



Successor Solar Incentive (SuSI) Program Competitive Solar Incentive (CSI) Program CSI Initial Registration Checklist

The CSI Program will be open to new registrations from projects that qualify as new net metered non-residential solar facilities greater than five megawatts (dc), qualifying grid supply solar facilities and grid supply solar facilities paired with electric storage. CSI eligible facilities will only be allowed to register in the CSI program upon award of a bid pursuant to **N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.10**.

Solar facilities that have commenced commercial operation prior to the opening of the CSI Program, December 7, 2022, are not eligible to participate in the CSI Program unless the Board grants a waiver in response to a petition. Additionally, solar facilities seeking eligibility in the CSI Program must submit a CSI registration packet and receive a notice of conditional registration pursuant to **N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.5(g)**, prior to beginning construction, unless otherwise granted special dispensation by the Board.

For solar facilities located on contaminated sites or landfills seeking eligibility in the CSI Program, solar developers must submit a completed Contaminated Site or Landfill Eligibility Verification form and a NJDEP Permit Readiness form with their registration packet as well as, submit copies of these forms to NJDEP for review. Following NJDEP review, the Board will issue an Order granting conditional certification for the solar site, or denying conditional certification. The Board Order granting conditional certification must be uploaded to the CSI online portal prior to the issuance of a CSI acceptance letter.

Grid supply project developers are encouraged to work with PJM and the relevant Electric Distribution Company (EDC) to determine feasibility, impact and other requirements prior to executing a contract for construction and submitting a CSI Registration Packet.

This checklist provides a list of the requirements for submitting a CSI Initial Registration packet. A grid supply solar facility is defined as a solar electric power generation facility that sells electricity at wholesale and is connected to the State's electric distribution or transmission systems.

For a registration to be deemed complete and conditionally accepted in the CSI Program, the following requirements must be satisfied. All registrations must be submitted in the CSI online portal.

- Pursuant to **N.J.A.C. 14:8-11.2**, a **Site Plan** signed and sealed by a licensed professional engineer that includes all features that may affect performance and construction of the solar system.
- A completed **CSI Registration Certification Form** with all the appropriate signatures. All sections must be completed and should match the information submitted in the CSI online portal. If using electronic signatures, upload the Certificate of Completion or signature Verification Sheet.
- For Grid Solar Facilities **Documentation of the determination by PJM or the EDC** confirming that the point of interconnection is located on the EDC's distribution system serving NJ. The registrant must work with the EDC representative to obtain this written determination. Submit either a letter from the EDC or the executed Interconnection Service Agreement (ISA).



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- A **Milestone Reporting Form** is required to be submitted with the initial CSI Registration packet and quarterly thereafter until the Post Construction Certification Packet (Final As- Built) is submitted. Quarterly reports must be submitted to the CSI Processing Team within two weeks of the quarter ending on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. Quarterly reports can be submitted via email to njreinfo@njcleanenergy.com.

A **Completed and Signed CSI Technical Worksheet**. The authorized representative for each party listed at the bottom of the Technical Worksheet must sign the form in the designated space. The parties are defined as the Premise Contact, Primary Contact, and Installer/Developer. If using an electronic signature, please upload the Certificate of Completion or the signature Verification Sheet.

- For net metered solar facilities, a Utility Bill showing the site host's name, address, account number and electric tariff
- For net metered solar facilities (above 5 MW dc), **written authorization from the EDC** providing conditional approval to install.
- A copy of the **Board Order** as evidence of the project's accepted bid into the CSI Program.
- A **contract** between the primary installer or third-party owner, as applicable, and the bidder or customer of record must be submitted within one year of the date of conditional registration.
- For **Solar Facilities on Contaminated Site or Landfill**, a completed **Contaminated Site and Landfill Eligibility Verification form**.
- For **Solar Facilities on Contaminated Site or Landfills**, a **NJDEP Permit Readiness Checklist** showing evidence of applications for all discretionary land use approvals and entitlements applicable to the solar project. This standard form can be found on the NJ Clean Energy website.



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Solar facilities conditionally approved via Board Order shall not be permitted to increase the capacity referenced in the Board Order by more than 20 percent or 25 kW (dc), whichever is smaller.

Commence Commercial Operations (Construction Complete) is defined as the date of the EDC Permission to Operate (PTO).

Solar Facilities must be connected to the distribution or transmission system owned or operated by a New Jersey Electric Distribution Company. Solar facilities connected to the grid owned or operated by a New Jersey Municipal Electric Utility are eligible to participate in the CSI program.

Project developers must follow the Interconnection process required by PJM Interconnect LLC. and facilitated by the EDC serving the location where the proposed project will be interconnected.

Registrants must also obtain authorization to energize their interconnected system from their EDC or PJM Interconnect LLC and submit this documentation with the Final As-Built Packet (Post Construction Certification packet)

Registrations conditionally accepted in CSI will have 36 months to complete the installation and submit a complete Post Construction Certification package.

Tranches and Megawatt Caps

Tranche	MW (dc)
Basic Grid Supply	140
Grid Supply on the Built Environment	80
Grid Supply on Contaminated Sites and Landfills	40
Net-Metered Non-Residential Solar Facilities above 5 MW (dc)	40
Storage Paired with Grid Supply Solar	*160 MWh

*The storage tranche of 160 MWh corresponds to a 4- hour storage pairing of 40 MW of solar.

Upon satisfactory completion of all program requirements, projects that were awarded incentives will be issued a SREC-II Certification Number and instructions on how to register the solar PV generating system at PJM GATS.

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