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Texas

Incentives/Policies for Renewables & Efficiency

Bryan Texas Utilities - Solar PV Rebate Program

Last DSIRE Review: 06/15/2009

Incentive Type: Utility Rebate Program

State: Texas

Eligible Photovoltaics

Renewable/Other Technologies:

Applicable Sectors: Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Nonprofit, Schools, Local Government, Multi-Family Residential, Institutional, Any BTU Customer

Incentive Amount: \$4.00 per watt AC

Maximum Incentive: Lesser of 80% of invoice cost or \$12,000 per site, per fiscal year

Eligible System Size: None specified, but incentive limited to first 3 kW

Equipment Requirements: Modules and inverters must be new, CEC-listed; systems must have a 5-year

installer warranty; residential inverters without battery back-up must have a 10-year manufacturer's warranty

Installation Requirements: Must be installed by a BTU certified installer, who must be NABCEP certified

within 2 years of registering with BTU;

Licensed electrical contractors must obtain all applicable permits and perform all electrical interconnections;

Shading no more than 20% annually; azimuth and tilt must be within acceptable limits

Ownership of Renewable Energy

Credits: Utility, unless required for LEED certification

Project Review/Certification: Rebate levels determined by pre- and post-installation inspections by utility personnel

Review/Certification: personnel

Web Site: [http://www.btutilities.com/
New_Ventures/Rebates/Solar/Default.aspx](http://www.btutilities.com/New_Ventures/Rebates/Solar/Default.aspx)

Summary:

Bryan Texas Utilities (BTU), a municipal utility, offers rebates to buy-down the cost of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to its electricity customers. The standard rebate level is \$4.00/watt AC up to a maximum rebate of 80% of the invoice cost or \$12,000 per customer site each fiscal year (October - September). Actual rebate levels will be determined by utility inspection of the system, and may take into account shading or other factors that affect the efficiency of the system. All customer classes are eligible and the receipt of a rebate does not affect participation in other BTU energy conservation programs. Multi-family housing units are eligible for the program, but applications must be submitted as a combined, single application. The rebate does not cover battery systems.

In order to qualify for a rebate, all PV modules and inverters must be new and listed by the California Energy Commission (CEC). Systems must carry a 5-year installer's warranty and residential systems without battery back-up require a 10-year manufacturer's warranty on the inverter. Only systems installed by a BTU registered installer are eligible to receive a rebate, who in turn must receive NABCEP certification within 2 years of registering with BTU. All systems must comply with BTU interconnection guidelines for small distributed generation (<20 kW) and conform to all local codes and standards. Systems must be maintained in proper working order for a period of at least 5 years. Failure to do so may result in the repayment of a prorated portion of the rebate to BTU.

All renewable energy credits (RECs) or other environmental attributes generated by rebated systems will accrue to the utility, except where RECs are required for the customer to achieve LEED certification. Customers have the option to assign the rebate directly to the system installer or other third-party. Projects are subject to pre- and post-sited inspection by utility personnel.

Please see the program guidelines and program website for further information.

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