

To: Judith Judson, Commissioner
Department of Energy Resources

These comments are in response to the proposed regulations on the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) program. I would like to suggest several important improvements to the SMART program and hope you will adopt the following proposals outlined below in the final regulations and tariffs. Continued solar growth is critical to the Massachusetts economy and keeping our environment clean and safe for our families and ultimately for the survival of our species.

The caps for net metering in the present bill are inadequate and should be increased in order to help solar grow in Massachusetts. Net metering also needs to be adjusted so that the people who produce solar get fair market value to the solar electricity they produce. There should also be space on the bill that clearly states the amount of credit due the customer.

Base compensations rates should be set at a level of \$ 0.175 to enable continued solar development and maximize solar jobs in Massachusetts. Caps to incentives should be removed so that community solar, low income solar and solar with storage is encouraged to the fullest extent.

Furthermore caps on the scale of solar projects as proposed, 320 megawatts should be removed as well so community solar can continue to move forward. Sunset provisions for solar support should be either eliminated or more gradually diminished to make it more economically feasible for entities to enter into solar production contracts.

Residential and low income solar customers of 25 k or less should be supported as well. Their economics is different than large customers and they do not have the political clout that large solar customers have. The main goal should be to reduce global warming as much as possible. We just don't have the luxury of time to get this done. We need to encourage everyone to adopt solar where feasible. Thank you for considering my opinions to the new "Smart" program and I hope that you integrate the above changes into your rule making.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Wright', is written over the printed name.

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