

Section B: Con	nmunity Solar Energy Project Description	on
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I. Applicant Co	ntact Information	
Applicant Com	pany/Entity Name:	
		lame:
	ing Address:	
Municipality: _	County:	Zip Code:
Applicant is:	☐ Property/Site Owner	☐ Community Solar Developer/Facility Installer ☐ Subscriber Organization ented)
II. Community	Solar Project Owner	
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Project Owner	Company/Entity Name (complete if kno	own):
First Name:	Last N	lame:
Daytime Phone	ዸ: Email:	
Mailing Addres	ss:	
Municipality: _	County:	Zip Code:
III. Community	Solar Developer	
This section, "Community Solar Developer," is optional if: 1) the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), AND 2) the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a RFP, RFQ, or other bidding process. In all other cases, this section is required.		
Developer Con	npany Name (optional, complete if appl	icable):
		lame:
Daytime Phone	e: Email:	
Mailing Addres	s:	
Municipality: _	County:	Zip Code:
The proposed □	community solar project will be primari $\Box$ a contracted engineering, $\mu$	ly built by: procurement and construction ("EPC") company



If the proposed community solar project will be primarily built by a contracted EPC company, complete the following *(optional, complete if known)*:

If the EPC company information is left blank and the proposed project is approved by the Board for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program, the Applicant must inform the Board of the information below once the EPC company becomes known.

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IV. Property/Site Owner Information
V. Community Solar Subscriber Organization (optional, complete if known)
If this section "Community Solar Subscriber Organization" is left blank and the proposed project is
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inform the Board of the information below once the Subscriber Organization becomes known.
VI. Proposed Community Solar Facility Characteristics
Community Solar Facility Size (as denominated on the PV panels): MWdc
*Any application for a system larger than 5 MWdc will be automatically eliminated. If awarded, projects
will be held to the MWdc size indicated in this Application.



Total Acreage of Property Block and Lots:	acres
Total Acreage of Community Solar Facility:	
Attach a delineated map of the portion of the proper located in PDF format. The map must be provided in request to submit a copy of the delineated map as a shapefile (.shp), in order to facilitate integration with Ge	color. Note: Applications may be required upon design plan in drawing file format (.dwg) or as a
EDC electric service territory in which the proposed com	nmunity solar facility is located: (select one)
☐ Atlantic City Electric	$\square$ Jersey Central Power & Light
☐ Public Service Electric & Gas	☐ Rockland Electric Co.
provisions for projects having received a subserprior to February 19, 2019.  *An existing project is defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8 and/or been approved by the Board for connect 19, 2019.	er, this data is being collected for informational ear) on at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.3 as being fully operational, dits for their subscription to the project. Projects are conditional approval by the Board (subject to cribed in the Terms and Conditions).
VII. Community Solar Facility Siting	
lease, or signed contract for use as a commun	lete. or option to purchase, signed lease or option to nity solar site or option to contract for use as a specific to the project in this Application, and may



2.	The proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on preserved farmland* □ Yes □ No
	If "Yes," the Application will not be considered by the Board.
	*Preserved farmland is defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.2 as land from which a permanent development easement was conveyed and a deed of easement was recorded with the county clerk's office pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq.; land subject to a farmland preservation program agreement recorded with the county clerk's office pursuant to N.J.S.A. 4:1C-24; land from which development potential has been transferred pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-113 et seq. or N.J.S.A. 40:55D-137 et seq.; or land conveyed or dedicated by agricultural restriction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-39.1.
3.	The proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on Green Acres preserved open space* or on land owned by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)
	If "Yes," the Applicant must attach special authorization from NJDEP for the site to host a community solar facility. The Board will not consider Applications for projects located, in part or in whole, on Green Acres preserved open space or on land owned by NJDEP, unless the Applicant has received special authorization from NJDEP and includes proof of such special authorization in the Application package.
•	*Green Acres preserved open space is defined in N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.2 as land classified as either "funded parkland" or "unfunded parkland" under N.J.A.C. 7:36, or land purchased by the State with "Green Acres funding" (as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:36).
4.	The proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on (check all that apply): $\Box$ a landfill (see question 7 below)
Ļ	$\square$ a brownfield (see question 8 below)
	$\square$ an area of historic fill (see question 9 below)
	$\square$ a rooftop (see question 10 below)
	$\square$ a canopy over a parking lot or parking deck
	$\square$ a canopy over another type of impervious surface (e.g. walkway)
	$\square$ a water reservoir or other water body ("floating solar") (see question 11 below)
	$\square$ a former sand or gravel pit or former mine
	$\square$ farmland* (see definition below)
	☐ other (see question 5 below):
	*Farmland is defined as land that has been actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural use

\*Farmland is defined as land that has been actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural use and that is/has been valued, assessed, and taxed pursuant to the "Farmland Assessment Act of 1964," P.L. 1964, c.48 (C. 54:4-23.1 <u>et seq.</u>) at any time within the ten year period prior to the date of submission of the Application.

5. If you answered "other" to question 4 above, describe the proposed site and explain why it is appropriate for siting a community solar facility:



6.	The proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on land located in:  the New Jersey Highlands Planning Area or Preservation Area the New Jersey Pinelands  If the project is a ground mounted project (i.e. not rooftop or canopy), and answered "Yes" to either of the options above, include a letter or other determination from the New Jersey Highlands Council or the New Jersey Pinelands Commission, as relevant, stating that the proposed project is consistent with land use priorities in the area.
7.	If the proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on a landfill, provide the name of the landfill, as identified in NJDEP's database of New Jersey landfills, available at <a href="https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/landfill.htm">www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/landfill.htm</a> :
9.	If the proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on a brownfield, has a final remediation document been issued for the property?
	If the proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on an area of historic fill, have the remedial investigation requirements pursuant to the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation, N.J.A.C. 7:26E-4.7 been implemented?
10.	If the proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on a rooftop, has the Applicant verified that the roof is structurally able to support a solar system? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No If "Yes," attach substantiating evidence. If "No," the application will not be considered by the Board.
11.	If the proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on a water reservoir or other water body ("floating solar"), is the facility located at a water treatment plant or sand and gravel pit that has little to no established floral and faunal resources?



If "Yes," provide supporting details and attach substantiating evidence if needed.

\*All proposed floating solar projects are required to meet with NJDEP's OPPN prior to submitting an Application. Applicants are responsible for contacting NJDEP with sufficient advance notice to ensure that a meeting will occur prior to the deadline to submit an Application. Please see section VIII Permits, Question 2 for more information.

