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NJBPU Clarifies that Solar Construction May Continue During State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency

Solar Construction Deemed Essential

Trenton, N.J.—The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPUBPU) today announced that the State considers solar projects “essential construction projects” under Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 122. Under this EO “utility projects, including those necessary for energy and electricity production and transmission and any decommissioning of facilities used for electricity generation” may continue during the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency declared by the Governor.

The Board clarified that solar projects fall within these parameters and are necessary for energy and electricity production. All new and ongoing solar construction, including both commercial and residential projects, can move forward.

“Solar is a critical and growing contributor to energy, notably clean energy, in the state, and energy provision is an essential service,” said NJBPUBPU President Joseph L. Fiordaliso. “To eliminate any confusion, as some projects were continuing during this period and some were not, NJBPUBPU is clarifying that all solar projects can move forward during this time.”

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