The Current State of Solar at Snohomish County PUD
Programs & Incentives Offered by PUD

Net Metering
• per RCW 80.60 PUD is required to offer Net Metering up to 7.276 MW

Solar Express Program (Est. 2009)
• PUD rebate for qualifying solar installations
• Currently $300/kW up to $2000 Residential and $8000 Commercial

Administration of WA State Production Incentive Credit
What has changed in the past year

• Reduced the Solar Express Incentive- adoption continued to accelerate

• Changed HOW we administer the State production incentive
  • Business process: Removed credit from regular PUD bills, in line with other utilities
  • Customer impact: Many have to pay a PUD bill for the first time since adopting solar

• New PUD Solar webpage and customer service shift

• Moved to monthly billing (new solar meter reading routes)
Other Accomplishments

• Aggregating more than 4,000 SRECs in 2015 (x2) toward I-937 target resources.

• Planet Power program funded 3 new demonstration projects

Total of 32 PV arrays with education/community benefit.
PUD’s Total Number of Solar CDG’s

Jan '10   2011   2012   2013   2014   2015   Jan '16
0       100     200     300     400     500     (proj)

5.6 MW

3.7 MW
Requests for credit

- June 2012: $0
- June 2013: $500,000
- June 2014: $1,000,000
- June 2015: $1,500,000
- June 2016 (projection): $2,000,000
- June 2017 (projected): $2,500,000

Incentives to PUD Customers:
- June 2012: 12%
- June 2013: 23%
- June 2014: 47%
- June 2015: 94%
- June 2016 (projection): 134%

- PUD Annual Limit:
  - June 2012: $0
  - June 2013: $500,000
  - June 2014: $1,000,000
  - June 2015: $1,500,000
  - June 2016 (projection): $2,000,000
  - June 2017 (projected): $2,500,000

Legend:
- Incentives to PUD Customers
- PUD Annual Limit
What’s next?

Immediate Future:
- Communication about production incentive limits and timing
- Will make reductions to incentive payments as needed
- No changes in the works for Solar Express or Net Metering

Over the next few months:
- Monitor legislation, program growth and customer feedback

2016 and beyond: It depends...
- Solar Express?
- Community Solar?
- Smart grid?

Questions?

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