



solartricity™ producers

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When is CPS Energy's Solartricity Producers Program Effective?

The program year begins on June 15, 2010, and complete Applications will be accepted on that date.

2. How much capacity will CPS Energy offer under the Solartricity Producers Program?

Five (5) MWs in the first year and an additional 5 MWs in the second year.

3. What is the application process?

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. At time of receipt, Application packages will be numbered in order of receipt with an Application Queue number.

Staff will promptly review each Application package for completeness. Once reviewed, those Applications constituting potentially eligible projects will be initially accepted until 5 MW of capacity has been reached. Incomplete packages will be rejected and returned with reasons stated. Once an Application is accepted, Applicants will be notified and will have two weeks following such notification to provide complete technical design details and drawings, signed by a Professional Engineer (PE) registered in the State of Texas, for review by CPS Energy. **At that time, the Interconnection Evaluation fee of \$10 per kW will be due.**

4. What are the Solartricity Producers Program Qualifications?

A proposed system must be between 25 kW and 500 kW. Up to 10 percent of each proposed system may be ground-mounted.

5. How long will the approval process take, once applications have been submitted?

Final acceptance of a project after submission of technical design will depend on the complexity of the required interconnection study, total number of proposed projects and staff resources.

6. I have more than 500 kW of Photo Voltaic (PV) to develop in CPS Energy's Service Area. Can I break a larger project up into smaller projects and sell output to CPS ENERGY under the Solartricity Producers Program?

No. The program was designed so that as many eligible participants can participate as possible. We are limiting each owner/developer to an aggregate of no more than 500 kW of proposed projects.

7. Is there a minimum system size eligible for the Solartricity Producers Program?

Yes, 25 kW. The Solartricity Producers Program is designed to address the “mid-sized” commercial solar projects from 25 kW to 500 kW. This pilot program is designed to primarily target urban roof-mounted systems. This will enable CPS Energy to study the issues and effect of this type of distributed generation on our distribution grid.

Solar Rebates are still available for qualified residential and commercial installations.

8. How will Solartricity Producers Program systems be interconnected?

An Interconnection Evaluation will be conducted by CPS Energy staff for each project accepted.

9. Is there an application fee and/or a deposit required to be submitted with the Application?

Yes. The Application Fee is \$200 and non-refundable and is due when you turn in your Application. If the project is accepted for further evaluation, the Applicant will be notified and given 2 weeks to supply the technical information and drawings as required. At the time of submission of the technical information, the Applicant will be required to submit an Interconnection Evaluation Fee of \$10 per kW. The Interconnection Study Fee is refundable **only** in the event that a proposed project is rejected by CPS Energy after the Interconnection Evaluation because significant distribution system upgrades are necessary for interconnection of the project. Otherwise, Applicants are responsible for the cost of any necessary CPS Energy distribution system upgrades to accommodate a project.

10. What is the Solartricity Producer payment rate?

Solartricity Producers will be paid \$0.27 per kWh **produced**. All projects will be metered to verify system production and the revenue meter will be considered conclusive for such output. The Solartricity Producer will be required to enter into a 20-year contract with CPS Energy.

11. Is the Solartricity Producer Program available to business and residential customers?

Yes, but the program is targeted to commercial-sized installations.

12. How does the Solartricity Producer Program differ from the current CPS Energy rebate for solar?

Solartricity Producers are generating electricity that is purchased by CPS Energy and fed directly into the distribution grid. CPS Energy will purchase all the power generated by their systems for the 20 year term of the Contract. Payments will be made on a monthly basis by CPS Energy for the power generated over the prior month. No up-front payment will be required by or made to the Solartricity Producer.

Solar rebates are up-front, incentive payments for solar systems installed that provide power to the connected facility or residence. These systems are not directly tied to the distribution grid.

13. How will the Solartricity Producer Program affect the current solar rebates offered by CPS Energy?

The current solar rebate program remains in effect and unchanged. See CPSEnergy.com for details.

14. May I qualify for both the Solartricity Producer Program and the solar rebates offered by CPS Energy?

No, not for the same solar installation project. Each project/installation can participate in only one program.

15. May an individual submit more than one application on April 15th?

Yes, but the projects submitted may total no more than 500 kW_{ac} combined. Each project must have its own application form and attachments, and will be subject to all applicable fees. Any system owner is also limited to 500 kW_{ac} in combined applications.