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Texas

Incentives/Policies for Renewables & Efficiency

Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative - Renewable Energy Rebates

Last DSIRE Review: 03/25/2009

Incentive Type: Utility Rebate Program

State: Texas

Eligible Renewable/Other Technologies: Solar Water Heat, Photovoltaics, Wind, Solar Attic Fans, Solar Water Wells

Applicable Sectors: Commercial, Residential, Nonprofit, Schools, Local Government, State Government, Fed. Government, Agricultural, Institutional, Must be a GVEC member

Incentive Amount: PV: \$2.00/watt
 Solar Water Heaters: \$1,000/unit
 Solar Attic Fans: \$50/unit
 Solar Water Wells: \$750/unit
 Wind-electric: \$1.50/watt

Maximum Incentive: PV: \$8,000
 Solar Water Heaters: \$1,000
 Solar Attic Fans: \$250 (five fans)
 Solar Water Wells: \$750
 Wind-electric: \$6,000

Eligible System Size: No minimum specified, PV and wind limited to 20 kW

Equipment Requirements: Equipment generally must be new, other requirements vary by technology; PV modules must be listed as eligible by California Energy Commission (CEC); solar water heaters must be SRCC certified; wind systems must be UL certified and have a 5-year manufacturer's warranty; inverters must have 5-year manufacturer's warranty

Installation Requirements: Systems must be installed by an approved contractor; solar water heaters must pre-heat water for an permanently installed electric water heater

Ownership of Renewable Energy Credits: Not specified

Expiration Date: 12/31/2009 (current program year)

Project Review/Certification: Utility reserves right to verify installations meet program guidelines

Web Site: http://www.gvec.org/safety_con/efficiencyrebate.shtml

Summary:

The Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative (GVEC) offers rebates to its member customers for the installation of photovoltaic (PV) systems, solar water heaters, solar attic fans, solar water wells, and wind electric systems within its service territory. In order to be eligible under the current program, systems must be installed between March 2, 2009 and December 31, 2009. Rebate amounts and limitations vary by technology as follows:

- PV: PV: \$2.00/watt up to \$8,000, maximum system size of 20 kW
- Solar Water Heaters: \$1,000/unit
- Solar Attic Fans: \$50/unit up to \$250 (maximum of five fans)
- Solar Water Wells: \$750/unit
- Wind-electric: \$1.50/watt up to \$6,000, maximum system size of 20 kW

In order to qualify for a rebate, systems must generally be new and meet a variety of equipment, warranty, and installation requirements that vary by technology (e.g., PV systems must be listed by the California Energy Commission). Solar water heaters must pre-heat water for a permanently installed electric water heater. All units must be installed by a program approved contractor

according to the manufacturer's specified procedures and codes.

Grid-connected renewable electricity systems must meet the standards of the National Electric Code (NEC) as well as the GVEC's own interconnection rules, code, and by-laws. Interconnection will take place at the GVEC's dual-register meter and electricity produced by the system will be purchased by the GVEC at the utility's renewable energy rate. This is not a net metering arrangement. The utility reserves to the right to inspect rebated systems in order to verify that they comply with program guidelines.

Prospective applicants should consult the program website for a more detailed explanation of program requirements and rules or contact the utility using the information below.

Contact:

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