12.	The proposed community solar facility is located on the property of an affordable housing building or complex $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
13.	The proposed community solar facility is located on an area designated in need of redevelopment
	If "Yes," attach proof of the designation of the area as being in need of redevelopment from a municipal, county, or state entity.
14.	The proposed community solar facility is located in an Economic Opportunity Zone, as defined by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("DCA")
15.	The proposed community solar facility is located on land or a building that is preserved by a municipal, county, state, or federal entity
16.	The proposed community solar facility is located, in part or in whole, on land that includes trees
	Construction of the proposed community solar facility will require cutting down one or more trees
	If "Yes," estimated number of trees required to be cut for construction:  If "Yes," estimated number of acres of trees that required to be cut for construction:
17.	Are there any use restrictions at the site? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
	If "Yes," explain the use restriction below and provide documentation that the proposed community solar project is not prohibited.



	Will the use restriction(s) be required to be modified by variance or other means? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
	If "Yes," explain the modification below.
18.	The proposed community solar facility has been specifically designed or planned to preserve or enhance the site (e.g. landscaping, site and enhancements, pollination support, etc.) This represents site improvements beyond required basic site improvements
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19.	This question is for informational purposes only, and will not impact the Application's score. The Board is interested in learning more about ways in which "dual use" projects may be implemented in the Pilot Program:
	The proposed community solar facility is a "dual use" project: i.e. the project site will remain in active agricultural production throughout the life of the project (e.g. crop production under or between the panels, livestock grazing)



#### VIII. Permits

1.	The Applicant has completed the NJDEP Permit Readiness Checklist, and will submit it as an attachment to this Application
	*Applicants are <u>not required</u> to submit the Permit Readiness Checklist to NJDEP prior to submitting an Application to the Board, except in the case of floating solar projects.
2.	The Applicant has met with NJDEP's OPPN
3.	The Applicant has received all non-ministerial permits* for this project (optional optional
	*Receiving all non-ministerial permits is <u>not required</u> prior to submitting an Application.  *A non-ministerial permit is one in which one or more officials consider various factors and exercise some discretion in deciding whether to issue or deny a permit. This is in contrast to a ministerial permit, for which approval is contingent upon the project meeting pre-determined and established standards. Examples of non-ministerial permits include: local planning board authorization, use variances, Pinelands or Highlands Commission approvals, etc. Examples of ministerial permits include building permits and electrical permits.

- 4. Please list all permits, approvals, or other authorizations that will be needed for the construction and operation of the proposed community solar facility pursuant to local, state and federal laws and regulations. Include permits that have already been received, have been applied for, and that will need to be applied for. These include:
  - a. Permits, approvals, or other authorizations from NJDEP (i.e. Land Use, Air Quality, New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System "NJPDES", etc.) for the property.
  - b. Permits, approvals, or other authorizations from NJDEP (i.e. Land Use, Air Quality, NJPDES, etc.) directly related to the installation and operation of a solar facility on this property.



c. Permits, approvals, or other authorizations other than those from NJDEP for the development, construction, or operation of the community solar facility (including local zoning and other local and state permits)

An Application that does not list all permits, approvals, or other authorizations that will be needed for the construction and operation of the proposed community solar facility will be deemed incomplete.

If a permit has been received, attach a copy of the permit.

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Permit Name	2	Date Permit Applied for (if applicabl	e) /
& Description	า	Date Permit Received (if applicable	-
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	the date of submission or ed location to build	and determined that, based on the capacity hose of the Application, there is sufficient capacity available the proposed community solar facture $\square$ Yes $\square$ N	able cility
available capacity.	creenshot of the capacity	hosting map at the proposed location, showing	the
	•	nt capacity, the Application will not be considered	•
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	) a letter from the relevant EDC indicating that	
= :		ation, or 2) an assessment from the relevant ED	
		t would be required to enable the interconnection	
the proposed syste	m, and a commitment fr	om the Applicant to pay those upgrade costs if	the
project were to be	selected by the Board.		
Exception: Projects	located in PSE&G service	e territory for which the hosting capacity map sho	ows
insufficient capacit	y available at the planr	ned location may be eligible for a waiver of	this
•	•	exercise this waiver, please check "Yes" below	
attach the w	aiver requirements	as described in the Board's Or	der:
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This project is exercising the PSE&G hosting capacity map waiver: ......  $\square$  Yes  $\square$  No

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6.	The Applicant has conducted an interconnection study for the proposed system (optional)
	If "Yes," include the interconnection study received from the EDC.
IX. Con	nmunity Solar Subscriptions and Subscribers
1.	Estimated or Anticipated Number of Subscribers (please provide a good faith estimate or range):
2.	Estimated or Anticipated Breakdown of Subscribers (please provide a good faith estimate or range of the kWh of project allocated to each category):  Residential: Commercial: Industrial: Other: (define "other":)
3.	The proposed community solar project is an LMI project*
4.	The proposed community solar project has a clear plan for effective and respectful customer engagement process
5.	The proposed community solar project will allocate at least 51% of project capacity to residential customers $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
6.	An affordable housing provider is seeking to qualify as an LMI subscriber for the purposes of the community solar project
	community solar subscription are being passed through to their residents/tenants?



Additionally, the affordable housing provider must attach a signed affidavit that the specific, substantial, identifiable, and quantifiable long-term benefits from the community solar subscription will be passed through to their residents/tenants.

If "No," please be aware that, if, at any time during the operating life of the community solar project an affordable housing provider wishes to subscribe to the community solar project as an LMI subscriber, it must submit a signed affidavit that the specific, substantial, identifiable, and quantifiable benefits from the community solar subscription will be passed through to its residents/tenants.

	residents/tenants.
7.	This project uses an anchor subscriber <i>(optional)</i>
	subscription:
8.	Is there any expectation that the account holder of a master meter will subscribe to the
	community solar project on behalf of its tenants? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
	If "Yes," what specific, identifiable, sufficient, and quantifiable benefits from the community solar subscription are being passed through to the tenants?
	Additionally, the account holder of the master meter must attach a signed affidavit that the specific, identifiable, sufficient, and quantifiable benefits from the community solar subscription will be passed through to the tenants.
	If "No," please be aware that, if, at any time during the operating life of the community solar project the account holder of a master meter wishes to subscribe to the community solar project on behalf of its tenants, it must submit to the Board a signed affidavit that the specific, identifiable, sufficient, and quantifiable benefits from the community solar subscription will be passed through to its tenants.
9.	The geographic restriction for distance between project site and subscribers is: (select one)  \( \subseteq \text{No geographic restriction: whole EDC service territory} \)  \( \subseteq \text{Same county OR same county and adjacent counties} \)
	$\square$ Same municipality OR same municipality and adjacent municipalities
	Note: The geographic restriction selected here will apply for the lifetime of the project, barring
	special dispensation from the Board, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.5(a).



