

Successor Solar Incentive (SuSI) Program Administratively Determined Incentive (ADI) Program Solar Installer Training Webinar February 24, 2023

WEBINAR SUBMITTED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Question: What plans are being made to reduce the review timeline for as-built packages? Currently, the state is taking 4.5 months to even look at as-builts once. When reviewed, any incomplete kickbacks received that are resolved are being put BACK into the same 4.5 delay. When it takes your team 9 months to final out a project, it's extremely likely the expiration date will come up first.

Answer: The ADI Program is experiencing an extraordinary volume of incomplete final packets that are being submitted. The ADI Processing team is working diligently to get through these delayed timelines; however, due to the number of incomplete submissions and incomplete re-submissions the processing timelines continue to increase. Many times, the ADI Processing team is reviewing a final packet twice and at times, three or four times. We encourage you to please use the Final As- Built Checklist to ensure completed final packets are being submitted. The ADI portal includes tasks to perform that will guide you through each required document to help you manage your uploads and final submissions. Please perform these tasks to ensure that all documents have been uploaded. To avoid any future delays, please utilize these resources to prevent any incomplete submissions which will ultimately help in reducing the current processing timelines.

2. Question: Recently, we have begun receiving notifications saying a previously incomplete project only has 7 days to resolve issues. We feel this is extremely unreasonable to have your team take such a large amount of time and only give us 7 days to resolve.

Answer: The timelines for processing an ADI registration packet is at two weeks. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:8-11(f)2, the SuSI Program allows 7 business days to cure any minor deficiencies with your ADI registration packet. We encourage you to use the ADI Initial Registration Checklist to avoid having any deficiencies in your ADI registration packet. The ADI Initial Registration Checklist can be found on the ADI Program page on the NJ Clean Energy website and will also appear prior to starting a registration in the ADI portal. Once you click the "Begin Application Process" button on the homepage of the ADI portal the ADI Initial Registration Checklist will appear. The ADI portal includes tasks to perform that guides you through each required document to help you manage your uploads and registration submissions. You can find the rules on the NJ Clean Energy website. To identify how minor and major registration deficiencies are defined, please see the document "Identifying Major and Minor Deficiencies in your ADI Registration".



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3. Question: Do you give consideration to a project that was submitted prior to receiving PTO but since there is a delay in the approval of reservation, the PTO was received before even receiving the approval.

Answer: Currently, ADI initial registrations are just under 2.5 weeks out for processing. The ADI rules do not allow a solar facility to begin construction prior to the issuance of an ADI acceptance letter.

4. Question: When we use the Excel sheets to find previous application ID numbers for Add Ons, it appears to not always have enough detail to be sure we are obtaining the correct ID number. Can we have more detail on these sheets?

Answer: For confidentiality purposes, we cannot include any additional information to the public solar reports that are posted on the New Jersey Clean Energy website. If you are having difficulty finding the previous project number, please contact NJREINFO@NJCleanEnergy.com.

5. Question: Will there be another program after the 66MW are consumed for residential market? What will be the next program when the allocated MW for residential market is consumed?

Answer: The ADI Program is the permanent New Jersey solar program for residential and non-residential solar facilities that are up to 5 MW (dc) in size. The ADI Program Energy Year 2023 Capacity Blocks will remain open to new registrations for each market segment on a first come, first serve basis until the MW block for that market segment is fully subscribed, or until June 1, 2023, whichever comes first. In May 2023, the Board will establish the available capacity for each market segment's "megawatt block" for Energy Year 2024, which will begin on June 1, 2023.

Guestion: Why does a deficiency in an application get moved back to the end of the line? There are sometimes trivial rejections that shouldn't warrant an application to have to wait 90+ days for rereview. Why not have a review process similar to the Utilities Interconnection process? When there is a deficiency, a "Resubmission" is an expedited review and doesn't move back to the end of the line.

Answer: The ADI Program is experiencing a significant volume of incomplete initial registrations and final submissions. All ADI registration submittals and re-submissions for deficiencies are reviewed on a first come, first serve basis. To be fair, participants that cure their registration deficiencies in a timely manner, will be re-reviewed in date order. Regardless of the type of deficiency, all ADI registrations are reviewed in the order that they are received.

To prevent any delays in processing registrations or final packets, we recommend that you use the ADI Initial Registration Checklist and the Final As Built Checklist which can be found on the New Jersey's Clean Energy ADI Program page.



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The ADI Program Installer Training Webinar Slide Deck and Recording can be found on the <u>ADI Program</u> Page and on the Homepage of the <u>ADI portal</u>.

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