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NOTICE¹

Docket No. QO18060646

New Jersey Community Solar Energy Pilot Program

Stakeholder Meeting - April 23, 2019

The Staff of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") invites all interested parties and members of the public to a Stakeholder Meeting to discuss the concepts of consolidated billing and Government Energy Aggregation ("GEA") in the context of the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program ("Pilot Program").

On May 23, 2018, P.L. 2018, c.17 (the "Clean Energy Act") was signed into law, directing the Board to adopt rules and regulations establishing a Community Solar Energy Pilot Program within 210 days. On January 17, 2019, the Board adopted the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program Rules. The adopted Rules provide the framework necessary for the development and implementation of community solar in New Jersey. Upon adoption, President Fiordaliso instructed Board Staff to explore the concepts of consolidated billing and GEA as they relate to the Pilot Program. The Rules were filed with the Office of Administrative Law and published in the New Jersey Register on February 19, 2019.

Staff therefore invites interested parties and members of the public to participate in a Stakeholder Meeting to discuss the potential implementation of consolidated billing and/or GEA within the Community Solar Energy Pilot Program.

All interested parties and members of the public wishing to speak are encouraged to register in advance via email to communitysolar@njcleanenergy.com no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday April 19, 2019**. Anyone wishing to speak without prior registration will be allowed to sign up to do so upon arrival at the Stakeholder Meeting, and will be called to speak following the preregistered speakers.

Written comments are also encouraged and must be submitted to Aida Camacho-Welch, Secretary, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, 44 South Clinton Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 314, CN 350, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Written comments may also be submitted electronically

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to communitysolar@njcleanenergy.com in PDF or Microsoft Word Format. All written comments must be received on or before **5:00 p.m. on Friday May 17, 2019**. Please note that these comments may be considered “public documents” for purposes of the State’s Open Public Records Act. Stakeholders may identify information that they wish to keep confidential by submitting them in accordance with the confidentiality procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:1-12.3.

Stakeholders are invited to submit general comments on the issues below. Staff requests detailed input on the following specific areas and questions:²

I. Consolidated Billing


- 1) Please describe the process and mechanism of consolidated billing as it would apply to community solar in New Jersey.
- 2) What measures would the BPU need to implement in order to establish consolidated billing?
- 3) What would be the benefits of implementing consolidated billing?
- 4) What costs would be associated with implementing consolidated billing? How would those costs be allocated? Should community solar subscriber organizations be charged a fee for the use of consolidated billing?
- 5) Could consolidated billing for community solar be established using the existing New Jersey Electronic Data Interchange (“EDI”) protocols? Why or why not?

II. Government Energy Aggregation

- 6) In what ways are the Pilot Program and existing GEA rules similar or dissimilar?
- 7) Are New Jersey’s community solar and GEA programs compatible? If so, how should they be integrated?
- 8) How would the recommendation under Question 7 be implemented? What changes would be necessary to existing rules or regulations (e.g. to the Pilot Program rules or the GEA program)?
- 9) How would the recommendation under Question 7 benefit ratepayers of New Jersey?

New Jersey Community Solar Energy Pilot Program Stakeholder Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Location: 520 Market Street
2nd Floor, Council Chambers
Camden, NJ 08102
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.


Aida Camacho-Welch
Board Secretary

Dated: April 11, 2019

² All answers should provide precise qualitative and quantitative justification (where appropriate), and specifically comply with the provisions in P.L. 2018, c. 17.