

# New Jersey's Clean Energy Program Renewable Energy Committee Meeting BPU, Trenton August 22, 2016

## **Regulatory Updates**

There are three items on this week's Board agenda; the extension request from the EDCs and RESA to extend the EY2016 RPS reporting period deadline and the other two are interconnection issues where utilities have requested to intervene in two cases. The OCE Staff also plans to release the 2015 RPS report following presentation to the Board.

## **SREC Registration Program ("SRP") Reporting Update**

AEG is targeting the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to issue reports. The July reports were delayed a few days as the Board Communications office was reviewing the reports internally before they could be released. Reporting can be found at [NJCleanEnergy/SRPREPORTS](http://NJCleanEnergy/SRPREPORTS).

On the *Installation Report* a new row was added identifying registrations processed in 2016 with PTO dates prior to 2015. The reduction in the number of Estimated Installations, paper registrations received but not fully processed, since last month's report was highlighted and it was noted that the SRP team is on track to complete processing the remaining 2,846 Estimated Installations within the next month.

*Monthly Installation Report:* This was a new report. It was pointed out that these values will be changing each month. Given historical patterns it is anticipated that there will be an average 2-3-month lag between when a project obtains a PTO and when it submits the PTO to the SRP team. The monthly installation numbers will be updated as additional PTO dates are reported. The August monthly report will include an additional column highlighting the changes per month and at the request of the meeting participants, an additional row will be added, highlighting any new PTO submitted prior to the monthly time period highlighted.

*Milestone Report:* We received data on 8 out of 30 projects required to submit Milestone Reporting Forms ("MRFs") and will work with stakeholders on how AEG can get developers to respond. With so few responses with the June quarterly MRF, a report was not prepared for July.

*Cumulative Weighted Average Price per SREC Report:* We recently had a meeting with PJM-EIS and this report is currently under development. Once this report is available we will include a link to the PJM-EIS Generation Attribute Tracking System ("GATS") report on the NJCEP website under Solar Activity Reports and will no longer report on data that PJM-EIS is already reporting on.

In June we saw a decline in the volume of registrations submitted - the numbers are reflective of the volumes that were submitted back in January 2016 – about 2,600 +/- coming in each month. In June, AEG issued over 7,000 acceptance letters in an effort to eliminate the backlog and are currently processing new registrations received within two days. In regard to final as-builts, we have everything entered and are current with PTOs – we are about six weeks out for processing NJ Certification Numbers

and these timelines should be shortened by next month. The time consuming work on the backlog is nearly complete and we still have a swat team working to completely eliminate the remaining backlog. It is interesting to note that year to date totals through July have exceeded what was done for the entire year of 2015.

### **Energy Storage Update**

Mark Palad provided an update that ten applications have been submitted and four projects were approved for \$620,000 in total commitments. Two applications are under review for an additional \$600,000 and two have been rejected.

### **Updates on the Solar Act**

**Subsection q** – Staff is still processing the certification numbers for projects with a May 31 deadline (“EY15 approvals”). Some completions for EY16, i.e., May 31, 2017 deadline, have been recorded. Thus far, all but one or two have competed prior to their deadline.

**Subsection r** – The Expression of Interest (EOI) process closed on July 15. Staff is in process of developing a straw proposal for public comment on a recommendation to the Board for the amount of capacity to make available for approval in EY17 based on the EOIs and the state of the solar market, installed capacity/pipeline report(s). The straw will include the EOI list. After the comment period closes Staff will present a recommendation to the Board for the EY17 application process. Scott noted it will not be opened until the RPS rule amendments are adopted by the Board, likely in early fall. It has yet to be determined if there will be one or two application rounds in EY17.

**Subsection t** - Staff has received one app which is currently under review by the DEP.

**Subsection s** – Four projects approved by the Board have registered, as required, and more information can be found in the June Board Order.

### **Net Metering/Interconnection Update**

Staff is reviewing several petitions submitted by applicants seeking a waiver or declaratory judgement on net metering rules related to onsite generation. No other interconnection business to report.

### **RPS Issues**

We had requests from the EDCs and TPS to extend the RPS EY16 compliance reporting deadlines – the Board will decide that on Wednesday. After that meeting, staff can release the EY15 report – around the end of the month we will issue the instructions on the EY16 RPS compliance reporting requirements.

### **Next Meeting**

The September meeting will be a conference call and the date/time will be distributed within the next week. The October 11 meeting will be held in Trenton.

Renewable Energy Committee Attendance List:

In person:

Scott Hunter	NJBPU
Marisa Slaten	NJBPU
Ron Jackson	NJBPU
Rachel Boylan	NJBPU

Mike Ambrosio	Applied Energy Group
Maura Watkins	Applied Energy Group
Tammy VanBlarcom	Applied Energy Group
Melissa Zito	Applied Energy Group
Ryan Gergy	DEP
Joe Carpenter	DEP
Erin Hill	DEP
George Wetteland	Solartricity
Tom Lynch	KDC Solar
Vince Budesa	American Properties
Jim McAleer	Solar Electric NJ
Laura Dunn	Noble Americas Gas & Power
Neal Hurley	Direct Energy
Bryan Rubio	Gabel Associates
Steve Osborne Jr.	NJR Clean Energy Ventures
Doug O'Malley	Environment NJ
Carli Jensen	Environment NJ
Ron Reisman	

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Noreen Giblin	Gibbons
Howard Fleischer	NJSREC.com
Jonathan Ornelas	DTE Energy Trading
Elizabeth McKeever	The Conti Group
Joe Stofega	Enter Solar
Allyson Umberger	SRECTrade, Inc.
Mary Barber	Environmental Defense Fund
Zeyd Tabbara	BGC Environmental Brokerage Services
Josh Konner	Enter Solar
Steven Jenks	NJ Transit
Victoria Land	Pepco Holdings
Kurt Gewecke	KG Companies
Brandon Murdock	Energenic-US, LLC
Michael Flett	Flett Exchange
Gary Fournier	Sustainable Jersey
Sam Weinstein	Princeton Public Affairs
Jessica Frech	Direct Energy Solar
Kenita Williams	Direct Energy Solar

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