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## ***STRATEGIC UPDATE SERVICE – MSEIA SOLAR REPORT OCTOBER 2015 SUMMARY***

### **Strategic Highlights**

**New Jersey State Senate passes bill making it easier for customers to use solar energy.** Senator Christopher Bateman's bill to provide Energy Star-certified homeowners with financial incentives to install solar panels passed the New Jersey Senate on October 22. The bill, [S1413](#), requires the Board of Public Utilities to give preference to these homeowners when awarding financial incentives for installing solar panels. The bill now awaits assignment to a committee in the Assembly. *View the entry [here](#)...*

**New Jersey BPU to make revisions to the Renewable Energy Incentive Program.** Due to an increase in the Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRP) registrations, BPU Staff is proposing modifications to the Renewable Energy Incentive Program (REIP) budget. Staff issued a request for comments on October 22 and comments were filed on October 29. While the overall REIP budget will remain unchanged, the proposed transfer will provide sufficient funds to process the anticipated volume of SRP registrations...

**Comments filed on proposed revisions to NJCEP Protocols.** The proposed revisions to the New Jersey Clean Energy Program's (NJCEP) protocols, which estimate energy savings or renewable energy generation from projects that receive NJCEP incentives, would use the assumption that each kilowatt of installed solar PV generation capacity annually produces 1,200 kWh of electricity. The estimated annual output of a generation unit would be calculated as installed capacity (in kW) multiplied by 1200 (kWh) to yield a value in kWh. The New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel filed [comment](#) on October 16 emphasizing that the solar energy production forecast should be updated with actual data soon after the solar systems commence operation. *View the entry [here](#)...*

**New poll shows bipartisan support for more renewable energy in New Jersey.** A new [poll](#), made publically available on October 22, found that nearly 80 percent of New Jersey residents believe the state should invest in developing more renewable energy sources such as wind and solar, and 62 percent think the pace at which the state is developing and adopting renewable alternatives is too slow. The poll was conducted by Fairleigh Dickinson University's PublicMind for the New Jersey Conservation Foundation...

**Clean energy campaign launched.** In tandem with the poll results, a new campaign was launched by environmental advocates in mid-October called [Rethink Energy NJ](#). The goal of the initiative is to inform citizens about the need for a swift transition to clean energy and a move away from fossil fuel reliance. Campaign supporters include the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association and Pinelands Preservation Alliance...

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<p>NJ Office of Clean Energy Programs (NJCEP)</p> <p><a href="#">Revisions to the Renewable Energy Incentive Program</a></p> <p>Issued on 10/22/15.</p>	<p>Due to an increase in the Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SREC Program or SRP) registrations, Staff is proposing modifications to the Renewable Energy Incentive Program (REIP) budget. The proposed modifications are being circulated for public comment.</p> <p>The SREC Registration Program is used to register the intent to install solar projects in New Jersey. Rebates are not available for solar projects, but owners of solar projects must register their projects in the SRP prior to the start of construction in order to establish the project's eligibility to earn SRECs. Registration of the intent to participate in New Jersey's solar marketplace provides market participants with information about the pipeline of anticipated new solar capacity and insight into future SREC pricing.</p>	<p>Intelligence on proposed budget modifications to the Renewable Energy Incentive Program in order to allow for more SREC program registrations.</p>	<p>Staff issued a request for comment on the proposed modifications to the REIP (10/22/15). Program manager Honeywell is requesting the transfer of \$1,491,112.72 across budget categories within the REIP. The overall REIP budget will remain unchanged. The proposed transfer will provide sufficient funds to process the anticipated volume of SRP registrations.</p> <p>Comments were due (10/29/15).</p>	<p>Awaiting next action from the NJCEP.</p>

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NJ Utilities <a href="#">SREC II Financing Program</a>	Utilities Atlantic City Electric (ACE), Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L), and Rockland Electric Company (RECO) have issued a request for proposals (RFP) to select solar projects with which to enter into contracts for the purchase of SRECs.	Opportunity to sell SRECs in the NJ market.	Informational webinar held (8/28/15).  Participant registrations were due to the Market Manager (9/28/15).  The <a href="#">Consolidated Application</a> was due (10/12/15).	Awaiting award announcement, expected by 12/7/15.

