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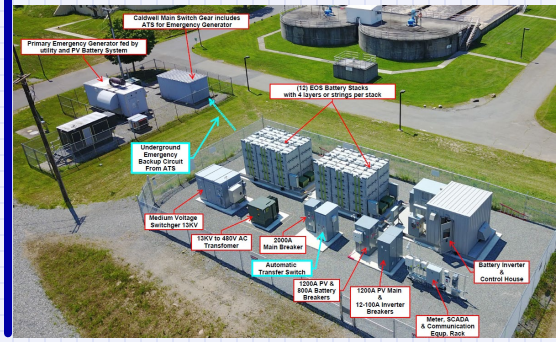
NEW JERSEY POLICY PRIORITIES FOR 4Q 2026

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RECENT WINS

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.**

Signed by Gov. Sherrill

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RECENT WINS

A2524

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

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A1072 **Identical bill - S631**

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

- **Doubles distributed storage to 2,000 MW.**
- **Specifies the incentive structure and timeline.**

CHALLENGES:

BPU amendments:

- **Instead of the simple, fast, effective incentive structure based on PJM capacity & transmission markets in the original bill, specifies a complicated, pay-for-performance incentive for distribution services.**
- **Specifies that utilities will run the incentive program.**
- **Changes timeline to open the program from 90 days to 180 days.**
- **Delays front-of-the-meter incentives until utilities develop tariffs for FTM storage projects.**
- **In A1072, delays the 2,000 MW requirement.**

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MSSIA PROPOSED DUAL-USE BILL:

- Modify the definition of Dual Use Solar Energy Project to say: "For the purposes of the Permanent Dual-Use Solar Energy Program, a dual-use solar energy project shall be considered to be an agricultural use“
- Require the BPU to open the application window for the second year of the Dual-Use Solar Energy Pilot Program by January 31, 2027
- Require that the BPU open the second year of the Dual-Use Solar Energy Pilot Program to full applications, without first requiring an expression of interest.
- Require that the BPU establish the permanent Dual-Use Solar Energy Program and open the application window for the Program by September 30, 2027
- Specify that a dual-use solar energy system or portions of a dual-use solar energy system may be placed on agriculturally-modified wetlands
- Require that the permanent Dual Use Solar Energy Program permit waivers to the prohibition against siting dual use solar projects on preserved farmland under the certain conditions. Basically, the farm owner or farmer must demonstrate that the land used for the solar array will have higher productivity with the solar project than it had before. If the board, in consultation with the SADC, finds that the project is beneficial, it must grant the waiver.
- Require that the permanent Dual-Use Solar Energy Program accept applications up to 100 MWdc per year.

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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**