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PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS TO PSEG/LIPA RE: UTILITY SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

- LIPA/PSEG utility solar project solicitations should require that applicants demonstrate that they have the right to install a solar energy production facility (solar arrays) as a primary use at the proposed location.
- LIPA/PSEG should require that utility solar installation work be performed by local contractors
- In order to avoid substation overload which could lead to crowding out distributed residential and commercial renewable energy installations in the surrounding area, utility solar installations capable of producing more than 5 MWs of energy should be required to utilize smart inverters.
- To minimize the impact on undeveloped land in Suffolk County, where feasible, LIPA/PSEG should prioritize the installation of solar arrays on:
 - LIPA's own property, including unshaded portions of utility right of ways
 - o utility poles (as PSEG has done in New Jersey)
 - o on commercial/industrial rooftops and previously developed commercial/industrial properties (as an accessory use)