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# Solar*Rewards® 2016 Program Overview for Installers and Developers

Thank you for your ongoing participation in Xcel Energy's Solar*Rewards program. In 2016, the Solar*Rewards team is dedicated to establishing realistic timelines and streamlined processes for installers, developers and customers, ensuring that interconnection is achieved as quickly and safely as possible.

## Program change

Starting January 4, 2016, there will be no queue for the Small or Medium Solar*Rewards programs. The programs will open and close every month/quarter based on the 2016 program schedule provided below. When capacity has been fully reserved for the respective month (2 MW)/quarter (3 MW) the programs will close and reopen the following month/quarter. All other applicants will be notified via email within 24 hours of the programs closing and will be able to resubmit the application(s) during the next release. If there is any remaining unreserved capacity, we will add it to the following month's/quarter's release.

| 2016 Small & Medium Program Schedule | | |
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| Solar*Rewards Program | Total MW Offering* | Release Schedule |
| Small (0.25–25 kW) | 24 | 2 MW per month |
| Medium (25.01–500 kW) | 12 | 3 MW per quarter (Jan., April, July and Oct.) |

*Capacity offered for 2016 will not be backfilled should an application be canceled for any reason before or after the incentive has been set. Please ensure application submissions are reserved for committed projects.

## Timelines

In 2016, we are striving to set realistic interconnection timelines for installers, developers and our mutual customers. While your interaction with a customer may start weeks prior to submitting a Solar*Rewards application, we are not aware of a project until an online application is started. We appreciate your partnership in communicating this information, as well as the following timelines, to fellow employees and mutual customers:

- **Securing a REC incentive** (two to three days): Once an Application Deposit Form and Application Deposit Fee have been received within the required seven business day postmark timeframe, a REC incentive will be assigned to the application within two to three days, if capacity exists.

- **120% Validation** (one to three days): If the application is failing the 120% validation please allow one to three business days for our team to review and provide feedback in terms of next steps for passing validation. Once validation is passed we will assign a REC incentive.

- **Engineering review** (10 business days): Our team of engineers will review the application within 10 business days of the Solar*Rewards program receiving all required plan documents and the required Interconnection Study Fee. If changes are necessary, an updated site plan, line diagram and application details section are required for resubmission. We strongly encourage a resubmitted application be returned to Xcel Energy within 10 business days from the  engineer(s) initial rejection date. If you anticipate the resubmission will take longer than 10 business days, please let us know by emailing SolarProgram@xcelenergy.com, otherwise the application could be subject to cancellation.

- **Final contractual documents** (varies): All final documents (Proof of Insurance, Final Electrical Inspection and NABCEP form) should be submitted prior to retrieving the final contractual documents for e-signature. Adopting this practice will help to set realistic customer expectations for when meters will be ordered and installed.

- **Meter installation** (10–15 business days): Meters will be installed 10–15 business days from submission of all final documents and signatures.

## Important reminder

- All PV systems must have engineering approval prior to installation of the system.

**Questions or comments?**
We are constantly striving to become more efficient in our processes, and appreciate any feedback you may have. Please visit our website or contact Solar*Rewards at **SolarProgram@xcelenergy.com** to let us know how we can better meet your needs.