



THE DAILY

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 01:36 PM

DCO Energy plans solar installation at South Jersey farm

By João-Pierre Ruth

Energy development company **DCO Energy LLC**, in the Mays Landing section of Hamilton, said Tuesday it will design, engineer and build a six-megawatt solar facility across 45 acres at **Seabrook Farms**, a producer of frozen vegetables in Upper Deerfield's Seabrook section.

Patricia Ehrhart, vice president of DCO Energy, said construction is under way, with the first three megawatts to be installed within six months. "There will be a second phase of another three megawatts that we'll probably not commence until next spring," she said.



[Thinkstock photo]

DCO Energy said the project will be one of the largest solar installations of its kind in the state.

The work will be done per an agreement with **SBS Energy Partners**, which is owned by **Energenic**, is a venture between DCO Energy and **Marina Energy**. Marina is a subsidiary of **South Jersey Industries**.

Seabrook Farms signed a 15-year agreement in May with SBS to generate solar power on its property. The solar panels are expected to generate enough power for 785 homes annually.

The solar system is expected to generate more than 8 million kilowatt hours of energy per year.

E-mail João-Pierre Ruth at jpruth@njbiz.com

Follow me on Twitter [@jpruth](https://twitter.com/jpruth)

NJBIZ CONVERSATIONS

Comments (1) | [Add Comment](#)

DAVID wrote on 08/17/2010 09:20 AM

I am interpreting this article to mean that Seabrook Farms is trading food-producing land for energy-producing land. Is this something that is happening nationwide? I understand the need for alternative energy, and the right of business owners to choose how they make their revenues, but are we making making the correct socio-economic decisions?