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NJBPU Docket No. Q015040476 Q015040477 Q015091097  <i>Opened on 9/28/15.</i>	<p>The NJ Clean Energy Program's (NJCEP) Commercial and Industrial (C&amp;I) Market Manager, BPU Staff, and the Environmental Defense Fund proposed a one-year pilot Pay for Performance-Investor Confidence Pilot Program (P4P/ICP). The purpose is to increase investor confidence that energy efficiency upgrades to existing commercial and multi-family housing will yield meaningful return on investment.</p> <p>The pilot program will be run by the New Jersey Clean Energy Program.</p>	<p>Intelligence on market adoption of energy efficiency upgrades for commercial and multi-family housing units.</p>	<p>NJBPU issued order approving plan (10/15/15). The state will use the pilot to consider adopting the standards more broadly into its Pay for Performance Existing Building program. Applicants will have the option of participating in the pilot as an alternative compliance path, or following the traditional Pay for Performance Program requirements. The pilot program's incentives have been modified, to offset costs that may be associated with providing additional quality assurance and data to meet the Investor Confidence Pilot Program ICP requirements.</p>	<p>Applications will begin to be accepted by the NJCEP in 12/15.</p>

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<p>NJ Office of Clean Energy Programs (NJCEP) <a href="#">Proposed Revisions to NJCEP Protocols</a>  <i>Issued on 9/21/15.</i></p>	<p>The NJCEP Protocols is a document approved by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) that lays out the algorithms and inputs used to estimate energy savings or renewable energy generation from projects that receive NJCEP incentives. NJCEP Staff is proposing a number of revisions to these protocols.</p> <p>Of note, the proposed revisions include a simplification of the measurement of customer-sited solar PV generation under the SREC Registration Program. The proposed revisions would use the assumption that each kilowatt of installed capacity annually produces 1,200 kWh of electricity. The estimated annual output of a generation unit would be calculated as installed capacity (in kW) multiplied by 1200 (kWh) to yield a value in kWh.</p>	<p>Changes to the measurement of the output of a given solar PV unit could impact the reporting and compliance requirements for projects received NJCEP funding.</p>	<p>Proposed revisions were issued for comment (<a href="#">9/21/15</a>).</p> <p>Written comments on the proposed revisions to NJCEP Protocols were filed (10/16/15). Worth noting, the <a href="#">Division of Rate Counsel</a> filed comments addressing the reporting on the Renewable Energy SREC Registration Program. The Rate Counsel suggested that the data source be provided for the annual estimated annual production factor of 1,200 Kwh per kW. They argue that otherwise, it's difficult to assess the reasonableness of this assumption. Rate Counsel also recommends that the solar energy production forecast be updated with actual data soon after the solar systems commence operation.</p>	<p>Awaiting next action.</p>

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<p>NJ Office of Clean Energy Programs (NJCEP)</p> <p><a href="#">Proposed Revisions to Treatment of Mixed Generation Behind a Single Meter</a></p> <p><i>Issued on 9/17/15.</i></p>	<p>NJ electric utilities have proposed changes to the handling of “mixed generation” (customers with net-metering eligible and ineligible generation types behind a single meter). The utilities propose installation of combined net-metering eligible &amp; non-eligible generation in one of two ways (at the utility’s discretion): (1) by installing controls on the operation of the generation or (2) by the installation of metering on the non-eligible generation to algorithmically differentiate between eligible and non-eligible generation. The any associated costs with accomplishing this would be at the customer’s expense under the utilities’ proposal.</p>	<p>Could result in new customer costs for properties with both Class I and other renewable energy generation on-site.</p>	<p>Proposed revisions issued for comment (9/17/15).</p> <p>Written comments on the proposed revisions were filed (10/17/15). A solar company, called A.F. Mensah (AFM), was the only party to submit <a href="#">comment</a> suggesting improvements to metering requirements, such as: options for customer meter eligibility, algorithmic determination of the NM eligible energy, and submission of meter data. Regarding interconnection requirements, AFM agrees that precautions need to be made to ensure that for net metering billing purposes, energy generate by non-eligible resources is not included in the amount of net generation from a facility.</p>	<p>Awaiting next action.</p>

