Meeting of the Task Force to Study Solar Incentives

November 8, 2023 Agenda

All times are approximate.

Meeting Agenda

- 1:00 PM - Welcoming remarks (Chairman Pinsky)
- 1:10 PM - Report on issues raised in breakout session (Ms. Schwartz)
- 1:30 PM - Updated land use estimates (Mr. Comis)
- 1:45 PM - Interconnection & siting (AECOM)
- 2:00 PM - Review of policy suggestions and voting

Items for Consideration

Interconnection

- Hostinging Capacity Maps
  "Utilities should eliminate the use of aggregate circuit capacity limits, and replace them with a hosting-capacity based screening methodology."
- Interconnection Fee Structure
  "Support the fee structure proposed by the PSC in its Phase IV report, by moving from causer-pays model to fee model where costs are distributed among those who have interconnected."
- Interconnections of Colocated, Net-Metered Installations
  "Remove requirement of multiple 2 MW installations for colocated, net-metered developments with an aggregate capacity between 2-14 MW."

Tax Incentives

- Existing Provision Sunset Extension
  "The State should extend the sunset provision for the property tax exemption for certain community solar installations."
- Personal Property Exemption
  "Creation of a personal property tax exemption for commercial rooftop and parking canopy solar installations."
- Enabling Legislation for Abatements
  "Permissive grant of authority for local jurisdictions to offer assessment abatements for real property that is host to a solar parking canopy"
- Real Property P.I.L.O.T.
  "Change from the current taxing structure of real property and personal property taxes to a P.I.L.O.T. for ground-mounted solar installations."

Permitting

- SolarAPP+
  "Require that all local jurisdictions utilize SolarAPP+ for residential solar installations."
- Setbacks > 2 MW
  "Setbacks for generating stations should be specifically included in the CPCN process."
- Setbacks < 2 MW
  "The State should limit physical setbacks statewide for community solar installations under 2 MW."