



SREC Registration Program Update

Clean Energy Act

Pursuant to the Clean Energy Act of 2018 (P.L. 2018, c. 17), the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”) must close the Solar Registration Program (SRP) to new registrations upon the attainment of 5.1 percent of the kilowatt-hours sold in the State from solar electric power generators connected to the distribution system. By Order dated February 27, 2019, Docket No. QO18070698, the Board clarified its interpretation of this section of the Act as follows:

- *Projects previously determined to be eligible for SRECs by meeting the October 29, 2018 registration deadline and satisfying all other applicable requirements shall be eligible to create SRECs after the State’s attainment of the 5.1% milestone*
- *Projects in the SRP pipeline that did not submit a completed registration or application for designation or conditional certification before midnight of October 29, 2018, and that have not commenced commercial operation when the Board determines that the 5.1% milestone has been reached, may not be eligible for SRECs.*

The Board is monitoring the progress of the market toward achieving the 5.1% milestone and will determine when it has been achieved.

The Act also shortened the SREC Qualification Life from 15 to 10 years. In the same Order noted above the Board Ordered Board Staff to apply a 10-year SREC Qualification Life to all applications submitted after October 29, 2018. Please see the Board’s Order for additional details.

<https://www.state.nj.us/bpu/pdf/boardorders/2019/20190227/2-27-19-8H.pdf>

SREC Eligibility for Adding Capacity to a Previously Installed Solar System

Solar systems meeting one of the following three criteria will have two options regarding metering for the add-on capacity:

1. **Both** the initial and add-on registrations were submitted on or before October 29, 2018
2. **Both** the initial and add-on registrations were submitted after October 29, 2018, or
3. The initial registration was submitted on or before October 29, 2018, the add-on registration was submitted after October 29, 2018, **and** the remaining SREC Qualification Life is less than 10 years:

Two Options

- 1) If a new solar production meter is installed for the add-on capacity, then the add-on capacity will receive a new certification number and a:

- a) 15-year SREC Qualification Life if the registration for the add-on capacity was submitted on or before October 29, 2018
 - b) 10-year SREC Qualification Life if the registration for the add-on capacity was submitted after October 29, 2018
- 2) If a new solar production meter is ***not*** installed, then the add on capacity would retain the remaining Qualification Life of the initial registration.

For add-on projects where the registration for the initial project was submitted on or before October 29, 2018 and the registration for the add-on capacity was submitted after October 29, 2018, **and** the remaining SREC Qualification Life of the initial registration exceeds 10-years:

- 1) A new solar production meter ***is required*** for the add-on capacity to be eligible to receive SRECs.

The assigned Project Numbers and the Permission to Operate (PTO) dates for previously installed solar systems can be found on the Solar Installation Report at [SRP Solar Reports](#)

For additional examples and tables for adding capacity to a previously installed solar system, please see [2019 SRP Guidebook](#)

[2019 New SRP Checklists and Forms](#)

Please use all updated 2019 Checklists and Forms that are posted on the NJCEP Website njcleanenergy.com

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