

DE 10-194

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Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 9:51 PM
To: Bateman, Diane
Cc: Leighton, Adele; 'T&R'
Subject: RE: Order of Notice, DE 10-194, Residential Renewable Energy Generation Incentive Program

Diane,

The NH Residential Renewable Energy Generation Incentive program has been great for us home owners. Between our town adopting RSA 72:62 for property tax on solar installations, the federal tax saving, and the PUC \$6,000 we received (thank you), our installation was financially viable. We received 8 quotes so we had a good low price for our system. When the increased homeowner's insurance cost and PSNH power delivery charge is factored in, we expect a 12 year payback assuming no maintenance issues after warranties expire.

If the proposed decrease of incentive to a maximum of \$3,000 goes forward, our system's payback would be increased to 17-18 years. At that point PVs would only make sense for those wealthy enough to buy-in, or PVs would be sold to unsuspecting consumers who have not figured out all the related costs to include to calculate payback. In the PUC's defense, if the overall costs for PV systems decreases by 15% the \$3,000 maximum program may work.

Please reconsider this proposed incentive change. The winners will be the PV installation companies, and the well-intentioned consumer will be the unsuspecting loser. I recommend keeping the program as it has been and end it sooner if money runs out.

Thank you for your time,

Rick Davies
Warner, NH