

Agenda ~ Solar Incentive Programs Workshop #1

UM1758 and HB2941 Review of Solar Incentive Programs in Oregon

Oregon House Bill 2941 directs the Public Utility Commission (OPUC or Commission) to evaluate programs to incentivize the development and use of solar photovoltaic energy systems and to submit a report to the Legislature that recommends the most effective, efficient, and equitable approach to incentivize programs and, for each program, make a recommendation on whether the program should be discontinued, modified, extended, or should remain unchanged. In developing a recommendation to the Legislature, the Commission will consider a number of factors, including but not limited to the resource value of solar energy, the costs borne by non-participating customers, and the costs and benefits of each program. The bill requires a report to be submitted to the interim legislative committee related to energy on or before September 15, 2016. Staff is considering a review of the following incentive programs: Net Metering, Volumetric Incentive Rate, Programs offered by the Energy Trust of Oregon, Voluntary Solar Programs such as Blue Sky, Renewable Portfolio Standards, Residential Energy Tax Credit (RETC), Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC), Renewable Energy Development Grants (RED), etc.

The purpose of this workshop is to give the opportunity for interested parties to offer input to Staff based on the following questions.

1. How would you define effective and efficient?
2. What criteria would you apply to determine if a program was effective or efficient??
3. What is your definition of equitable and how would you measure it?
4. How should administrative costs and process requirements to administer programs be considered in the evaluation of each program's effectiveness, efficiency, and equitability?
5. How should interactions between programs be considered in the evaluation?
6. Other questions from the participants?

Agenda - 1 pm to 3 pm

1. Introductions and goals of workshop -Dolezel -5 mins
2. Timeline and process of this report -Dolezel -5 mins
3. Discuss Questions 1 and 2 above -Parties -50 mins

**** BREAK **** 10 mins

4. Discuss Questions 3 and 4 above -Parties -25 mins
5. Discuss Questions 5 and 6 above -Parties -25 mins
6. Discuss other questions from participants -25 mins
7. Next steps - Dolezel

Workshop Location

Oregon PUC
Main Hearing Room
201 High St SE,
Salem, OR 97301

**Thursday,
February 4, 2016
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

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Relevant Information:
HB2941
UM1746
Report: Investigation into the Effectiveness of Solar Programs in Oregon
www.puc.state.or.us/electric_gas/Solar%20Report%202014.pdf