

Dear DOER:

I spent a good deal of money to install solar panels on the roof of my home in August of 2010. The installers calculated a 6 to 7-year payback. Our system has produced nearly 20 mW, which should be 20 SRECs worth of income to offset the high capital cost of the panels.

That hasn't happened. Instead, the Massachusetts system has been so slow to "mint" my SRECs that 7 of them now sit unsold awaiting a last-chance auction. Why SRECs should take so long to process in an age when my panels are linked directly to the internet (<http://www.solrenview.com/SolrenView/mainFr.php?siteId=502>) is really beyond me.

I don't know what disgusts me more: the Governor patting himself on the back for setting a goal that was so far off base that it was blown away by market forces or the fact that I still am nowhere near paying off my panels thanks to the SREC procedures. Clearly the big brains that set up this system did a very poor job of calculating the effects of their market incentives. While we can all be happy that at least this state's government sees the value of renewable energy, surely the fact that the targets were set so horribly low is a sign either of incompetence or worse.

I would like DOER to move SRECs through the pipeline more quickly and to give me more stability in the market. My SREC prices have fluctuated wildly and slipped well below the floor promised by my installer.

Sincerely,
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