



Oncor Solar PV Incentive Program

**Clarifications and Answers to Questions
Regarding Program Updates Effective June 1, 2010**

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- 1. Where do I find the latest information on program updates and budgets?**
 - a. The program website contains the latest information on program changes and budget status. The Program Guidebook and Forms page (www.txreincincentives.com/opv/details.php) contains all the latest documentation and forms. It also contains a link to the Current Program Status page (www.txreincincentives.com/opv/status.php).

- 2. In reference to the 20% Service Provider cap, what defines a Service Provider?**
 - a. A Service Provider is an entity that:
 - Meets all program Service Provider registration requirements;
 - Is registered with the program;
 - Applies for program funds for projects and acts as the Program's primary contact on those projects; and,
 - Carries predominant responsibility for the installation of the PV system.

- 3. How will each Service Provider be aware of where they are in relation to the 20% limit?**
 - a. Each Service Provider can calculate 20% of new funds available in each funding category (residential and non-residential), and can track the number of incentive dollars reserved for their projects in each category at any given time. If any Service Provider would like to discuss their status with a member of the program management team, feel free to contact us.

- 4. Once a Service Provider has reserved the 20% incentive cap, can a Service Provider submit additional projects to be placed in the queue?**
 - a. Yes. The 20% Service Provider cap does not limit the amount of funding a Service Provider may request or the number of applications a Service Provider may submit to the program. Rather, it limits the Program Manager's ability to commit funds to projects which have been applied for by a particular Service Provider.

- 5. Could a Service Provider facing the 20% cap assign customers/applications to other Service Providers who will carry the program application?**
 - a. Service Providers with project pre-applications currently in queue (as of June 11, 2010) which exceed the Service Provider limit may work with a different registered Service Provider who will carry the project application and perform all the functions of a Service Provider as described in 2, above. The Service Provider who will carry the application must resubmit the Project Pre-Application Form identifying the new Service Provider within 30 days of the posting of this guidance (by close of business on Monday, July 12, 2010) to maintain those projects' position in the queue.

Service Providers with new project pre-applications (submitted once the application period reopens on June 21, 2010) which exceed the Service Provider limit may work with a different registered Service Provider who will carry the project application and perform all the functions of a Service Provider as described in 2, above.

- 6. Does the 20% Service Provider limit apply to subsidiary companies or other companies that are wholly or partially-owned by another Service Provider?**
 - a. The limit applies to Service Providers and any affiliates, where "affiliate" is as defined in substantive rule 25.181(c)(1) (see <http://www.puc.state.tx.us/rules/subrules/electric/index.cfm>).

- 7. If the customer is a local government entity, and the incentive is assigned directly to the customer, will the incentive be counted toward a Service Provider's 20% incentive cap?**
 - a. Yes, the incentive dollars will be assigned to the Service Provider associated with the project application. If a Service Provider has already met the 20% incentive cap in the customer class, then you may need to select a different Service Provider for your project.