10	Product Offering for LMI subscribers: (The Applicant must also complete and attach one or more product offering form(s) found in Appendix A. See Appendix A for exemptions.)
	The subscription proposed offers guaranteed or fixed savings to subscribers $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No If "Yes," the guaranteed or fixed savings are offered as:
	$\square$ A percentage saving on the customer's annual electric utility bill
	<ul><li>☐ A percentage saving on the customer's community solar bill credit</li><li>☐ Other:</li></ul>
	If "Yes," the proposed savings represent:
	$\square$ 0% - 5% of the customer's annual electric utility bill or bill credit
	$\square$ 5% - 10% of the customer's annual electric utility bill or bill credit
	$\square$ 10% - 20% of the customer's annual electric utility bill or bill credit
	$\square$ over 20% of the customer's annual electric utility bill or bill credit
	The subscription proposed offers subscribers ownership or a pathway to ownership of a share of the community solar facility $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
	If "Yes," include proof of a pathway to ownership of a share of the community solar facility offered
	to the subscribers in Appendix A.
11	Product Offering for non-LMI subscribers: (The Applicant must also complete and attach one or more product offering form(s) found in Appendix A. See Appendix A for exemptions.)
	The subscription proposed offers guaranteed or fixed savings to subscribers $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
	If "Yes," the guaranteed or fixed savings are offered as:
	$\square$ A percentage saving on the customer's annual electric utility bill
	<ul><li>☐ A percentage saving on the customer's community solar bill credit</li><li>☐ Other:</li></ul>
	If "Yes," the proposed savings represent:
	□ 0% - 5% of the customer's annual electric utility bill or bill credit
	☐ 5% - 10% of the customer's annual electric utility bill or bill credit
	☐ 10% - 20% of the customer's annual electric utility bill or bill credit
	over 20% of the customer's annual electric utility bill or bill credit
	The subscription proposed offers subscribers ownership or a pathway to ownership of a share of
	the community solar facility
	If "Yes," include proof of a pathway to ownership of a share of the community solar facility offered to the subscribers in Appendix A.



12. The list of approved community solar projects will be published on the Board's website. Additionally, subscriber organizations have the option of indicating, on this list, that the project is currently seeking subscribers. If this project is approved, the Board should indicate on its website that the project is currently seeking subscribers
*It is the responsibility of the project's subscriber organization to notify the Board if/when the project is no longer seeking subscribers, and request that the Board remove the above information on its website.
X. Community Engagement
<ol> <li>The proposed community solar facility is located on land or a building owned or controlled by a government entity, including, but not limited to, a municipal, county, state, or federal entity</li></ol>
The proposed community solar project is being developed by or in partnership or collaboration* with the municipality in which the project is located
3. The proposed community solar project is being developed by or in partnership or collaboration* with one or more local community organization(s) and/or affordable housing providers in the area in which the project is located □ Yes □ No



If "Yes," explain how and attach evidence of the project being developed by or in partnership or collaboration with the local community organization(s) and/or affordable housing providers.

\*Partnership or collaboration is defined as clear and ongoing involvement by the local community organization(s) and/or affordable housing providers in the approval of the design, development, or operation of the proposed community solar project (e.g. community organization owns the proposed site, community organization is facilitating subscriber acquisition or was involved in the design of the community solar product offering, etc.). Documentation must be specific to the project described in this Application; "generic" documentation of support that applies to multiple projects submitted by the same Applicant will not be accepted.

_	projects submitted by the same Applicant will not be accepted.
4.	The proposed community solar project was developed, at least in part, with support and in
	consultation with the community in which the project is located* $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
	If "Yes," please describe the consultative process below.
	*A community consultative process may include any of the following: letter of support from
_	municipality and/or community organizations and/or local affordable housing provider
	demonstrating their awareness and support of the project; one or more opportunities for public
	intervention; and/or outreach to the municipality and/or local community organizations and/or
	affordable housing provider.

#### XI. Project Cost

This section, "Project Cost," is optional if: 1) the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), AND 2) the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a RFP, RFQ, or other bidding process. In all other cases, this section is required.

1. Provide the following cost estimates and attach substantiating evidence in the form of an unlocked Excel spreadsheet model:

Applicants are expected to provide a good faith estimate of costs associated with the proposed community solar project, as they are known at the time the Application is filed with the Board. This information will not be used in the evaluation of the proposed community solar project.



2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.7(q), "community solar projects shall be eligible to apply, via a one-time election prior to the delivery of any energy from the facility, for SRECs or Class I RECs, as applicable, or to any subsequent compensations as determined by the Board pursuant to the Clean Energy Act." Consistent with the Clean Energy Act of 2018, the Board is no longer accepting applications for the SREC Registration Program ("SRP"). Projects granted conditional approval to participate in PY2 will be eligible to apply for the TI Program.

For indicative purposes only, please indicate all local, state and federal tax incentives which will be applied to if the proposed community solar project is approved for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program:

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XII. Other Benefits	
<ol> <li>The proposed community solar facility will be paired with storage If "Yes," please describe the proposed storage facility:</li> </ol>	🗆 Yes 🗆 No
a. Storage system size: MW	MWh
b. The storage offtaker is also a subscriber to the propo	osed community solar facility
	□ Yes □ No
*Community solar credits will only be provided to community solar	generation; credits will not be
provided to energy discharged to the grid from a storage facility (i.e. n	o "double counting").
The proposed community solar facility will be paired with one or r	
If "Yes," how many EV charging stations:	
Will these charging stations be public and/or private?	
Please provide additional details:	



3.	The proposed community solar facility will provide energy audits and/or energy efficiency improvements to subscribers
4.	The proposed community solar project will create temporary or permanent jobs in New Jersey ☐ Yes ☐ No
	If "Yes," estimated number of temporary jobs created in New Jersey:
	If "Yes," estimated number of permanent jobs created in New Jersey:
	If "Yes," explain what these jobs are:
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5.	The proposed community solar project will provide job training opportunities for local solar
	trainees
<u> </u>	If "Yes," will the job training be provided through a registered apprenticeship? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
	If "Yes," identify the entity or entities through which job training is or will be organized (e.g.
	New Jersey GAINS program, partnership with local school):
VIII Sn	ecial Authorizations and Exemptions
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1.	Is the proposed community solar project co-located with another community solar facility (as
1.	defined at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.2)? □ Yes □ No
	If "Yes," please explain why the co-location can be approved by the Board, consistent with the
	provisions at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9



