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PA Sunshine Solar Rebate Program Revisions

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Solar Program Webinar: Agenda

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Solar Program Webinar: Agenda

- Rebate offering
- Guidance Document Revision
- New One-step Process
- Completion Requirements
- Contractor Insurance Requirements
- Questions

PA Sunshine Solar Program

Continued availability of rebates to PA residents and small businesses for the following projects:

- solar electric (solar photovoltaic);
- solar hot water (solar thermal);
- battery backup systems.

PA Sunshine Solar Program

- Program has paid out more than \$105 million in rebates since May 2009.
- Projects include construction of 6,923 solar PV and thermal at 921 businesses and 6,002 residents = 86 MW of power.
- Total funding prior to closing expected to be approximately \$113 million.

PA Sunshine Solar Program

Current Status:

- Reserved \$4-4.5 million;
- Payout of additional projects \$2.5-3 million.

PA Sunshine Solar Program

- Continue to offer Residential PV project rebates up to \$7,500 (max size 10KW).
- Continue to offer Small Business PV project rebates up to \$52,500 (max size 100 KW).
- Solar Thermal projects have rebates up to 35% of total cost of project design, installation and equipment (max \$5,000 for residential; \$50,000 small commercial project).

Sunshine Solar Program Changes

- DEP amended program guidelines to lessen administrative burdens and provide certainty for participants as funding draws to a close.
- Amendments in effect as of January 26, 2013 -- date the revised guidelines published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.
- Link to revised guidelines -
<http://files.dep.state.pa.us/Energy/Office%20of%20Energy%20and%20Technology/OETDPortalFiles/GrantsLoansTaxCredits/Solar/Pa%20Sunshine%20Guidelines.pdf>

Sunshine Solar Program Changes

- New one-step application procedure process:
 - ends previous reservation process as of Jan. 26, 2013;
 - only approve projects for rebate upon completion and approval;
 - first come, first served for completed projects in the order received and approved.

Sunshine Solar Program Changes

- Recent notification to Installers:
 - All existing applications reserved/approved for construction will have to be completed by 6/1/13.
 - After 6/1 reservations for these projects will be cancelled, then considered first come, first served in the order received/approved.
 - No extensions to the 6/1/13 deadline.

PA Sunshine Solar Program

- Sunshine Program will cease receiving rebate applications:
 - Upon exhausting final funds, or
 - By Dec. 31, 2013 – whichever occurs first.

Remaining funds updated weekly on the website

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Contractor Insurance

Installers must be up-to-date on insurance for the entire time period of the project.



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QUESTIONS?

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