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N.J. solar panels start soaking up the sun

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

Beginning Monday, the 65,000-square-foot roof of the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus will become a solar generator.

Solar panels on the roof are expected to generate 412 kilowatts of electricity from the sun's rays.

Hartz Mountain Industries Inc., a Secaucus 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 PSE&G, 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.