2.	<ul> <li>Does this project seek an exemption from the 10-subscriber minimum?</li></ul>
3.	Specific sections throughout the Application Form are identified as optional only if: 1) the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), and 2) the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a RFP, RFQ, or other bidding process. Is the Applicant a government entity that plans to select the developer via such bidding process?
008	If "Yes," attach a letter describing the proposed bidding process and a copy of the request for bids (RFP, RFQ, or other bidding document) that is ready to be issued if the project is granted conditional approval by the Board. The Applicant must further commit to issuing said RFP, RFQ, or other bidding process within 90 days of the proposed project being approved by the Board for participation in the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program. The Applicant will be required to provide the information contained in those optional sections to the Board once it becomes known.
4.	Has the proposed community solar project received, in part or in whole, a subsection (t) conditional certification from the Board prior to February 19, 2019?
5.	The Board has proposed an amendment to the Pilot Program rules, which, if approved, would allow municipally-owned community solar projects to submit an application for a project that requests an exemption from the provisions at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.10(b)(1) mandating subscriber enrollment via affirmative consent (i.e. an opt-out community solar project). Projects that intended



to utilize opt-out subscriber enrollment if the proposed rule amendment is approved by the Board must indicate such intent below. If the Application is selected but the proposed rule amendment is not approved by the Board, the project will be required to proceed using affirmative consent (i.e. "opt-in") subscriber enrollment rules, as currently provided for in the Pilot Program rules at N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.10(b)(1).

A. This Application is for an opt-out community solar project $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
B. The proposed opt-out project will be owned and operated by the municipality for the duration of the project life (excluding a possible period of temporary third-party, tax-credit investor ownership to maximize the financeability of the opt-out project, subject to appropriate contractual provisions that maintain the municipality's ultimate control of the proposed opt-out project)
If "No," the project will not be considered for eligibility as an opt-out community solar project.
C. The proposed opt-out project has been authorized by municipal ordinance or resolution
If "Yes," attach a copy of the municipal ordinance or resolution allowing the development, ownership, and operation an opt-out community solar project, contingent on the proposed rules being approved by the Board.  If "No," the project will not be considered for eligibility as an opt-out community solar project.
D. The proposed opt-out project will allocate all project capacity to LMI subscribers
If "No," the project will not be considered for eligibility as an opt-out community solar project.
E. Describe the process by which the municipality will identify the customers that will be automatically enrolled in the proposed opt-out project:

F. The municipal applicant has reviewed the proposed rule amendment allowing for opt-out projects, and agrees to adhere to the proposed rules and any subsequent modification if they are approved by the Board. The applicant understands that any approval for the project to operate as an opt-out community solar project is contingent on the proposed rule amendment being approved by the Board. The applicant understands that, if the proposed rule amendment is not approved by the Board, the project, if approved, will be required to



adhere to the existing "opt-in" rules for subscriber enrollment (N.J.A.C. 14:8-9.10(b)(1)).
□ Yes□ No
Attach an affidavit that the municipal project owner will comply with all applicable rules and
regulations, particularly those relating to consumer privacy and consumer protection.



#### **Section C: Certifications**

Instructions: Original signatures on all certifications are required. All certifications in this section must be notarized; instructions on how to submit certifications will be provided as part of the online application process. Certifications must be dated after October 3, 2020: PY1 certifications may not be reused in PY2.

#### **Applicant Certification**

The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that:

- 1) I, Rafael Dobrzynski (name) am the Authorized Person (title) of the Applicant Commerce Solar LLC (name) and have been authorized to file this Applicant Certification on behalf of my organization; and
- 2) The information provided in this Application package has been personally examined, is true, accurate, complete, and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, based on personal knowledge or on inquiry of individuals with such knowledge; and
- 3) The community solar facility proposed in the Application will be constructed, installed, and operated as described in the Application and in accordance with all Board rules and applicable laws; and
- 4) The system proposed in the Application will be constructed, installed, and operated in accordance with all Board policies and procedures for the Transition Incentive Program, if applicable; and
- 5) My organization understands that information in this Application is subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47-1A-1 et seq., and that any claimed sensitive and trade secret information should be submitted in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3; and
- 6) I acknowledge that submission of false information may be grounds for denial of this Application, and if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment to the full extent of the law, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

Signature: Ne July	Date: 1/2(e/Z)	
Print Name: Rafael Dobrzynski		***************************************
Title: Authorized Person	Company: Commerce Solar LLC	NINA CANNA
Signed and sworn to before me on this 20Th  Signature  Janna Gventher  Name	day of Joinvory 2021	NOTATION COMMISSION THERE



#### Project Developer Certification

This Certification "Project Developer / Installer" is optional if: 1) the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), AND 2) the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a Request for Proposals (RFP), Request for Quotations (RFQ), or other bidding process. In all other cases, this Certification is required.

The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that:

- 1) I, Rafael Dobrzynski (name) am the Authorized Person (title) of the Project Developer Commerce Solar LLC (name) and have been authorized to file this Applicant Certification on behalf of my organization; and
- 2) The information provided in this Application package has been personally examined, is true, accurate, complete, and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, based on personal knowledge or on inquiry of individuals with such knowledge; and
- 3) The community solar facility proposed in the Application will be constructed, installed, and operated as described in the Application and in accordance with all Board rules and applicable laws; and
- 4) The system proposed in the Application will be constructed, installed, and operated in accordance with all Board policies and procedures for the Transition Incentive Program, if applicable; and
- My organization understands that information in this Application is subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47-1A-1 et seq., and that any claimed sensitive and trade secret information should be submitted in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3; and
- 6) I acknowledge that submission of false information may be grounds for denial of this Application, and if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment to the full extent of the law, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

Signature: Whi // // // //	Date: 1/21/21
Print Name: Rafael Dobrzynski Title: Authorized Person	Company: Commerce Solar LLC
Signed and sworn to before me on this 26 Th  Signature  Granna Gventher  Name	day of January 2021



#### **Project Owner Certification**

The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that:

- 1) I, Rafael Dobrzynski (name) am the Authorized Person (title) of the Project Owner Commerce Solar LLC (name) and have been authorized to file this Applicant Certification on behalf of my organization; and
- 2) The information provided in this Application package has been personally examined, is true, accurate, complete, and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, based on personal knowledge or on inquiry of individuals with such knowledge; and
- 3) The community solar facility proposed in the Application will be constructed, installed, and operated as described in the Application and in accordance with all Board rules and applicable laws; and
- 4) The system proposed in the Application will be constructed, installed, and operated in accordance with all Board policies and procedures for the Transition Incentive Program, if applicable; and
- 5) My organization understands that information in this Application is subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47-1A-1 et seq., and that any claimed sensitive and trade secret information should be submitted in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3; and
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#### **Property Owner Certification**

The undersigned warrants, certifies, and represents that:

inquiry of individuals with such knowledge; and

- 2) The information provided in this Application package pertaining to siting and location of the proposed community solar project has been personally examined, is true, accurate, complete, and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, based on personal knowledge or on
- 3) My organization or I understand that information in this Application is subject to disclosure under the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47-1A-1 et seq., and that any claimed sensitive and trade secret information should be submitted in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3; and
- 4) I acknowledge that submission of false information may be grounds for denial of this Application, and if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment to the full extent of the law, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.