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<p>NJ Office of Clean Energy Programs (NJCEP)</p> <p><a href="#">New Jersey Solar Installation Update</a></p> <p><i>Issued on 9/17/15.</i></p>	<p>NJCEP’s monthly update on the state’s solar installation capacity.</p>	<p>Market intelligence.</p>	<p>Issued (<a href="#">9/17/15</a>). The preliminary installed solar capacity as of 8/31/15 is approximately 1,534.4 MW. The preliminary solar project pipeline capacity as of 8/31/15 is approximately 412.7 MW, with 8,743 projects in solar pipeline.</p>	<p>Awaiting 9/15 Solar Market Update. <i>As of 10/27/15, Staff indicated that they are behind schedule and may decide to provide these updates on a quarterly basis, moving forward.</i></p>
<p>NJ Office of Clean Energy Programs (NJCEP)</p> <p><a href="#">Net Metering and Interconnection Standards (NMIX) Working Group</a></p>	<p>Stakeholder working group that meets regularly to discuss and resolve issues related to net metering and interconnection standards.</p>	<p>Opportunity to gain insight into net metering and interconnection issues in NJ, and propose other issues for discussion and resolution.</p>	<p>NMIX working group meeting held (<a href="#">9/17/15</a>). Among other issues, the following was discussed: (1) an update on the implementation of the EDC’s “Mixed Generation Proposal for Interconnection with NJ Class I RE”; (2) utility ACE’s efforts to maintain established timelines for interconnection and permission to operate rules; and (3) EDC update on draft revised interconnection agreement forms.</p>	<p><i>The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. ET on 12/15/15. The call-in number is: 877-873-8017; participant code: 2888150#</i></p>

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NJ Office of Clean Energy Programs (NJCEP) <a href="#">Renewable Electric Storage Working Group</a>	<p>Stakeholder working group that meets regularly to discuss and resolve issues related to renewable electric storage standards.</p> <p>Of note, the group is considering the proposed FY2016 Renewable Electric Storage Incentive program, which will provide financial incentives for energy storage systems that are integrated with Class 1 renewable energy projects installed behind-the-meter at customer sites.</p>	Opportunity to gain insight into renewable electric storage in NJ, and propose other issues for discussion and resolution.	<p>Working group meeting held (<a href="#">6/24/15</a>).</p> <p>Second Staff straw proposal released (<a href="#">9/15/15</a>).</p> <p>Joint comments on the straw proposal filed by Solar City and Eos Energy Storage (<a href="#">9/25/15</a>).</p> <p>A working group meeting was held (<a href="#">9/29/15</a>). Awaiting filing of the meeting notes.</p>	Awaiting next action.

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<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S2943</a> (<a href="#">Sarlo</a>)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 5/18/15.</i></p> <p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A4097</a> (<a href="#">Moriarty</a>)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/15/15.</i></p>	This bill revises the "Truth-in-Consumer Contract, Warranty and Notice Act," to prohibit consumer contracts from requiring consumers to waive or limit certain rights.	Might require changes to contractual language related to customer waivers or limitations of rights.	<p>Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee gave A4097 a favorable report (<a href="#">2/5/15</a>).</p> <p>S2943 was introduced and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee (<a href="#">5/18/15</a>).</p>	<p>Awaiting floor vote on A4097.</p> <p>Awaiting committee hearing on S2943.</p>



