

DE 10-194

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To: PUC

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Subject: Comment on DE 10-194 RRE Generation Incentive Program Rebate Adjustment
- Sept 1 2010 Hearing

Please find a letter attached for addition to the public comment - Sept 1 2010 hearing - RRE Generation Incentive Program Rebate Adjustment A copy will also be postmarked Sept 7, 2010 in snail mail.



September 5, 2010

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also sent via email to: puc@puc.nh.gov

**Comment Re:
DE 10-194 Residential Renewable Energy Generation Incentive Program
Modification of Incentive Payment for small generation facilities
Hearing Sept 1, 2010**

To Members of the PUC:

I was unable to attend the September 1, 2010 public hearing regarding a reduction of the incentive payment for residential small generation systems. Please accept this written comment into the record.

I am a homeowner in Portsmouth with an application pending (submitted August 6, 2010) for rebate on a 2.7KW pv solar system. This application was developed with a commercial installer conditioned on full approval of the \$3.00/watt (\$6,000) reimbursement under the state program.

The New Hampshire rebate is generous – and that is exactly why I decided to invest in a system. I would suggest that many planned systems – as well as those in current in consideration are in this position. Although I understand the need for the state to flex incentives, it is imperative that this be done in a transparent, and telegraphed manner. Failure to do so will hurt the nascent installer industry and public awareness of alternative energy systems causing homeowners like myself to cancel planned investments.

Residential systems boost public acceptance and support for alternative energy systems. This is a critical part of the overall mission. I can guarantee one system in a residential neighborhood has more educational and behavioral impact than a system in an industrial park.

I would suggest that your final action include:

- A 'step-down' reduction in rebate. 50% in one fell swoop is too much – especially in this economy. It will result in cancelled contracts and a dramatic drop in work for installers.
- As an alternative, reduce the max per household.
- A grandfathering of all applications at full rebate level submitted prior to start of step-down. This will result in a burst of new systems in the quarter – a boost for the NH economy and installers.

- A 'step-down' start date no less than 90 days notice from PUC decision and publication

At a minimum, your final order should add clarity regarding the status of applications pending approval and/or received before the final order is issued. It would be unfair to have any order which impacts applications already submitted.

Thank you for your work in support of a balanced energy system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SPesci". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

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