



Solar PV Systems Incentive Rate Pilot Program

Oregon Public Utility Commission April 1, 2012



- A lottery, rather than first-come, first-served application process, will continue to be offered for the April 1st, 2012 enrollment opportunity for customers of Portland General Electric, PacifiCorp and Idaho Power for small and medium-scale systems using net metering.
- **New** incentive rates will be in effect for the next enrollment window (refer to the box for region-by-region rates).
- The Commission reconsiders the where to set the incentive rate before each new enrollment period. Generally, the incentive rate is slightly less in sunnier regions that have great solar generation potential.
- Customers potentially benefit in two ways: They receive a monthly check from their utility for the energy generated by the solar system based on the incentive rate minus the rate they currently pay. Plus, their overall electric bill is reduced
- The size of the solar system cannot be greater than 90 percent of historical energy usage for a home or business. Capacity for existing homes is based on usage for one year.
- Only **new** solar systems are eligible.
- The pilot project cannot be used with state tax credits or Energy Trust of Oregon incentives.
- PGE and Pacific Corp customers must hire Energy Trust of Oregon approved contractors to install solar panels. Idaho Power customers do not have this restriction.
- Customers can transfer the guaranteed incentive rate to new owners if they sell their home or business.
- Total program capacity for the four-year Pilot Project is 25 megawatts (MW). Portland General Electric has been allocated 14.9 MW, Pacific Power & Light 9.8 MW, and Idaho Power Company 0.4 MW. That is roughly enough capacity for 2500 homes.
- You must request an application from your utility. The utilities will only accept applications through their websites. The Commission does **not** process applications.

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Region	Counties	Electric Companies	Small-Scale Systems (≤10kW)	Medium-Scale Systems (>10kW and ≤100kW)
1	Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill	Pacific Power and PGE	41.1 cents/kWh	28.5 cents / kWh
2	Coos, Douglas, and Hood River	Pacific Power and PGE	34.6 cents/kWh	25.0 cents / kWh
3	Gilliam, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wallowa, and Wasco	Pacific Power	34.6 cents/kWh	25.0 cents / kWh
4	Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Lake	Pacific Power and Idaho Power	31.7 cents / kWh	25.0 cents / kWh

Solar Pilot Internet Links:

Link to Solar Incentive docket UM-1452
<http://apps.puc.state.or.us/edockets/docket.asp?DocketID=15820>

Link to Commission rules AR-538
<http://apps.puc.state.or.us/edockets/orders.asp?ordernumber=10-200>

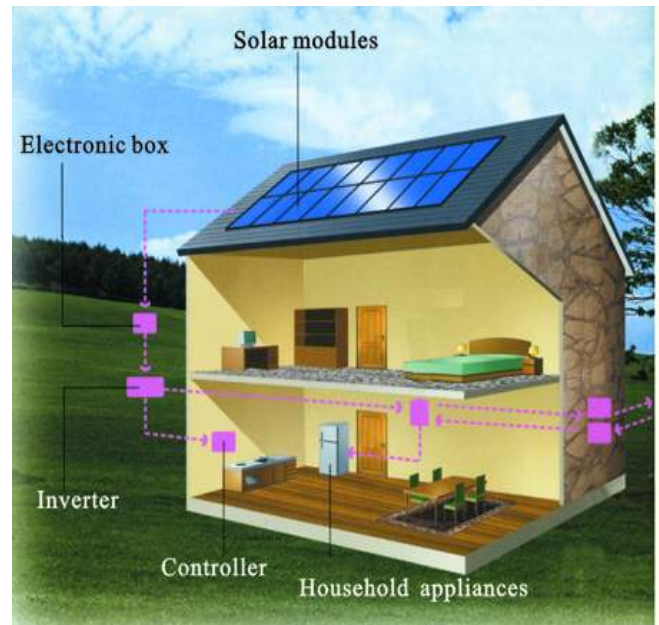
OPUC News release
<http://www.puc.state.or.us/PUC/news/2010/2010011.shtml>

Portland General Electric Website:
http://www.portlandgeneral.com/renewables_efficiency/generate_power/solar_payment/solar_payment_qa.aspx

PacifiCorp (Pacific Power)
<http://www.pacificpower.net/env/nmcg.html>

Idaho Power Website
http://www.idahopower.com/AboutUs/BusinessToBusiness/GenerationInterconnect/oregonSolarPhotovoltaic_advance.cfm

Solar System questions
<http://energytrust.org/>



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