



***New Jersey's Clean Energy Program***  
**Renewable Energy Committee Meeting**  
**Web-ex**  
**September 20, 2016**

**Renewable Energy Meeting Update**

This was the first RE stakeholder meeting conducted entirely via webinar. Staff and AEG are proposing to develop a future schedule of quarterly in-person meetings in Trenton and a web-ex every other month.

**Disclaimer:** Scott read the disclaimer

**Regulatory Update:** (Scott Hunter)

The August 24<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda Meeting included two separate applications seeking a declaratory judgement or a waiver of the rules on site for purposes of net-metering. These agenda items addressed two motions intervene on the net metering and interconnection issues by the utilities (PSEG & JCPL). A third agenda item addressed the request submitted by Electric Distribution Companies to extend the EY15 RPS compliance reporting deadline from October 1.

**Program updates:** (Mike Ambrosio)

AEG plans to issue an email to the RE listserv on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and will advise of a specific time that the installation and pipeline reports will be posted on the NJCEP website. This way everyone should have access to the reports at the same time.

**Installation Report:**

No major changes to the report format. 20 MW of cumulative installed capacity from projects with Permission to Operate (PTOs) issued by the EDCs in various months were added to the installation report issued last month. Number of estimated installations and capacity continues to shrink as AEG staff work off the backlog of final as-builts submitted in paper format.

**Monthly Installation Report:**

Note: Footnote changes. The delay between when a project obtains the PTO and when it is reported via submission of final as-built paperwork is significantly higher than what we originally estimated.

**Grid Supply:**

Note: Footnote and Table. The number of projects did not change, but the final as-built installed capacity dropped by 7 MW. 6 of the projects were included on the July report because there was a reported PTO (issued by the EDCs in various months), but we had not yet processed finals. We had previously reported on the capacity based on the initial registration (capacities anticipated to be installed). When the finals were processed the capacity was updated reflecting over an aggregate 7 MW

drop with no change to project count. AEG has adjusted the monthly table for the actual installation for that month.

- Northpark -PTO in February
- Lumberton PTO in April
- Honey, NJR and Greenwich PTO in May
- Constellation PTO in June

***Pipeline Report:***

23 MW higher this month than previous month. Estimated final as-built packets received are still the backlog of paper that we haven't gotten through yet. Number is shrinking every month. We know that they are installed, but PTO has not yet been entered. This row should be deleted once we get through backlog.

**Data Cleanup:**

We've attempted to clean up data in our system (i.e. focused on company names based on the way that registrations were data entered and the way they were submitted).

**SREC Trading Statistics:**

In discussion with PJM-EIS GATS to ensure that they are able to reproduce this report since the data originates with GATS, they will be posting this *soon and AEG will cease this task.*

**SRP PROGRAM OPERATIONS UPDATE:** (Tammy Vanblarcom)

***Registrations submitted*** in August: 2824 registrations. We issued 3100 acceptance letters in August. We are 2-3 days out on registrations and issuing acceptance letters.

***Finals:*** we have processed almost 3,000 NJ Certification Numbers in August. We are up to July 5 for reviewing those that are submitted. On top of 2673 + 800 = 3480 significant number of incomplete registrations that are coming in.

We have about 1200 finals pending in paper to be reviewed. We are up to July 7 for review. We are hoping to see timelines decrease in next couple of weeks.

We are working on updating forms and checklists to streamline the process.

*High volume of incomplete finals*

***New Drop off Procedures:***

If you have need to meet or talk to someone on the SREC Registration Processing team at AEG, just let us know so we can set up appointment. We have established hours of 8AM-4 PM for paper drop off. After 4pm, we are considering adding a drop box and applications using the drop box would be stamped as received on the next business day.

AEG will be relocating offices from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor in next few weeks.

**RE STORAGE:** (Katie)

No changes on applications received or approved. One application is close to completing the technical review and moving on to next step.

Legacy Biomass projects (Bergen County) has been completed and we are paying out an incentive to the project right now. Information will be updated regarding the installed status.

**Solar Act Update:** (Scott Hunter)

**Subsection (q):** No new updates; 6-7 EY16 projects with May 31, 2017 completion requirement still pending construction completion.

**Subsection (r ):** No new updates – As reported last month, staff is in “interim” process of developing straw proposal. Straw will include EOI list. A recommendation will be presented to the Board after RPS rule amendments have been adopted. Making way through process of rule adoption.. Based on timing for RPS rule adoption, staff anticipates one or two application rounds in Energy Year 2017 based on process approved by Board.

**Subsection (t):** One application for conditional certification that we anticipate going before to the Board in October.

**Subsection (s):** Four projects that were approved by board that are under development according to board order approved back in June. These 4 projects have been registered in the SREC Registration Program.

**Interconnection Update:** (John Teague)

No new update – most interconnection issues involve miscommunication between contractor (developer, installer or sales staff) and customers.

The EDCs are doing well handling interconnection process that has been laid out and no major problems in that regard. As for 3<sup>rd</sup> party owner, slight increase in some complaints from customers. Staff is trying to address those issues.

ACE Meeting on Distributed Energy Resource issues (resulting from the Exelon Pepco Merger) Tues October 4<sup>th</sup> between 10-3 PM in Mays Landing all day meeting and NJOCE will be attending that meeting. Go online Atlantic City Electric Greenpower Connection page to register.

**RPS Issues:** (Ron Jackson)

Board agenda item on 8/24 regarding the extension request for EY 16 RPS compliance reporting submitted to Office of Clean Energy. Reporting period extended to November 1, 2016 and that’s when all reports are due. In addition, starting on September 1<sup>st</sup> the Board approved a reconciliation process open through September 30<sup>th</sup>, during which time suppliers will have the opportunity to reconcile their retail sales on the PJM-EIS GATS system. Staff does not foresee the Board granting anymore extensions. Board Staff plans to meet with EDCs, suppliers and providers to make sure that the deadline is met for this reporting period.

After the Board meeting, Staff was authorized to release the RPS EY 15 compliance results. All information on website at NJcleanenergy.com.

**Other Business:**

ACE requested that NJCEP distribute the October 4 meeting information to the RE listserv.

**Next Meeting:**

RE Web-ex Meeting to take place on October 20<sup>th</sup>