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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.txreincentives.com/opv/details.php) contains all the latest documentation and forms. It also contains a link to the Current Program Budget Status page (www.txreincentives.com/opv/status.php).

- 2. Given that the limitation on Service Providers is 20% of funds, will everyone have a chance to receive funds?**
 - a. All Service Providers will have an equal opportunity to submit project pre-applications once the program opens to begin accepting new applications. The Service Provider limits are structured to prevent any single Service Provider from capturing more than 20% of available funds within the first 30 days of availability.

- 3. Where do I send the pre-application?**
 - a. All pre-applications must be emailed to opvapps@frontierassoc.com. Pre-applications faxed to the fax number posted on the pre-application form will be delivered by email to opvapps@frontierassoc.com, but you should expect delays in delivery. Pre-applications sent to any other email address will not be accepted.

- 4. Do project pre-applications need to be address-specific for the June 6th application deadline?**
 - a. Yes, consistent with past practice, a separate pre-application must be filed for each interconnected meter. Every application must specify the address and meter ESI-ID and the customer must sign the pre-application. In addition, a copy of the customer's electric bill and a signed contract for the PV system must accompany each pre-application. Details about what information must accompany each pre-application are provided on the pre-application form. The full Project Pre-Application Form can be accessed at <http://www.txreincentives.com/opv/details.php>.

- 5. 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.

- 6. Do companies need to be listed as a Service Provider to submit an application? How can a company become a listed Service Provider? Where can I check to make sure my company is listed as a Service Provider?**
 - a. Yes, companies must be listed as a Service Provider to be eligible for funding. The application to become a listed Service Provider (Service Provider Information Form - SPIF) can be found at <http://www.txreincentives.com/opv/details.php>. To verify that your company is listed as a Service Provider, please view the list here: <http://sp.txreincentives.com/programs/1>.

- 7. What are the current levels of residential and commercial funding applications in queue?**
 - a. Projects in queue total \$160,000 residential and \$180,000 non-residential at the new incentive levels. These amounts reflect the maximum amount of funding which could be committed to queued projects.

- 8. Should Service Providers continue to submit applications after all funding has been committed?**
 - a. Yes. Though the status of further funding is unknown, applications will be added to the queue to ensure fair and efficient disbursement if further funding is granted. Further funding transfers to the PV program could range anywhere from zero to several million dollars, so applications will continue to be accepted and queued after current funding is fully committed. While program plans

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have been developed to accommodate further funding transfers, such transfers to the PV program are not guaranteed.

- 9. Given the possibility of future funding, is there a dollar amount at which the queues will be considered full?**
- a. Not at this time. Though no further funding is known or guaranteed at this time, applications received after the current funding is fully committed will continue to be placed in queue. The likelihood of further funding is unknown and could range from zero to several million dollars. However, Service Providers should consider continuing to apply for new projects because queued applications are one factor considered when weighing possible funding transfers.
- 10. 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>).
- 11. 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 new project pre-applications (submitted once the application period reopens on June 6, 2011) 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 5, above.
- 12. Can a Service Provider resubmit contracts from last year?**
- a. Yes. As long as the Service Provider obtains a new, signed Project Pre-Application Form (PPAF) for each customer and the terms of the old contract are still valid, a year-old contract will be accepted. (The PPAF form is available here: <http://www.txreincentsives.com/opv/details.php>.) However, we cannot award funding to any project for which construction has already begun.
- 13. In section four of the Project Pre-Application Form, what is the “Interconnected Meter ESI-ID (not meter number)” and where can we find this information?**
- a. The ESI-ID# can be found on a customer’s utility bill. We need to see the ESI-ID to verify that the customer is an Oncor customer.
- 14. Is December 7th a firm deadline for project completion? Do projects need to be partially completed or entirely completed by that date?**
- a. At this time, December 7th is a firm deadline for project completion. Projects must be entirely completed in accordance with the requirements posted in the Program Guidebook and the Final Application Form.
- 15. Are incentive payments made to the Service Provider or the customer?**
- a. Payments can be made to either the Service Provider or the customer. The incentive recipient is designated on the Project Pre-Application Form.
- 16. Are multi-family units considered residential or commercial?**
- a. Multi-family units are considered commercial for this program.
- 17. Does the 20% cap include projects that are currently in queue and will roll over to the current round?**
- a. Because queued projects will be paid out of the new \$900K funding allocation, the 20% limit applies to the sum of any queued projects plus any new ones.