

## SMART hearings

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Abby.

Thank you for offering the virtual hearing presentations on Friday. It is certainly more convenient than travel to a typical site.

I am now more convinced than ever after hearing everyone else's comments for large ground mounts that there will be very few large utility scale projects built in the future in MA. The whole program is overly complex and discriminating in so many ways against larger and more economic solar energy projects.

The rates are not adequate for the risk and red tape involved. I believe the discounting rates you use in your study case are less than allowed to non competitive distribution companies. The grandfathering system is unfair to those who have made large investments. The DOER gives narrow special interest groups way too much input which is all negative to larger solar systems.

The utilities are negligent in not planning for the required upgrades from 2014 on and the cost of overdue upgrades is not spread fairly. They should be in the rate base for the distribution utility companies.

I'm afraid the solar program will stall out after working pretty well until we bombed thru the blocks so quickly.

Sincerely,

George Smith, Landcraft Corp.

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