

Commonwealth Solar II Rebate Program:
Program Updates
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Webinar Outline

- Introduction
- Commonwealth Solar II Overview
- Block 9 Launch & Program Changes
- PowerClerk Changes and Tutorial

Program Overview

- Quarterly funding blocks
- Customers of investor owned utilities or Municipal Light Plants that have opted into the Renewable Energy Trust are eligible
- Residential and commercial projects 15kW or smaller (rebate capped at 5 kW)
- Block 9 will open Friday, January 20, 2012 at 2:00 PM EST

Block 9 Updates

- \$1.5 million in available funds
- Rebate levels were reduced:

Block 9 Rebate Levels (\$ per watt (DC @ STC))	
Base Incentive	\$0.40
PLUS:	
Massachusetts Company Component Adder	\$0.05
Moderate Home Value Adder OR Moderate Income Adder ≤ 120% of MA median income (only residential projects eligible)	\$0.40
Natural Disaster Relief Adder	\$1.00

- MassCEC will provide market/program data routinely

Block 9 Updates (cont'd)

Expedited Installers Only

- All required back-up documents must be uploaded in PowerClerk prior to submitting the application
 - All files must be in PDF format
 - All files must be 5MB or smaller

Note: If you do not have PDF conversion software, there are online tools available, such as <http://convert.neevia.com>, that may help.

- The 10 day deadline for submitting back-up documents no longer applies to Expedited Installers (only Non-Expedited)
 - Projects that are ready to go with signed documentation will establish queue

Block 9 Updates (cont'd)

- Expedited Installers must upload the following documents :

All Applications

- Signed PowerClerk Application Form
- Signed Attachment B - Participant's Agreement
- Copy of electric utility bill with rate code
- Site Photos (including an aerial)

Additional Documents

- Shading Analysis (recommended)
- Income verification or Tax Assessment (if applicable)
- Proof of primary residence (if applicable)
- Evidence of public bidding (public projects only)
- Natural Disaster Relief Adder documentation (if applicable)

Program Updates: Definition of Project

- Projects will be considered on a per property basis
 - No longer on a per building or per ground mounted system basis
 - If capacity is being installed on multiple buildings (or in combination with a ground-mounted system) on a single property, the total capacity will be considered one project and must be 15 kW or less.
 - Going forward, one application should be submitted per property

Program Updates: Add-ons

Add-on capacity is eligible under two scenarios

Scenario 1

- If the Host Customer received funding under a previous Renewable Energy Trust program (other than the Commonwealth Solar II Rebate Program), the Host Customer will be eligible to install an additional project on the property, up to 15 kW, and receive a rebate on the first 5 kW.

Note: In order to ensure the additional capacity installed is eligible to generate SRECs, the additional capacity should be metered separately.

Program Updates: Add-ons (cont.)

Scenario 2

- If the Host Customer previously received rebate funding for less than 5 kW under the Commonwealth Solar II Rebate Program, additional capacity may be added to the property, to a total per property capacity of 15 kW under the program. The Host Customer will only qualify for a rebate on the capacity of the property that brings the total rebated capacity on the property to 5 kW.

Example: if you previously received a Commonwealth Solar II rebate for 3 kW of capacity on your property, you would be eligible to apply for an additional 12 kW of capacity on the property and receive a rebate on the first 2 kW.

Note: Capacity added to existing projects under the Commonwealth Solar II Rebate program does not necessarily need to be metered separately for the purposes of generating SRECs.

Program Updates: Add-ons (cont.)

- It is recommended that you contact the Commonwealth Solar Team to discuss a potential expansion project in advance of submitting a rebate application.
- Contact DOER at DOER.SREC@State.MA.US to determine eligibility for the added capacity to generate SRECs.

Program Updates: Community Solar

- The Commonwealth Solar II Rebate Program will accept applications for Community Solar projects
 - Must meet all other program requirements
- Applications will be considered “Commercial”
 - “Community Solar” subsector should be selected
- Each Member-Host Customer’s portion of the Community Solar project will be capped at 15 kW
 - Rebate will be calculated on the first 5 kW

Program Updates: Community Solar (cont.)

- Interested Installers/Integrators are required to contact the Commonwealth Solar Team to discuss a potential Community Solar project in advance of submitting an application.
- Applications must be approved before the project is constructed
- MassCEC is currently developing threshold requirements
 - Read the Program Manual for more information

Reporting Production Data

- Projects are not required to report production or install a Data Acquisition System (DAS)

BUT, if the System Owner wants to sell SRECs:

- Monthly production needs to be reported to the Production Tracking System (PTS)
- If the system is greater than 10 kW, a DAS will need to be installed
- See www.masscec.com/PTS for more information on reporting requirements

Common Application Issues

- Photos indicate shading
- Shading analysis is unclear (not all obstructions are included)
- Incorrect version of Participant's Agreement
- Name on electric bill does not match Host Customer name
- Missing signatures

Common Project Completion Issues

- W-9 not submitted by System Owner
 - Individual/Company submitting W-9 must also sign the Project Completion Form
- Photos: Need verification that project qualifies for MA Company Components Adder (if applicable)
- Invoices
 - Demonstrate System Owner incurred costs \geq than rebate amount after date of award
 - Project site must be referenced
- Updated project specs or costs on Change Request Form (if applicable)

Thank You!

Next will be the PowerClerk Tutorial and
electronic upload demonstration for
Expedited Installers

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Thank you!