushes solar safety best practices. The Mississippi Net Metering Solar Safety Working Group issued its first report on January 12, and recommended to the MSPC that it direct a "best practices" guidelines to be developed for solar installation. The working group is seeking authorization to continue its meetings throughout 2017.

Rooftop net-metering returns to Nevada. The NVPUC voted on December 28 to reopen 6MW of installed capacity of rooftop solar energy systems for existing and new customer-generators under the prior net energy metering terms and rates in the Sierra Pacific Power service territory.

Oregon considers value of solar to the grid. The Oregon PUC has initiated an investigation into the resource value of solar in order to determine the credit value to pay subscribers to community solar projects. This will determine the methodology used to value community solar projects in the state, and which may be adapted to net metering customers in the state as well.



*****No new relevant cases or legislation and no new action in tracked cases or legislation.***



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