# Subscriber Organization Certification (optional, complete if known)

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#### Appendix A: Product Offering Questionnaire

Complete the following Product Offering Questionnaire. If there are multiple different product offerings for the proposed community solar project, please complete and attach one Product Offering Questionnaire per product offering. Variations in any product offering require a separate Product Offering Questionnaire. Applicants are expected to provide a good faith description of the product offerings developed for the proposed community solar project, as they are known at the time the Application is filed with the Board. If the proposed project is approved by the Board, the Applicant must notify the Board and receive approval from the Board for any modification or addition to a Product Offering Questionnaire.

Exception: This "Product Offering Questionnaire" is optional if: 1) the Applicant is a government entity (municipal, county, or state), AND 2) the community solar developer will be selected by the Applicant via a Request for Proposals (RFP), Request for Quotations (RFQ), or other bidding process. This Questionnaire is Product Offering number \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ (total number of product offerings). This Product Offering applies to: ☐ LMI subscribers ☐ non-LMI subscribers ☐ both LMI and non-LMI subscribers 1. Community Solar Subscription Type (examples: kilowatt hours per year, kilowatt size, percentage of community solar facility's nameplate capacity, percentage of subscriber's historical usage, percentage of subscriber's actual usage): 2. Community Solar Subscription Price: (check all that apply) ☐ Fixed price per month ☐ Variable price per month, variation based on: \_\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ The subscription price has an escalator of % every 3. Contract term (length): \_\_\_\_\_ months, or \_\_\_\_\_ years OR □ month-to-month 4. Fees ☐ Sign-up fee: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Early Termination or Cancellation fees: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other fee(s) and frequency: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Does the subscription guarantee or offer fixed savings or specific, quantifiable economic benefits



If "Yes," the savings are guaranteed or fixed:	
$\square$ As a percentage of monthly utility bill	
$\square$ As a fixed guaranteed savings compared to average historic bill	
$\square$ As a fixed percentage of bill credits	
☐ Other:	

6. Special conditions or considerations:







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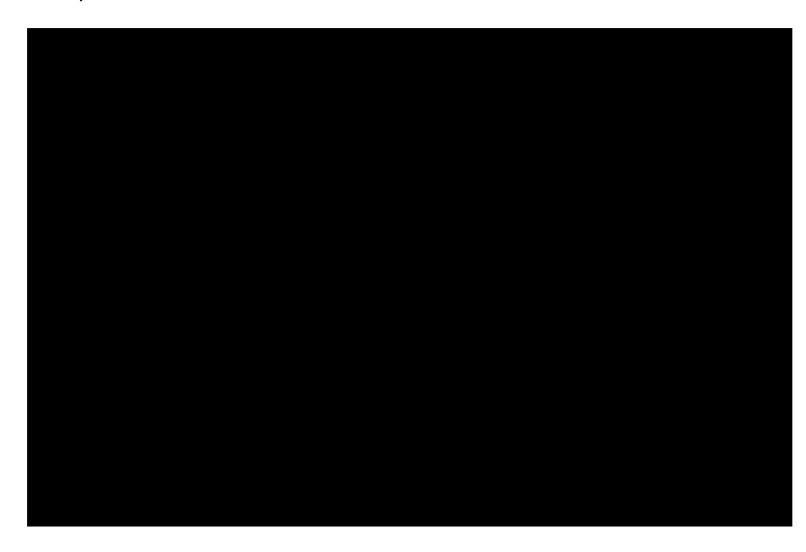
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## **VIII. Hosting Capacity Map**

Commerce Solar has an output of 2 MW AC. This feeder has sufficient capacity to interconnect to the ACE distribution system. Dimension obtained an interconnection study for a larger project (4 MW AC vs. 2 MW AC in current proposal). The current 2 MW AC project design is based on the results of that previous study.







## Appendix G – Interconnection Study

Date: July 30, 2019

Dear Mr. Youneszadeh:

# Re: PJM Queue Position AE2-101, "Nortonville 12 kV" Feasibility Study Report and System Impact Study Agreement

Enclosed is a report documenting the results of the PJM queue project AE2-101 "Nortonville 12 kV" Feasibility Study. The results of this study are predicated on a year 2022 transmission system and based on PJM's best assumptions at the present time for load growth and for connection of proposed new generation additions. Feasibility Studies are performed to determine the facilities required for interconnection and to define the cost and timing for construction of direct connection facilities and transmission network upgrades required for the reliable interconnection of a generation project to the transmission system.

The direct connection facilities, network upgrades costs, and associated timing described in the attached report is based upon estimates given to PJM by the Atlantic City Electric Company (ACE). The costs, if any, are your responsibility as the Interconnection Customer.

Pursuant to section 204.3 of the PJM Tariff, attached is a System Impact Study Agreement for your consideration. The Agreement must be executed and in PJM's possession within thirty (30) days **(by close of business on Friday, August 30, 2019** in order to maintain the project's position in the queue. Per PJM Manual 14A, Table 5.2.1-2, a deposit of **\$15,000** is required to accompany the signed Agreement.

PJM is now utilizing the DocuSign electronic signature program for executing agreements. Please follow the instructions provided by that program to execute the Agreement. If you are not familiar with, or not able to use the DocuSign process, please contact me immediately.

Please ensure that all requirements of Section 204 of the PJM Tariff are completed when returning the System Impact Study Agreement including specifying the Point of Interconnection if more than one option was provided in the Feasibility Study Report.

Using your CAM account, you may access the Impact Study data form through the same dashboard as the Attachment N form - <a href="https://planningcenter.pjm.com/queuepoint/">https://planningcenter.pjm.com/queuepoint/</a>. This information must be returned by **August 30, 2019** in order to maintain this project's queue position.

Costs for the Feasibility Study are being tabulated and you will receive an invoice in the near future. If you desire to discuss the Feasibility Study Report or the System Impact Study Agreement in more detail, please call me at (610) 666-4566 or email me at <a href="mailto:Kenneth.Graff@pjm.com">Kenneth.Graff@pjm.com</a>. A meeting or teleconference will be arranged at your convenience.

The following information is provided for wire transfers: Bank: PNC Bank, NA, New Jersey; ABA Number: 031-207-607; Account Number: 8013589826. Please e-mail Jeannette Mittan at <u>Jeannette.Mittan@pjm.com</u> with the project's name, queue number, date, and amount of wire.