- 8. In the event that a project with a Funding Reservation Letter drops out, can a Service Provider have other projects in the queue which will automatically take their place?**
- The program does not allow Service Providers to substitute new projects for projects which have dropped out. If a project drops out, funding will be made available to the next eligible complete application in queue.
- 9. Is the application process confidential to any entity that applies?**
- Oncor and its program designees (i.e. Geavista, Frontier Associates, Clean Energy Associates) may discuss application/project information with any party involved in the application (i.e. Service Provider, Customer, System Owner, Incentive Recipient, or Premise Owner). Aside from these parties, the program designees do not release any personally identifiable information associated with project applications received, whether they are funded or not, to entities other than Oncor or its owner, or as directed by Oncor, or as required by law.
- Oncor is subject to regulatory reporting obligations which generally require aggregate data (see substantive rule 25.181(m), for example, at <http://www.puc.state.tx.us/rules/subrules/electric/index.cfm>), and may be required to report other information as required by law.
- 10. How quickly do you anticipate available new funding will be fully subscribed, or oversubscribed to approximately 125% of the available budget?**
- The rate of uptake of the new funds will be determined by the applications submitted by Service Providers.
- 11. Is the 6 month reservation period retroactive to existing projects which have already received a commitment letter?**
- No, the commitment letter is the controlling factor and should be referenced for each project's reservation period/expiration date. Extensions on residential projects will only be granted as specified in section 3.i. of the current Program Guidebook.
- 12. Can you clarify if modules need to be UL listed?**
- Yes, modules must be new and UL-listed (or equivalent) to be eligible. Please reference section 2.e. in the current Program Guidebook.
- 13. Do Service Providers or Customers need to re-submit Project Pre-Approval Application Forms (PPAFs) for applications that are already in the project queue under the old incentive amounts (i.e. are completed applications, submitted prior to the time the application process closed, but which have not received funding to date)?**
- No, you do not need to re-submit PPAF's for projects already waiting in queue. Rather, a Funding Reservation Letter will be sent to the appropriate Service Provider during the week of June 7-11, and both the Service Provider and the Customer will have 30 days to accept the Funding Reservation Letter at the offered incentive level.
- 14. How does the addition of funds affect Oncor's Solar PV Incentive Programs for 2011?**
- Funds originally budgeted for 2011 and 2012 were accelerated into the 2010 program to meet current program demand in 2010. Plans for 2011 and 2012 are uncertain at this time.
- 15. If we have complete applications waiting to be submitted once the application process reopens, do we need to re-do the application using the new forms (i.e. forms using the new incentive levels)?**
- We will accept the previous version of the forms only if the previous incentive amount is manually corrected to the current level and initialed by both the Service Provider and Customer. Without such correction, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

- 16. How many dollars are already in the queue?**
- Please visit the program budget status on the website (www.txreincincentives.com/opv/status.php) which is updated each week (end-of-week budget figures are posted by the following Monday at the latest). This will reference the most up-to-date budget status, reflecting the additional funds.
- 17. The new PPAF has a glitch in the module listing and wattage # section.**
- The form with this error was corrected and reposted to the website (www.txreincincentives.com/opv/details.php) on June 3, 2010. Please download the latest form.
- 18. I have calculated the total funds available this year as \$14,586,929. Is this correct? I heard a number of \$16m as total available in the program (all four years) and so I was wondering firstly if this \$16m was a correct number, and if so, if there was an additional \$1.4m available somewhere?**
- The original program incentive budget was \$16,672,500 for all four years. \$2,085,570 was spent in 2009, leaving the remainder, \$14,586,930 for 2010 commitments.
- 19. The redline version of the updated program guidebook shows text stricken in section 6.a. which is not stricken in the updated guidebook. Which version is correct?**
- The clean version is correct. The deleted text in section 6.a. of the redline version was an error.
- 20. I am having difficulty finding the retail electric providers outflow offers on the www.powertochoose.com website. Can you help me?**
- On the home page under Featured Information, go to Generating and Selling Renewable Power, click on the link to Find Companies in Your Area. You can search by TDU area (i.e. Oncor) or by zip code. Note that this site is referenced for convenience, but is not administered by Oncor or the program implementers.
- 21. How does a Service Provider/Customer apply for a non-residential extension?**
- Please see the Program Guidebook, Section 3.i. Listed in this section is a list of items used to illustrate to the program team that significant progress has been made and the project is moving forward.
- 22. When will the program management team begin sending out Funding Reservation Letters for completed applications that are in queue?**
- We will begin sending these letters on June 7, 2010, and expect to be complete by June 11, 2010.
- 23. Will the program management team communicate to Service Providers who submit projects prior to June 21st at noon stating that their application has not been accepted?**
- Yes, the program management team will make every effort to send an email declining a project due to the program not opening until June 21st, 2010 at noon (CST). If any Service Provider would like to send a test application/email prior to that date to confirm delivery and time received, the program management team will work to accommodate those requests.
- 24. Are large projects which do not meet quarterly progress goals subject to loss of their funding commitment?**
- Yes. All projects greater than 10 kW are required to submit quarterly progress reports to the program administrator per section 3.h. of the program guidebook. Failure to file progress reports which demonstrate progress toward project completion may result in termination of the funding reservation.