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August 9th, 2023 Meeting of the Task Force to Study Solar Incentives

1:00 PM - Welcome & Announcements - Chair Pinsky 1:10 PM - Regional Tax Landscape - Task Force Staff

• Opportunity for Task Force Member Discussion and Questions

1:25 PM - Top Opportunities for Solar Market Segments

*** These are not Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) policy positions, but rather *** feedback MEA staff has received informally from market participants. This information should be viewed only as a small sampling, and not dispositive.

- Discussion Re: Residential Rooftop (30 minutes)
 - Current incentives are not open to all types of solar ownership
 - o Magnitude of incentives has not increased with other market conditions
 - Storage incentives could be used to provide greater market certainty for purchasers and developers
 - o Distribution system upgrades can be cost prohibitive
 - Greater consistency among county and locality processes (i.e. greater adoption of adoption of SolarApp+
 - Permitting & inspection time frames at the local level
- Discussion Re: Utility Scale (30 Minutes)
 - Investment risk increases under certain scenarios:
 - Increased costs
 - Extended timelines
 - Uncertainty in outcomes with the CPCN process
 - Connection of noncontiguous parcels to one another and to the grid subject to MALPF AG conservation easements.
 - Standardization of landscape buffer and project setbacks requirements.
 - Challenges with local ordinances that chill solar development
- Discussion Re: Community Solar & Commercial-Scale (30 Minutes)
 - Same CPCN process challenges as utility-scale, but exacerbated by project economics
 - Same local ordinance challenges as utility scale
- Possible market expansion via expended net metering and virtual net metering
 Opportunity for Comments (remaining time)

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