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To: Regreform, DOER (ENE)
Subject: Solar PV project issues

I'm an installer of PV systems, in Pittsfield. I have 2 major concerns, that need your attention.

First has to do with the fact that the utility companies, here, in Ma., won't reimburse system owners for excess generation. The only way to recover the money for excess power fed back to the grid is through the allocation program. To my knowledge, no other state has adopted this restriction. From my perspective, this is nothing more than an effort by the utility co.'s to frustrate the solar PV generation community. I propose that the utility companies be required to at least have a quarterly term, whereby generators can receive a reimbursement for their excess electricity. It's only fair, and it will definitely stimulate more & larger residential PV systems.

Second has to do with putting tighter restrictions on the timeline for utilities to process new solar PV applications. In dealing with Eversource this year, I have experienced months- long delays in the application process. Eversource should be compelled to either streamline their process, add on additional employees to better handle the work load, or face sanctions. (Their staff constantly complains that their overwhelming workload is the cause for delay) The present situation is a real drain on all of us involved, and is clearly driven by cost shortcuts on the part of the utilities. I have filed complaints with the state on this matter, but it only results in Eversource giving lip service to the state investigator.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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