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TO: Michael Judge
Department Of Energy Resources
RE: SREC 2

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Public Comment

We are the owners of a large piece of open land that is located in the North West corner of Pittsfield MA. Thirty acres of this land is perfectly suited for a solar farm as it is flat with a southern exposure, and is completely un-shaded. It is also very close to the grid, the city will buy the energy credits and WMECO has net metering capacity. We encourage you to increase the Greenfield category for the SREC 2 program from the present 26 MW to 250 MW over the next 2 years beginning in the spring of 2014.

From the surface this property appears to be perfect for a housing development. However, there is a large aquifer located directly under the land and our conservation commission is apposed to any development on this land other than "solar." With that situation in place, the only practical use for this property is a solar farm.

To repeat my request, I urge you to expand the Greenfield portion of the SREC 2 program from 26 MW to 250 MW over the next 2 years. This is needed as there are many solar farms across the state that did not get built during the first SREC program and are planning to build under the umbrella of the SREC 2 program. It is fair to think that much of that smaller allotment will get absorbed quickly by the left over projects. Without this increase, there will be no room for any new projects.

In conclusion, the state is looking to ultimately have 1600 MW of solar energy to be dispersed throughout Massachusetts. Increasing the Greenfield MW limit will greatly increase the solar farm development. The more MW that are immediately allowed, the more solar farms that will get immediately built and put on line.

Sincerely,
Phillip Massery