Sincerely,

Ken Graff PJM Interconnection LLC Interconnection Projects 610-666-4566

# Generation Interconnection Feasibility Study Report

For

# PJM Generation Interconnection Request Queue Position AE2-101

"Nortonville 12 kV"

#### **Preface**

The intent of the Feasibility Study is to determine a plan, with approximate cost and construction time estimates, to connect the subject generation interconnection project to the PJM network at a location specified by the Interconnection Customer. As a requirement for interconnection, the Interconnection Customer may be responsible for the cost of constructing: Network Upgrades, which are facility additions, or upgrades to existing facilities, that are needed to maintain the reliability of the PJM system. All facilities required for interconnection of a generation interconnection project must be designed to meet the technical specifications (on PJM web site) for the appropriate transmission owner.

In some instances an Interconnection Customer may not be responsible for 100% of the identified network upgrade cost because other transmission network uses, e.g. another generation interconnection or merchant transmission upgrade, may also contribute to the need for the same network reinforcement. The possibility of sharing the reinforcement costs with other projects may be identified in the Feasibility Study, but the actual allocation will be deferred until the System Impact Study is performed.

Study estimates do not include the feasibility, cost, or time required to obtain property rights and permits for construction of the required facilities. The Interconnection Customer may be responsible for the right of way, real estate, and construction permit issues. For properties currently owned by Transmission Owners, the costs may be included in the study.

#### General

Dimension NJ 1, LLC, the Interconnection Customer (IC), has proposed a 4.0 MW Energy (1.68 MW Capacity) solar generating facility to be located near Swedesboro, Gloucester County, New Jersey. PJM studied the AE2-101 project into the Atlantic City Electric Company (ACE) system as an injection into the Nortonville Substation (PSSE Bus # 228326) and evaluated it for compliance with reliability criteria for summer peak conditions in 2022. AE2-101 was studied with a commercial probability of 53%. The in-service date, as requested by the IC during the project kick-off call, is March 2, 2020. This date may not be attainable due to required PJM studies and the Transmission Owner's construction schedule.

#### **Point of Interconnection**

The IC requested a distribution level Point of Interconnection. As a result, the AE2-101 project will interconnect with the Atlantic City Electric Company distribution system at the Nortonville 69/12 Substation as follows (see Attachment 1):

- The 4 MW generation facility will connect to a new 40 MVA 69/12 kV transformer at the Nortonville Substation via a new express feeder.

#### **Direct Connection Requirements**

Criteria Limits for Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Connections to the ACE, DPL and Pepco Distribution Systems (less than 69kV)

1. Single Phase Limit

Any DER with a capacity that exceeds 100 kW shall be a balanced three-phase system.

#### 2. Voltage Limits

DER's are permitted to cause a voltage fluctuation of up to 2% at the Point of Interconnection, ½ the band width of any voltage regulator at its terminals, and ½ the net dead band of a switched capacitor bank at its connection point. When a DER is at maximum output, it shall not raise the feeder voltage above the ANSI C84.1 or state limit, whichever is more conservative.

#### 3. Existing Distribution Circuit Capacity Limits

The aggregate limit of large (250 kW and over) generators running in parallel with a single, existing distribution circuit is 0.5 MW on the 4 kV, 3 MW on the 12 kV, 6 MW on the 25 kV, and 10 MW on the 34 kV.

#### 4. Express Circuit Capacity Limits

Distributed generation installations which exceed the criteria limit for an existing circuit require an express circuit.

The maximum generator size for express circuits, depending on transformer capacity, shall be:

•	4 kV	0.5 MW
•	12 - 13.8  kV	10 MW
•	23 - 25  kV	10 MW
•	33.26 – 34.5 kV	15 MW

#### 5. Distribution Power Transformer Limit

The aggregate limit of large (250 kW and over) generator injection to a single distribution transformer of 22.5 MVA nameplate or larger is 10 MW. Transformers with nameplate ratings lower than 22.5 MVA will be given lower ratings on an individual basis. If the transformer rating is significantly greater than 40 MVA it may be possible to consider a greater generation capacity.

Adding a new transformer will be considered if there is no availability on any of the existing transformers and space is available in an existing substation. Any proposed transformers would be ACE's standard distribution transformer.

#### **6. Express Circuit Length Limit**

If there is no space for an additional transformer at the closest substation, the next closest substation will be considered. The length of an express circuit is limited to 5 miles, or for the sake of the feasibility study, 3.8 straight line miles to the substation. This simplification is used because the feasibility study phase does not allow for the time and resources to examine routes in detail (including existing pole lines, easements, ROW, and environmental issues etc.)

#### 7. When a New Substation is Required

If a distribution express circuit can't be built from an existing substation for a project, it will be necessary to construct a new distribution substation with a standard ring bus design. It will be supplied by extending existing transmission lines. It is the developer's responsibility to verify eligibility of this configuration for solar renewable energy certificates.

All limits, given above in MW, are subject to more detailed study to ensure feasibility.

#### **Transmission Owner Scope of Work**

Transmission Owner scope of work required to accommodate 4 MW of generation via an express feeder from a new transformer at Nortonville Substation:

- 1. Install a 40 MVA 69/12 kV transformer at Nortonville Substation.
- 2. Design and construct one new 12 kV feeder with 477 AAC from Nortonville Substation to the generation site approximately 2.65 miles.
- 3. Construct one new 12 kV feeder terminal position.
- 4. Install and operate a utility-owned recloser equipped with the proper relaying and communications.
- 5. Install and operate utility grade primary metering.
- 6. Install a direct transfer trip scheme. Approximately 3 miles of 48SM ADSS fiber optic cable was estimated for this report to provide the communication channel from Nortonville Substation to the PV site. (Secondary tree-trimming may also be required.)
- 7. Establish generation telemetry and remote trip capability to be provided to the control center via fiber.

<b>High Level Estimates</b>						
Nortonville Substation						
New Transformer			\$5,000,000			
Feeder Terminal			\$720,000			
Express Feeder	2.65	mi.	\$1,728,000			
Fiber Installation	3	mi.	\$364,000			
Substation Relaying			\$71,000			
Telecommunications Equipment			\$159,840			
Recloser & Metering			\$92,000			
SCADA Integration into EMS			\$11,500			
Miscellaneous Engineering Costs			\$69,000			
Approximate Total Cost			\$8,215,340			

The estimated time to complete this work is 18 - 24 months after receipt of a fully executed interconnection agreement.

#### **Interconnection Customer Scope of Work**

The IC is responsible for all design and construction related to activities on their side of the Point of Interconnection. Site preparation, including grading and an access road, as necessary, is assumed to be by the IC. Route selection, line design, and right-of-way acquisition of the direct connect facilities is not included in this report and is the responsibility of the IC.

