



Green Power Solar Rebates & Tax Credits

GREAT NEWS from Green Power Solar!!!

There has never been a better time to invest into a Green Power Solar System!

Federal Tax Credits Extended through 2017, now includes Residential installations

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 contains renewable energy legislation which is great news for our Green Power solar customers. Not only was the 30% commercial solar investment tax credit extended through 2017, but the same tax credit was extended to residential installations also.

Under this new legislation the previous \$2,000 cap for residential solar installations is eliminated. This means that starting now (January 1, 2009) the purchase of a residential solar electric system will make you eligible for a tax credit equal to 30% of the cost of your solar system, including installation. You can buy your system now and put it in service after January 1, 2009 to take advantage of this new energy bill.

California Solar Photovoltaic Incentive Programs

Under the new California Solar Initiative, the state's goal to install 3,000 megawatts by 2017 brings together expertise from the current programs of the California Energy Commission (Emerging Renewables Program) and the California Public Utilities Commission (Self-Generation Incentive Program) to move California toward a cleaner energy future through new program offerings.

Beginning in January of 2007, California solar incentives will change!

Application Process

Beginning January 1, 2007, the Energy Commission's New Solar Homes Partnership will focus solely on PV systems for new residential buildings. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), through program administrators, will provide incentives for all other residential and non-residential customers.

Beginning January 1, 2007, consumers seeking photovoltaic incentives for new residential construction should submit applications as follows:

- **California Energy Commission
New Solar Homes Partnership**
(New residential construction only)
Telephone: 1-800-555-7794
E-mail: renewable@energy.state.ca.us
- **CPUC Program Administrators**
(All other residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural properties)
Apply to the program administrator in your local area:

Southern California Edison

California Solar Initiative
2131 Walnut Grove Avenue
G01, 3rd Floor, B10
Rosemead, CA 91770
1-800-736-4777

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

PG&E Integrated Processing Center
P.O. Box 7265
San Francisco, CA 94120-7265
E-mail address: solar@pge.com





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Expected **Performance-Based Buydown** (EPBB) Levels

The CSI program will pay incentives to solar projects with system ratings of less than 100 kW through an up-front incentive known as an EPBB. These EPBB incentives are based on an estimate of the system's future performance. EPBB incentives combine the benefits of rewarding performance with the administrative simplicity of a one-time incentive paid at the time of project installation.

Beginning in January 1, 2007, the new payment levels will be set.

The following EPBB schedule illustrates the gradual decrease. For instance, once 70 megawatts of solar energy systems are installed in Step 2, incentives will drop to those applicable in Step 3. Once another 100 megawatts of solar energy systems are installed in Step 3, incentives will drop to Step 4. These allocations have been further allocated by utility service area and residential versus non-residential installations. The incentives will gradually phase out over the 10 steps.

Small System Incentive Schedule
(per CEC-AC watt; initially for systems less than 100kW)

Step	Megawatts Per Step	Residential	Commercial	Non-Taxable
1	50	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	70	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$3.25
3	100	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.95
4	130	\$1.90	\$1.90	\$2.65
5	170	\$1.55	\$1.55	\$2.30
6	230	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.85
7	300	\$0.65	\$0.65	\$1.40
8	400	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$1.10
9	500	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.90
10	650	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.70

Current Rebate as of 1/1/09

The duration of that phase-out will be dependent on: (1) whether the incentive budgets are depleted; (2) when the Program Administrators reach their MW goal; or (3) by the end of the program or 2016, whichever comes first. Table 8 displays the MW targets by Program Administrator service territory and customer class.

EPBB incentives will be paid in a one-time payment provided the system size is less than 100 kW. There are different incentive rates for System Owners who are commercial entities or Government or Non-Profit entities. If a Government or Non-Profit entity is not the System Owner, the incentive amount will be determined by the tax status of the System Owner. Refer to your Program Administrator's website to determine the step and incentive rate in effect when you apply.

Visit www.GoSolarCalifornia.ca.gov for more details on these requirements and continuous updates.

Green Power **Solar Rebates**

California Utility Rebates are available for Green Power Solar Systems from most Utility Companies. For a complete list of available solar rebates (other than P.G. & E. or So. Cal Edison), please click on the following link:

<http://dsireusa.org/library/includes/tabsrch.cfm?state=CA&type=Rebate&back=fintab&Sector=U&CurrentPageID=7&EE=1&RE=1>

Local Rebates are available from Marin County and San Francisco. For more information on those rebate offerings, click on the following link:

<http://dsireusa.org/library/includes/tabsrch.cfm?state=CA&type=Rebate&back=fintab&Sector=L&CurrentPageID=7&EE=1&RE=1>