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<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S 2444</a> (<a href="#">Smith</a>) (<a href="#">Bateman</a>)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 10/9/14.</i></p> <p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A4224</a> (<a href="#">Eustace</a>)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 2/24/15.</i></p>	<p>Comprehensive revision to the state’s renewable portfolio standard (RPS). Beginning with setting an RPS requirement of 11% for 2015, the legislation would raise the required percentage of the state’s electricity load that must be from renewable sources to 20% by 2020, 30% by 2025, 40% by 2030, 50% by 2035, 60% by 2040, 70% by 2045, and 80% by 2050. The bill would also accelerate the timeline for and cap percentage of a utility’s load that can be provided by solar distributed generation (cap would be 10.319% in 2027, rather than the current 4.010% by 2027).</p>	<p>Could significantly raise cost of wholesale electricity in New Jersey but also provides strong new opportunities for solar distributed generation.</p>	<p>A4224 was introduced and referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (2/24/15).</p> <p>The Senate Environment and Energy Committee passed a friendly substitute to replace the original text of S2224. The substitute language continues to increase the RPS to 80% by 2050 (<a href="#">5/4/15</a>).</p> <p>S2444 was favorably reported out of committee and read for the second time in the Senate (5/7/15).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action on A4224.</p> <p>Awaiting Senate vote on S2444.</p>
<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S 1923</a> (<a href="#">Bucco</a>)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 4/28/14.</i></p>	<p>Requires establishment of regulations for solar panel installation, maintenance, and education, to be developed by the Commissioner of Community Affairs.</p>	<p>Regulatory barriers to solar panel deployment.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee (4/28/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>

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<p>Senate Bill  <a href="#">S1510 (Smith)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 2/27/15.</i></p>	<p>Authorizes municipalities to use private financing of different projects including energy conservation and renewable energy projects.</p>	<p>Could create new financing sources for municipalities to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy products.</p>	<p>S1510 was substituted by A2579 (3R) (6/25/15).</p>	<p>Awaiting Governor's action.</p>
<p>Assembly Bill  <a href="#">A2759</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 2/10/14.</i></p>	<p>As amended, this bill authorizes municipalities to facilitate private financing of water conservation, storm shelter construction, and flood and hurricane resistance projects through the use of voluntary special assessments, thereby expanding the "clean energy special assessment," and renaming it the "PACE special assessment."</p>		<p>A2579 passed both Houses (6/25/15).</p>	

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<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S1475 (Greenstein)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 2/17/14.</i></p> <p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A1770 (McKeon, Benson)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/14.</i></p>	<p>Requires the BPU to offer, as a minimum, the same level of incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency programs as those offered as of 1/1/11.</p> <p>Provides all classes of ratepayers with access to solar renewable energy certificates (SRECs).</p> <p>Increases the NJ renewable energy portfolio standard to 30% from Class I renewable energy sources by 2020.</p>	<p>Would provide significant increase in incentives for solar energy deployment.</p>	<p>A1770 was introduced and referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/16/14).</p> <p>S1475 was introduced and referred to Senate Energy and Environment Committee (2/27/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action on both bills.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bills as unlikely.</i></p>
<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S1116 (Doherty)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/30/14.</i></p> <p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A3101 (McHose, Space)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 5/8/14.</i></p>	<p>Would modify the definition of “inherently beneficial use” in the “Municipal Land Use Law,” so that wind and solar or photovoltaic energy facilities are only included if located on or above a parking lot, rooftop, or brownfield, and not within agricultural land or open space.</p>	<p>This bill could raise barriers to deployment of solar PV panels on farms and other land zoned for agricultural or other “open space” use.</p>	<p>S1116 was introduced and referred to Senate Energy and Environment Committee (1/30/14).</p> <p>A3101 was introduced and referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (5/8/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action on both bills.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bills as unlikely.</i></p>

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<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S986 (Connors)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/27/14.</i></p> <p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A764 (Rumpf, Gove)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/14.</i></p>	<p>Would authorize the BPU to use funds from the societal benefits charge for grants and low-interest loans to age-restricted communities (<i>i.e., senior communities</i>) to cover costs of the purchase and installation of photovoltaic technologies for use in age-restricted community clubhouse facilities.</p>	<p>Would provide additional financing for limited number of potential solar projects in senior housing.</p>	<p>A764 introduced and referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/16/14).</p> <p>S986 was introduced and referred to Senate Energy and Environment Committee (1/27/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action both bills.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bills as unlikely.</i></p>
<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S851</a> (Norcross, Beach)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/1/14.</i></p>	<p>Puts a number of new fire-related compliance requirements on solar PV, including notification of local fire officials after installation of a panel and inclusion of an emblem on the front of certain structure that has an installed solar PV system.</p>	<p>New compliance obligations for solar projects.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety Committee (1/1/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>

