

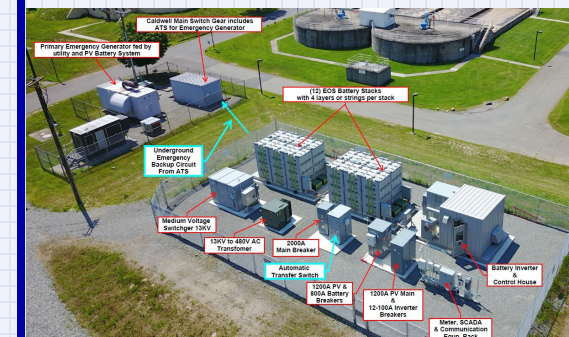


# MSSIA Q2 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JUNE 23, 2026

## NEW JERSEY POLICY PRIORITIES FOR 2H 2026

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# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**A1072**

**Identical bill - S631**

Directs BPU and electric utilities to establish distributed battery storage programs.

- **Doubles distributed storage to 2,000 MW through 2030.**
- **Specifies the incentive structure and timeline.**
- **Eliminates the utility-developed share from the previous version**

## **PROBLEMS & MSSIA SOLUTIONS:**

- 1. BPU got an amendment that specifies that utilities will run the incentive program.  
SOLUTION – MSSIA pressing for amendment that specifies that BPU will administer the program.**
- 2. BPU staff has signaled that they are considering placing a per-project cap of 5 MW on storage systems in the incentive program.  
SOLUTION – MSSIA pressing for amendment that specifies that BPU will only adopt a per-project cap if it finds that it is necessary to maintain an orderly market, and in no case less than 50 MW.**
- 3. BPU got an amendment that changes their timeline to open the program from 90 days to 180 days.  
SOLUTION – MSSIA pressing for amendment that requests a compromise at 120 days.**
- 4. BPU got an amendment that would delay front-of-the-meter incentives until utilities develop tariffs for FTM storage projects.  
SOLUTION – MSSIA pressing for amendment that would direct the BPU to set FTM incentives at a preliminary level for an initial period, based on stakeholder input including utilities & industry.**

# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

A3969

Increases solar development goals of SREC-II program and extends certain target dates of program to 2035.

*Identical Bill Number: S691*

- **Extends end for solar program, currently 2026, to 2035.**
- **Program size 750 MW per year**

**The bill is not moving currently. Next opportunity will likely be in the fall**

# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**A3974**

Modifies various provisions of State's renewable energy incentive programs; requires electric public utilities to interconnect certain solar projects.

*Identical Bill Number: S3183*

- **Specifies that 69 KV is distributed connection (utilities must allow connection).**
- **Raises cap on CS and RNEM projects to 20 MW.**

**A3964**

Removes project capacity limit for community solar energy projects.

# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**A2524**

Permits dual-use solar facilities to participate in community solar program.

**A3132**

Directs BPU to establish virtual power plant program to reduce peak demand for electric energy.

*Identical Bill Number: S3399*

**S2368**

Exempts certain portable solar generation devices from interconnection, net metering, and other requirements; requires DCA to amend or supplement State Uniform Construction Code concerning use of portable solar generation devices.\*

*Identical Bill Number: A4836*

# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**A3980**

Requires electric public utilities to develop and implement grid modernization plans.

**S657**

Requires electric public utilities to develop and implement grid modernization plans; appropriates \$300 million.

*Last Session Bill Number: S258*

**S648**

Requires BPU to study and implement methods to allow additional distributed energy sources to interconnect to electrical grid.

# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## A3928

Requires BPU to designate solar portion of critical renewable microgrid as solar energy project under Community Solar Energy Program; requires Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to designate certain microgrids as assets of importance.

*Identical Bill Number: S651*

## A1032

Directs BPU to conduct study to determine whether microgrid and distributed energy resource deployment will reduce length of power outages.

*Identical Bill Number: S1237*

## A3905

Concerns development of safe indoor storage standards for certain energy storage system batteries.

## A3911

Establishes limits on zoning restrictions for certain electric battery storage equipment installation.

*Identical Bill Number: S625*



# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

**A1054**

Establishes "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships Program"; amends law concerning NJ Infrastructure Bank; and authorizes certain energy contracts under "Public School Contracts Law" and "Local Public Contracts Law" up to 25 years.

*Identical Bill Number: S1657*

**A3263**

Directs EDA to establish New Jersey Energy Independence Bank.

*Identical Bill Number: S3400*

**A1170**

Requires submission of energy usage plan to BPU for proposed artificial intelligence data centers; requires all electricity for artificial intelligence data centers to be derived from new clean energy sources.

*Identical Bill Number: S680*

# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## A2665

Provides gross income tax deduction for costs of purchasing and installing battery backups for certain home solar electrical generators.

## A2760

Exempts small-scale renewable energy projects from State land-use permit requirements, under certain conditions.

*Identical Bill Number: S737*

## A2861

"Energy Security and Affordability Act"; requires BPU to consider energy security, diversity, and affordability when preparing Energy Master Plan and perform economic and ratepayer impact analysis of energy generation projects and Energy Master Plan.

*Identical Bill Number: S1900*