



NEW JERSEY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

November 10, 2008

By Order dated February 13, 2006, In the Matter of the Office of Clean Energy Customer On-Site Renewable Energy (CORE) – Order Revising Rebate Level and Accompanying Procedural Changes, Docket No. EO04121550, the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") approved a number of changes to CORE Program policies and procedures including the establishment of a cap on the rebate available to a residential customer. Specifically, the February 13th Order stated that

The Board HEREBY DIRECTS the Office of Clean Energy to limit residential single family CORE rebate applications to the first 10 kW of project capacity, and create an exemption process for farms, non-profit organizations (including, but not limited to, houses of worship) and multifamily dwellings on residential rates.

By Summary Order dated January 2, 2008 and Order March 31, 2008, In the Matter of Comprehensive Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Resource Analysis for 2005-2008: 2008 Programs and Budgets: Compliance Filings, Docket No. EX04040276, the Board approved the 2008 programs and budgets, which included a transition from a capacity based rebate to a performance based rebate for wind systems such that rebates for wind systems are no longer based on installed capacity but on estimated electric generation.

In light of the establishment of a 10 kW cap on the rebate available to a residential customer and the transition to a performance based rebate for wind systems, the Board hereby solicits public comment on:

(1) the applicability of the 10 kW cap to residential wind systems and to what extent the maximum rebate a residential customer can receive should be modified for the following New Jersey Clean Energy Program rebates:

- Residential Wind Systems to be submitted to the Renewable Energy Program in 2009;
- Residential Wind System Project applications submitted to the CORE program in 2008 or earlier that have not received approval letters; and
- Residential Wind System Projects having already received approval letters or pre-application confirmation of estimated rebate letters from the CORE program that have not been completed.

(2) the applicability of the 10kW cap to combinations of renewable energy technologies and whether the 10kW cap apply per renewable energy technology (e.g. 10kW for wind and 10 kW for solar) or act as a total cap regardless of the combinations of renewable energy technologies.

The comment period will close on November 21, 2008. After reviewing public comments, the Board shall decide on the New Jersey Clean Energy Program residential wind system rebate levels. All comments/rebuttals should be submitted in .pdf format to OCE@bpu.state.nj.us to enable comments/rebuttals to be posted on the website.


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