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<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S571</a> (<a href="#">Sarlo</a>, <a href="#">Oroho</a>)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/14/14.</i></p> <p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A2053</a> (<a href="#">Fuentes</a>, <a href="#">Quijano</a>)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/14.</i></p>	<p>Would establish a Study Commission on Solar Thermal Energy and a Solar Thermal Expansion Loan and Grant Program. The grant program would make \$10 million available for low-interest loans to the owners or operators of private commercial or industrial facilities that may be used exclusively for up to 50% of the cost installation of solar thermal systems.</p>	<p>Significant new financial incentives for commercial and industrial solar thermal projects.</p>	<p>S571 was introduced and referred to the Senate Environment and Energy Committee (1/14/14).</p> <p>A2053 was introduced and referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/8/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bills as unlikely.</i></p>
<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S473</a> (<a href="#">Madden</a>)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/14/14.</i></p> <p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A1737</a> (<a href="#">Eustace</a>)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/2014.</i></p>	<p>Would require the BPU to provide grants to residential customers that have been ordered by the BPU to purchase new “production meters” as a result of installing solar PV systems on their property. The grants would cover the cost of the new meters.</p>	<p>Would provide a financial benefit to customers with existing PV systems, but minor impact on future deployment of solar PV.</p>	<p>S473 was introduced and referred to the Senate Environment and Energy Committee (1/14/14).</p> <p>A1737 was introduced and referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/16/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action on both bills.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bills as unlikely.</i></p>

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<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S343 (Addiego)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/14/14.</i></p>	<p>Would give interconnection priority to a solar PV system installed on a public entity’s property versus a system installed on private property.</p>	<p>Could make interconnection times longer for residential customers but would also allow faster connection for public solar projects.</p>	<p>S343 was introduced and referred to the Senate Environment and Energy Committee (1/14/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>
<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S271 (Greenstein)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/14/14.</i></p>	<p>Provides that solar and photovoltaic energy facilities and structures on farmland are not an inherently beneficial use, per se, for purposes of zoning approvals.</p>	<p>This bill could raise barriers to deployment of solar PV panels on farms and other land zoned for agricultural use.</p>	<p>S271 was introduced and referred to the Senate Environment and Energy Committee (1/14/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>

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Senate Concurrent Resolution <a href="#">SCR172 (Whelan)</a>  <i>Introduced on 6/8/15.</i>  Assembly Concurrent Resolution <a href="#">ACR236 (Mazzeo, DeAngelo)</a>  <i>Introduced on 6/4/15.</i>	Urges the President and the Congress of the United States to expeditiously take action to extend the solar investment tax credit beyond 12/31/16.	While entirely symbolic, provides political support extensive of federal solar tax credits.	ACR236 was introduced and referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (6/4/15).  SCR172 reported favorably by Senate Energy and Environment Committee (6/8/15).	Awaiting committee action on ACR236.  Awaiting Senate vote on SCR172.

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<p>Assembly Bill  <a href="#">A4643 (Eustace)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on  6/29/15.</i></p>	<p>This bill would provide financial incentives for owners of solar generation systems.</p> <p>The reimbursement is only available for certain areas (“5 strategic zones,” to be designated by the BPU) as the primary goal of the bill is to reduce electric grid congestion. The incentives are only available to residential systems producing up to 25 kilowatts or for non-residential systems producing up to 200 kilowatts.</p> <p>For solar panel systems installed in the “strategic zones” after the bill’s effective date, the board is to reimburse an owner of a solar panel system 15 percent of the cost to install the solar panel system and \$1.50 per watt of energy produced by the solar panel system.</p>	<p>Further supports the use of residential and non-residential distributed renewable energy generation. Could potentially be a major incentive for to provide solar energy services.</p>	<p>A4643 was introduced and referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (6/29/15).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p>



