

Webinar: Commonwealth Solar Stimulus and Commonwealth Solar II Rebate Programs

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Webinar Outline

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MRET Transition to CEC

- ◆ New Address:
Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
55 Summer Street, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02110
Commonwealth Solar Email: cs@masscec.com
- ◆ Website: www.CommonwealthSolar.org
- ◆ Seamless transition: www.masscec.com
- ◆ Existing MRET contracts will be honored
- ◆ Please review future contract and insurance language, as it may have changed

Program Updates

- ◆ Launch date 1/26/2010
- ◆ Funding for both programs will be in blocks
- ◆ 5% of available funding will be set-aside for Non-Expedited Installers
- ◆ Installer and Host Customer entity caps will be 25% of available funding per block
- ◆ Only **complete** applications will be accepted into the queue – Checklist on the application
 - ◆ Incomplete applications will be rejected and removed from the queue
 - ◆ Participant's Agreement will be a separate signed document, available from the website

Complete Application

- ◆ Original Signatures on Application
- ◆ Project is NOT an Add-ON
- ◆ Signed Participant's Agreement
 - ◆ Attachment C - Stimulus Requirements
- ◆ Copy of electric utility bill with rate code
- ◆ Site Photos
- ◆ Shading and Estimated Production Back-Up
- ◆ DAS provided for systems over 10kW
- ◆ Copy of turnkey contract between System Owner and Applicant/Installer
- ◆ Copy of MOU or PPA for Third Party Owned Projects
- ◆ If Public project: Evidence of public bidding
- ◆ Site Plan*
- ◆ 3-Line Electrical Diagram*
- ◆ Income verification with proof of primary residence**
- ◆ Tax Assessment with proof of primary residence**
- ◆ Certificate of Insurance***

Program Updates (cont.)

- ◆ New Expedited Installers
 - ◆ Any Installer that has demonstrated proficiency installing 2 projects will get a Username and Password
 - ◆ An email will be sent on 1/22 informing Expedited Installers of their status
 - ◆ Very important to confirm that you received this and update any contact information
 - ◆ Expedited Installers will get only one Username per company
 - ◆ Additional installer names or subcontractor names need to be submitted to cs@masscec.com. CEC staff has to input these on your behalf.

Program Updates (cont.)

- ◆ New Non-Expedited Installer Application Submission
 - ◆ Non-Expedited Installers **must** email a copy of the complete application to cs@masscec.com to confirm place in queue
 - ◆ Signed application and back-up documentation must be received in hardcopy by CEC within 7 calendar days
- ◆ This submittal process mirrors that of Expedited Installers

Program Updates (cont.)

- ◆ System add-ons no longer accepted
- ◆ Residential Solar Lease projects are now considered Commercial projects. Will apply to different programs based on the system size
- ◆ Projects must be installed behind the meter
- ◆ No longer require 50% on-site load
- ◆ All projects must be completed within 6 months of approval

New Insurance Requirements

- ◆ With transition to CEC **ALL** Installers will need to submit a **NEW** certificate of insurance
- ◆ New requirements will be available on our website www.CommonwealthSolar.org
- ◆ Instructions on submitting the new certificate to Ebix BPO on website
- ◆ **DO NOT** submit insurance certificates to CEC
- ◆ Not required for submittal but required for approval

Commonwealth Solar Stimulus Rebate Program

- ◆ \$8 million in available funding; available in blocks
- ◆ First block will be \$4 million; will last a maximum of 3 months
- ◆ Projects in Municipal Light Plant districts are eligible
- ◆ Systems over 200 kW will not be accepted into the queue
- ◆ Residential solar lease systems eligible if over 5 kW
- ◆ Ground mounted PV systems 60 kW or smaller are eligible
- ◆ Minimum ARRA reporting requirements including job creation and prevailing wage - Details and instructions will be available on the website soon

Commonwealth Solar II Rebate Program

- ◆ First block is \$1 million
- ◆ First block will last a maximum of 3 months
- ◆ Commercial systems 5 kW or smaller
- ◆ Residential solar lease systems 5 kW or smaller
- ◆ All residential systems, regardless of size (rebate capped at 5 kW)
- ◆ Residential systems can apply for only the Moderate Income Adder OR the Moderate Home Value Adder – Not both
- ◆ MA Adder is available

Frequently Asked Questions

- ◆ **Can systems larger than 200 kW receive a rebate on the first 200 kW?**
 - ◆ *No; systems larger than 200 kW will not be eligible to apply for the Commonwealth Stimulus Rebate Program. Projects with a capacity greater than 200 kW will still be eligible to receive funding under the SREC program.*
- ◆ **Can commercial projects larger than 5 kW apply for Commonwealth Solar II?**
 - ◆ *No; commercial systems larger than 5 kW will not be eligible to apply to the Commonwealth Solar II program, but they will be eligible to apply to the Commonwealth Solar Stimulus program.*
- ◆ **Can projects that received Commonwealth Solar I or other rebates receive rebates for add-ons?**
 - ◆ *Funding will not be available for PV system add-ons under the new Commonwealth Solar programs.*
- ◆ **Will the 50% behind the meter requirement still exist?**
 - ◆ *No.*

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

- ◆ **Will rebates be per building or per meter?**
 - ◆ *The rebate calculation is based on the size of the total PV system installation per building.*
- ◆ **What is the process to become an Expedited Installer/Integrator?**
 - ◆ *Installers/Integrators must complete the “Crawl Before You Walk” process before becoming an Expedited Installer/Integrator.*
- ◆ **Will there be a Public Building or Affordable Housing Adder?**
 - ◆ *At this time, the new Commonwealth Solar Rebate Programs do not provide adders for Public Building or Affordable Housing PV installations. Public and Affordable Housing entities are still welcome to apply to the rebate programs.*
- ◆ **Will rebates be per building or per meter?**
 - ◆ *The rebate calculation is based on the size of the total PV system installation per building.*

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

- ◆ **Can cities and towns use Clean Energy Choice funding in addition to a Commonwealth Solar II or Commonwealth Solar Stimulus rebate to install PV?**
 - ◆ Yes.
- ◆ **Will projects funded by Commonwealth Solar II or Commonwealth Solar Stimulus be ineligible to sell SRECs?**
 - ◆ *No. Accepting awards from Commonwealth Solar II or Commonwealth Solar Stimulus will not disqualify a project from selling SRECs. Other qualification criteria may have to be met, as specified by DOER. Note: CEC will not provide estimates of the future value of SRECs or provide strategic advice to projects regarding financing options.*

PowerClerk Tutorial for Expedited Installers