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Meadowlands solar panels start soaking up the sun

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With a flip of the switch, one of New Jersey's largest and newest solar panel projects started soaking up the sun.

The 65,000-square-foot roof of the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus today became a solar generator.

Hartz Mountain Industries Inc., a Secaucus-based commercial real estate firm, installed the panels on the Exposition Center and hopes to do the same on all buildings in the company's portfolio.

The completed installation is the first in the state to be partially funded by a solar loan program created by Public Service Electric and Gas Co., the state's largest utility.

The two-year, \$105 million pilot program allows PSE&G to offer loans to installers who add solar panels on their roofs. The installers can then repay the utility in using solar credits.