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<p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A 2595 (McKeon)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 2/20/14.</i></p>	<p>Permits electric public utilities, electric power suppliers, and basic generation service providers to enter into certain agreements with building owners for use of solar energy systems for such buildings.</p>	<p>The purpose of the bill is to create an incentive to electric public utilities and suppliers to encourage more building owners to use solar energy systems for their buildings.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (2/20/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>
<p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A2589 (DeAngelo)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 2/20/14.</i></p>	<p>Establishes a “Solar Equipment Purchase and Installation Assistance Program” under the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to provide financial assistance to any qualified commercial building owner who purchases and installs solar photovoltaic energy equipment having a generating capacity of more than 100 kW.</p>	<p>Customer incentives for commercial solar projects.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (2/20/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>

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<p>Senate Bill <a href="#">S1413</a> (Smith) (Bateman)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 2/27/15.</i></p> <p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A2531</a> (McKeon)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 2/10/14.</i></p>	<p>Requires the BPU, when awarding financial incentives for the purchase and installation of solar PV, to give preference to equipment purchases and installations for residential dwellings that are certified as compliant with the requirements of the federal “Energy Star” program.</p>	<p>Would provide incentive for Energy Star products but provide obstacles to deployment of non-certified products.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (2/10/14).</p> <p><b>S1413 passed the Senate by a 36-1 vote (10/22/15).</b></p>	<p><b>Awaiting introduction and committee assignment of S1413 in the Assembly.</b></p>
<p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A2423</a> (Dancer)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 2/6/14.</i></p>	<p>Allows solar PV projects to be installed on certain wetlands areas while waiving certain permitting provisions.</p>	<p>Eases regulatory burdens for certain projects in wetlands.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (2/6/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>
<p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A2119</a> (Reed)</p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/14.</i></p>	<p>Prohibits any person or state entity from constructing, installing, or operating a large-scale solar facility adjacent to an area zoned for residential use without the approval of the Department of Environmental Protection.</p>	<p>Zoning restrictions for solar energy development.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/16/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>

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<p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A2059 (Fuentes)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/14.</i></p>	<p>Requires developers constructing certain renewable energy generation systems to ensure that such systems would be functionally integrated to the electric grid prior to commencement of construction.</p>	<p>New compliance obligations / project hurdles for project developers.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/16/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>
<p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A1758 (McKeon)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/14.</i></p>	<p>Would permit municipalities to establish renewable energy financing districts in order to make it easier to fund renewable energy improvements</p>	<p>Effectively would implement PACE financing in the state.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/16/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>
<p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A1526 (Rible, DeAngelo, Daniels)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/14.</i></p>	<p>Requires that, where feasible, the construction of all new State buildings include the installation of renewable energy systems powered by solar and geothermal energy sources.</p>	<p>Encourages deployment of solar PV in government buildings.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/16/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>

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<p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A1514 (DeAngelo, Gusciora, Wimberly)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/14.</i></p>	<p>Would clarify that homeowners' associations in common interest communities (such as senior housing) cannot prohibit the installation of solar collectors on the roof of any single family home or any townhouse located within such a community.</p>	<p>Would ensure that customers in senior housing communities cannot be prohibited from installing solar PV systems.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/16/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>
<p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A350 (Caputo)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/14.</i></p>	<p>Directs the Department of Transportation to conduct a study and on solar and wind energy installations; specifically examining the potential for and feasibility of solar and wind energy installations on State highways, the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway, and the Atlantic City Expressway.</p>	<p>Could result in new public opportunities for solar PV deployment; this would be a long-term play, however, as the bill would merely require a study.</p>	<p>Introduced and referred to Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/16/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p> <p><i>PRQ Note: as the two-year session will end at the end of the year and no action has been taken since introduction, we view action on the bill as unlikely.</i></p>
<p>Assembly Bill <a href="#">A 175 (Caputo)</a></p> <p><i>Introduced on 1/16/14.</i></p>	<p>Directs the state Department of Transportation, in consultation with other state entities, to study and report on certain solar and wind energy installations.</p>	<p>Examines the potential and feasibility of solar and wind energy installations on State highways, the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway, and the Atlantic City Expressway.</p>	<p>Introduced, and referred to the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee (1/16/14).</p>	<p>Awaiting committee action.</p>

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