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NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING¹

IN THE MATTER OF THE DUAL-USE SOLAR ENERGY **PILOT PROGRAM**

Docket No. QO23090679

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("NJBPU" or "Board") invites all interested parties and members of the public to participate in a virtual Stakeholder Meeting for the First Application Period of the current solicitation round in Program Year 1 ("PY1") of the Dual-Use Solar Energy Pilot Program ("Pilot Program"). The Board announced the opening of the Pilot Program to prequalified applicants in an Order dated November 21, 2025². As indicated in the Order, the Pilot Program will target sixty-five (65) MW of solar generation for PY1. The application portal for the Pilot Program will open for prequalified applicants on January 14, 2026 and will remain open for submission until 11:59:59 PM on February 25, 2026. Board Staff ('Staff") invites all interested parties and members of the public to an informational session on the application process and recent Board Order on January 9, 2026.

In the October 2024 Order³, the Board approved all pre-qualification and application criteria recommended by Staff as well as the recommendation that eligible projects be selected through a competitive procurement. On January 6, 2025, Staff issued a Notice of Incentive Availability ("NOIA") with an initial annual capacity target up to fifty (50) MW and a scoring rubric approved by the Board in the October 2024 Order. The NOIA opened the pre-qualification application period to Expression of Interest ("EOI") submissions from January 6, 2025 to February 14, 2025.

In response to the NOIA, the Pilot Program received EOIs from thirty-three (33) prospective agrivoltaics projects totaling around 140 MW. These projects were proposed to be located in eleven (11) counties across New Jersey and represent a wide diversity of production systems on unpreserved farmland. Applicants proposed to co-locate solar energy with various agricultural and horticultural activities, ranging from soybean and hay production to specialty grains and vegetables, berries, mushrooms, and native tree shrubs, as well as animal production systems that feature sheep and cattle grazing. The types of solar arrays proposed also varied, with a mix of systems including fixed-tilt and single-axis tracking.

Staff evaluated the proposed projects in consultation with the Evaluation Committee. All projects received a letter of administrative deficiency or completeness, as applicable, and a letter of approval or denial to proceed in applying to the Board during the application period. Five (5) EOIs were not approved to submit applications due to noncompliance with program requirements and unresolved administrative deficiencies. The remaining twenty-eight (28) projects received approval letters.

In the most recent Order approved on November 21, 2025, in addition to revising the capacity target for the first solicitation, the Board ruled on capacity set asides, application fees, and minimum criteria in addition to those contained in the October 2024 Order for participation in the related solicitation round in Program Year 1. Staff will evaluate applications administratively and technically and will make recommendations to the Board. Then, the Board will approve, approve with conditions, or deny each application based on Staff's recommendations. The

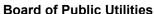
¹ Not a paid legal advertisement.

² In re Dual-Use Solar Energy Pilot Program, BPU Docket No. QO23090679, Order dated November 25, 2025 ("November 2025 Order").

³ In re Dual-Use Solar Energy Pilot Program, BPU Docket No. QO23090679, Order dated October 23, 2024, corrected on January 2, 2025 ("October 2024 Order").

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Board will make these determinations within 180 days of receipt of the applications, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture.

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Friday, January 9, 2026

TIME: 1-2pm

LOCATION Zoom Virtual Webinar

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN to83MDxVS7g3W0WYt9p69w REGISTER:

Staff will host the stakeholder meeting in collaboration with the New Jersey Clean Energy Program, the Rutgers Agrivoltaics Program, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. The hosts will present information on the application portal and submission requirements. There will be an opportunity for Q&A at the end of the presentation; answers to verbal and written questions will be posted on the solicitation portal website FAQ section.

Held via Webinar

Please note that the meeting will be conducted virtually. You must register for the meeting before attending. Please register at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled date. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and information about checking your system requirements in advance of the meeting. Participants should check their access devices in advance of the meeting to ensure that they will properly connect. Participants are invited to participate by utilizing the link or dial-in information provided in the registration confirmation email and may express their views. In order to encourage full participation, please submit any requests for needed accommodations, such as interpreters and/or listening assistance, 48 hours prior to the above meeting to the Board Secretary at board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov.

Questions on the program and this stakeholder process may be directed to dual-use@njcleanenergy.com.

Dated: December 26, 2025

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