Protective relaying and metering design and installation must comply with ACE's applicable standards. The IC is also required to provide revenue metering and real-time telemetering data to PJM in conformance with the requirements contained in PJM Manuals M-01 and M-14 and the PJM Tariff.

The IC will be required to make provisions for a voice quality phone ("plain old telephone" or "POT") line within approximately 3 feet of each ACE metering position to facilitate remote interrogation and data collection.

The IC shall provide a protection and interrupting device deemed acceptable by ACE to protect the Facility. The protection and interrupting device shall be located at a mutually agreeable location on the Interconnection Customer side of the Point of Interconnection.

A mutually acceptable means of interrupting and disconnecting the generator with a visible break, able to be tagged and locked out, shall be worked out with ACE Distribution Engineering.

#### **Power Factor Requirement**

The generators used for this project shall be capable of operating at a power factor (or schedule) specified by ACE in the range of 0.95 leading to 0.95 lagging. It is the responsibility of the developer/customer to obtain equipment that can operate with these requirements while also meeting all applicable requirements of IEEE and UL standards such as, but not limited to, IEEE 1547 and UL 1741.

For this project, operate inverters at a lagging power factor of  $(\underline{0.99})$  absorbing volt-ampere reactive ("VAR") continuously.

#### **Inverter Requirements (if applicable):**

#### The inverter at the DG location shall have the following capabilities:

- Voltage flicker reduction through dynamic VAR or fixed power factor response
- Ramp rate control
- SCADA communications
- Curtailment or other mitigation ability if high voltage were to occur
- Disturbance Ride through for both Voltage and Frequency
- Ability to receive and respond to a transfer trip signal
- Ability to adjust power factor or VAR based on utility signal
- Ability to Adjust Real Power Output based on utility signal
- Ability to operate on a Volt/VAR schedule
- Ability to maintain a voltage schedule

The inverter(s) shall operate in accordance with both the IEEE 1547 and UL 1741 series of standards that have been approved and use default settings except when specified otherwise by ACE. While inverters should be capable of voltage stabilization through dynamic VAR response and capable of low voltage and system disturbance ride through, neither of these capabilities will be implemented until such time that the IEEE 1547 series of standards are revised and approved to include standards

for these capabilities. At such time as these revised standards become available, the generation owner/operator shall cooperate with ACE to implement these capabilities with settings acceptable to ACE. Until such time, the inverters shall operate with a fixed power factor value between 0.95 lead and 0.95 lag as specified by ACE.

#### **Security Requirements**

It is the responsibility of the owner to secure the generator or inverter from any unauthorized access (including physical and remote access) which could alter settings or adversely affect its ability to operate as required. Security measures should include utilizing secure password settings and/or physical locks on cabinet doors.

#### **High Voltage Warning**

Typically, voltage received at the meter from the utility can be up to 105% of nominal (without generation on). Normal operating procedures dictate that voltage at the substation be raised to the higher end of an acceptable bandwidth in order to provide adequate supply to distant customers. It is recommended that transformers with no load taps should be used to adjust secondary voltage to avoid the possibility of inverter trips. Failure to account for this may result in lost energy production.

#### **Additional Operating Requirements**

- 1. ACE will require the capability to remotely disconnect the generator from the grid by communication from its System Operations facility. This will be accomplished with a line recloser.
- 2. It is the IC's responsibility to send the data that PJM and ACE requires directly to PJM (or in some cases to ACE directly). The IC will grant permission for PJM to send ACE the following telemetry that the IC sends to PJM: real time MW, MVAR, volts, amperes, generator/status, and interval MWh and MVARh.
- 3. ACE reserves the right to charge the IC operation and maintenance expenses to maintain the IC attachment facilities, including metering and telecommunications facilities, owned by ACE.

### **Summer Peak Analysis - 2022**

#### **Transmission Network Impacts**

Potential transmission network impacts are as follows:

#### **Generator Deliverability**

(Single or N-1 contingencies for the Capacity portion only of the interconnection)

None

#### **Multiple Facility Contingency**

(Double Circuit Tower Line, Fault with a Stuck Breaker, and Bus Fault contingencies for the full energy output)

None

#### **Contribution to Previously Identified Overloads**

(This project contributes to the following contingency overloads, i.e. "Network Impacts", identified for earlier generation or transmission interconnection projects in the PJM Queue)

None

#### **Summer Peak Load Flow Analysis Reinforcements**

#### **New System Reinforcements**

(Upgrades required to mitigate reliability criteria violations, i.e. Network Impacts, initially caused by the addition of this project generation)

None

#### **Contribution to Previously Identified System Reinforcements**

(Overloads initially caused by prior Queue positions with additional contribution to overloading by this project. This project may have a % allocation cost responsibility which will be calculated and reported for the Impact Study)

None

#### **Short Circuit**

No issues identified.

#### **Stability and Reactive Power Requirement**

To be performed during later study phases if required.

#### **Light Load Analysis - 2022**

Light Load Studies to be conducted during later study phases (as required by PJM Manual 14B).

#### Potential Congestion due to Local Energy Deliverability

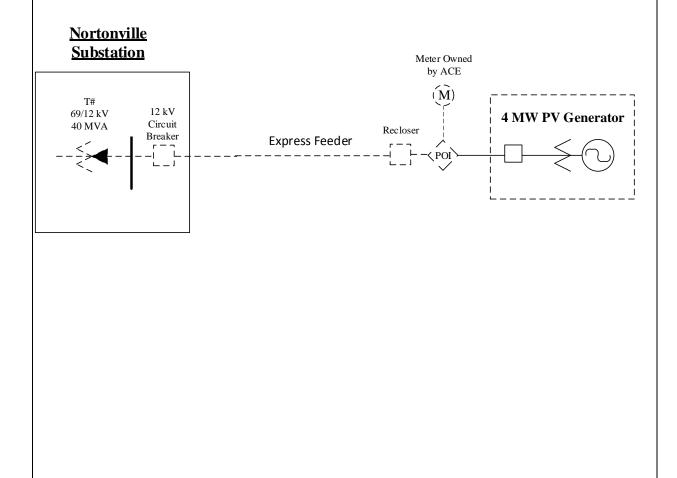
PJM also studied the delivery of the energy portion of this interconnection request. Any problems identified below are likely to result in operational restrictions to the project under study. The developer can proceed with network upgrades to eliminate the operational restriction at their discretion by submitting a Merchant Transmission Interconnection request.

