



**Notice:**

***\* The proposal to extend the first capacity block for the REIP solar residential budget category from 10 MW to 20 MW of approved projects was approved at the October 7th NJBPU Board Agenda meeting. By Board Order dated October 19, 2009, residential projects will continue to be approved at the current incentive rates until residential solar project approvals exceed 20 MW of capacity or until NJCEP 2010 budgets and programs take effect.***

**As noted in October 19th Board Order**, residential solar rebates will be reduced when residential solar project approvals exceed 20 MW of capacity. In the residential segment, this rebated reduction will be \$.20 per watt. This will adjust the current rebate levels from \$1.75 to \$1.55 per watt for projects meeting the energy efficiency requirements and from \$1.55 to \$1.35 per watt for projects that do not meet the energy efficiency requirements. Weekly progress on budgets and cumulative capacity block commitments are provided in the funding cycle status chart shown below.

Residential projects will continue to be approved at the current rebate levels through the close of business on the day that cumulative approvals reach 20 MW, if this milestone is reached in 2009. The application approval date is the date on which the REIP application completes the approval process and is issued a NJCEP Approval Letter. Please note that it is the date on which cumulative approvals reach 20 MW and the date on which your application is approved that determines the rebate you receive, not the date your application is received and deemed complete. As there is a 2 to 4 week backlog for approvals, it is possible that some applications received before the date on which 20 MW is approved will receive the lower rebate rate.

The rebate reduction does not affect the availability of funds. A funding level for all renewable energy projects has been established at \$53.25 million for rebates for the period of 2009 - 2012. Funding cycles have been implemented and rebate reductions have been established to ensure that financing is available through 2012.

Incentives for non-residential solar projects and wind and biopower projects are not affected by Capacity Blocks and will remain constant for the remainder of the 2009 Program year or until funds for each of these budget categories are fully committed.