

# New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

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### **Christie Administration Approves First-Of-Its-Kind Energy Storage Solicitation Awards**

TRENTON, N.J. - The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) has approved the State's first ever energy storage incentive commitments totaling \$2.908 million for 13 proposed projects that will install energy storage systems integrated with customer-sited renewable energy generating facilities. The incentive commitments stem from the Board's FY2015 Renewable Electric Storage Incentive Solicitation, a first-of-its-kind competitive solicitation to support the installation of renewable electric storage systems. The Board's action continues the Christie Administration's commitment to a diverse portfolio of reliable, in-state generation.

"As we all learned through Superstorm Sandy, projects that improve resiliency at critical facilities are top priorities," said Board President Richard S. Mroz. "New Jersey's Clean Energy Program now encourages islanded power systems at critical facilities that are otherwise consistent with the program's resiliency, environmental and energy production goals through a first-of-its-kind energy storage incentive program."

The incentive commitments support the installation of renewable electric storage systems for the purpose of providing emergency back-up power for essential services, offsetting peak loads by shifting electricity to hours of higher demand and helping to stabilize the electric distribution system through the provision of frequency regulation services. The initiative seeks to incentivize the addition of energy storage systems integrated with renewable energy generating facilities serving government, commercial, institutional and industrial entities, including public and critical facilities such as water and wastewater treatment plants, hospitals, communications centers, schools and public safety facilities

The 13 approved projects, along with the electric distribution company (EDC) that serves each site and the kilowatt (kW) capacity of each project are as follows:

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>EDC Territory</b>	<b>Storage Capacity (kW)</b>
Rice Elementary School, Marlton	ACE	500
Borough of Buena Municipal Utilities Authority	ACE	750

Cumberland County Utilities Authority	ACE	1,500
Atlantic County Utilities Authority	ACE	1,000
Monmouth County Bayshore Outfall Authority	JCP&L	500
Franklin Township Board of Education	JCP&L	500
Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority	JCP&L	250
East Amwell School Board of Education	JCP&L	500
Lawrenceville School	PSE&G	1,000
Paramus High School	PSE&G	250
Jersey City Municipal Services Complex	PSE&G	1,250
Demasi Middle School, Marlton	PSE&G	250
Marlton Middle School	PSE&G	500
	<b>Total</b>	8,750

All of the above storage projects will be integrated with existing or proposed solar energy systems. The Atlantic County Utilities Authority project will also be linked to that facility’s wind energy system.

A total of 22 applications requesting more than \$4.6 million in total incentives were submitted during the October 23 – December 8, 2014, application period. Applicants were required to define the incentive amount necessary, while providing the ratepayer with the greatest benefit at the least cost. To allow the funding to be spread among the greatest number of applicants, incentives were capped at the lesser of \$500,000 or 30% of the project’s total installed cost.

Applicants were scored on four criteria categories: Financial and Economic Viability; Project Readiness; Technical Feasibility and Resilience. The projects were ranked in order of their scores and a recommendation was made to the Board to consider awarding incentives to the highest-ranking applications with incentives totaling up to the \$3 million budget previously approved by the Board.

The Board directed staff to reconvene the Renewable Electric Storage Working Group to provide stakeholder input into the future direction of the renewable electric storage program. A public stakeholder process will inform plans for the program in FY16.

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About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP)

*NJCEP, established on January 22, 2003, in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), and its website is [www.NJCleanEnergy.com](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com).*