Note: Only the most severely overloaded conditions are listed below. There is no guarantee of full delivery of energy for this project by fixing only the conditions listed in this section. With a

Transmission Interconnection Request, a subsequent analysis will be performed which shall study all overload conditions associated with the overloaded element(s) identified.
None

# **AE2-101**

# Nortonville 69/12 kV Sub 4 MW PV Solar Generator







### Appendix F - Example LMI Outreach Plan





### **Appendix G – LMI Implementation Resources**



#### **BUYING GUIDE**

# Community Solar for New Jersey Residents

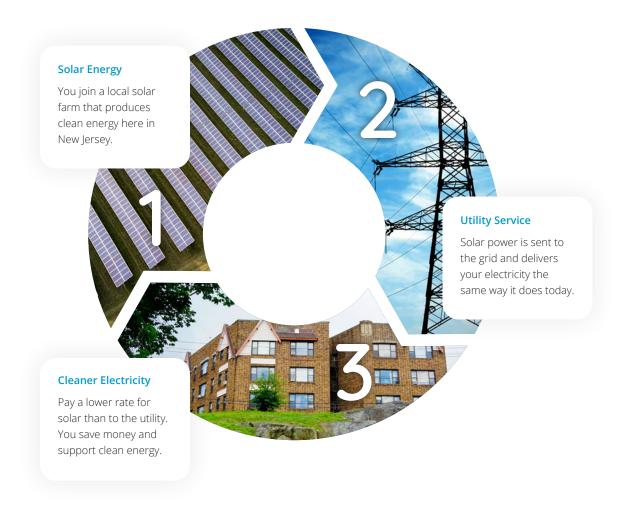
There is a new way to adopt solar energy and reduce energy costs even if you don't own your home.



#### **HOW IT WORKS**

## Community Solar

A new program allows any New Jersey resident to subscribe to solar and reduce monthly electricity costs.





#### No Panels At Home

With community solar, there are no solar panels on your home. You simply subscribe to a portion of a project's electricity. If you rent or live in an apartment, this is how you can save money with solar.



#### **Reduce Utility Costs**

For each kilowatt-hour of electricity from the community solar project, you earn a credit on your utility bill. Households typically pay about 10 to 15 percent less for solar than for standard utility power.



#### **Support Clean Energy**

By joining a local community solar project, you are choosing 100 percent renewable energy. Your actions help create a cleaner New Jersey and support further renewable industry job growth in the state.



#### **GETTING STARTED**

# Answers to common questions.

#### Who can join?

Anyone who pays an electric bill to a major New Jersey utility (PSE&G, Orange & Rockland Electric, Jersey Central Power & Light, or Atlantic City Electric) can join a community solar project.

#### How do I find a project?

You can join by enrolling through a "Subscriber Organization". For up to date program information, you can visit the <u>New Jersey Clean Energy Program website</u>.

#### Does it cost money to sign up?

Community solar is free to join. You just pay for each kilowatthour of electricity from your solar project. In return, you receive a credit on your existing utility bill.

#### Is there a benefit for low- to moderate-income customers?

New Jersey's Community Solar Program is designed to offer low-to moderate-income (LMI) households access to the benefits of solar. Every solar project has reserved capacity to serve LMI households.

#### Do I keep my utility company?

Yes. You will continue to receive power from your electricity company just like you do today, whether it may be PSE&G, O&R, JCP&L, or ACE.

#### Will I pay two electricity bills?

Under the current community solar framework, you will pay two bills. One will be your bill to your existing utility provider (ex. PSE&G) and it will be much lower than before because you are getting credits for participating in community solar. The second bill will be to your "Subscriber Organization" to pay for your community solar credits. Together, the total amount you pay should be 10 to 15 percent less than you are currently paying to your utility today.

#### **HOW TO SUBSCRIBE**

# Steps to adopting local community solar.

#### Sign up.

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#### Receive your electricity.

Electricity will be delivered to your home by your existing utility, the same way it is today. You simply pay a lower rate for solar energy and receive a credit on your existing electricity bill. If your solar discount is 10 percent, then you will always save 10 percent on each kilowatt-hour of electricity from solar compared to the credit that you will receive on your existing utilty bill.

#### Support clean energy.

Your subscription will support growth of renewable energy across New Jersey. Your decision will directly offset other forms of electricity, such as from coal or natural gas.







Dimension Renewable Energy strives to be more than a market participant by paving the way toward clean energy access for all, nationwide.

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#### **NEW JERSEY**

# How Community Solar Works

A new program in New Jersey allows residents to subscribe to a portion of the output of a local solar project.

- No Panels At Home
- Support Clean Energy
- Local NJ Solar
- Save On Electricity



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## Where are community solar projects?

Each solar project is located within your utility service territory in New Jersey, creating local jobs and clean energy benefits.



#### **GETTING STARTED**

# Eligibility and benefits of community solar.

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#### **BEST PRACTICES**

# Important things to know before subscribing.

#### Check the fees.

A good community solar contract should not have any upfront charges or termination charges. Simply put, you should only pay for your share of the electricity generated from the community solar project and it should not cost anything extra to join.

#### Check on payment.

Industry best practice is to charge a fixed percentage discount for your share of the community solar project. If this discount is 10 percent, then you will always save 10 percent on each kilowatthour of electricity from solar compared to the credit that you will receive on your existing utilty bill.

#### Privacy should be respected.

Subscriber organizations should be treating customers with respect and keeping privacy protected. No intrusive documentation should be required (ex. tax returns) to join and you should not have to provide a FICO score.







Dimension Renewable Energy strives to be more than a market participant by paving the way toward clean energy access for all, nationwide.

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### Appendix H – Letters of Support

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Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue 3rd Floor, Suite 314 CN 350 Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: Dimension Renewable Energy application for NJ Community Solar Energy Pilot Program

Dear President Fiordaliso,

I am writing to express my support for Dimension Renewable Energy's application to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program.

It is my understanding that Dimension Renewable Energy is seeking to build community solar projects in Logan Township, Deptford Township, and West Deptford Township with enough capacity to serve more than 2,700 families. Dimension serves low- and moderate-income families and is committed to community engagement and workforce development. Additionally, Dimension's work in creating, and financially supporting, a solar installer certificate training program at Community Colleges throughout the State will create opportunities for people in underserved communities to become part of New Jersey's growing renewable energy sector.

Once again, I express my support for the Dimension Renewable Energy's application to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program. Please do not hesitate to contact Shaun O'Connor of my staff with any questions or concerns at (856) 427-7000, or <a href="mailto:Shaun.OConnor@mail.house.gov">Shaun.OConnor@mail.house.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Donald Norcross Member of Congress

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## Appendix I - Project Cost Evidence





Appendix J - Energy Audit





Appendix K –





**Appendix** > - Workforce Development, Example Plan





## Appendix M - New Jersey EPC Partnership