

MPSC Solar Working Group
Minutes
4/29/14

Attendees: See Attendance Sheets

Ann Arbor XSeed Energy Update: Sean Reed, Clean Energy Coalition, briefly described the recent community solar ribbon cutting for the Michigan Theater. Information about the project is available in this MLive article: http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2014/04/going_solar_in_ann_arbor_clean.html

Julie Baldwin, MPSC Staff, added that the cooperative, Tri-County Homeworks, recently had a ribbon cutting for its new community solar program.

Subgroup Update:

Value of Solar Subgroup:

Julie Baldwin, MPSC Staff reported that a new report by the Institute for Local Self Reliance, line loss contributing factors information, Austin Energy's 2014 Value of Solar determination by Clean Power Research are now posted on our Solar Working Group website: http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,4639,7-159-16393_55246_55249-321593--,00.html

The group has been working with MISO to understand how capacity credits might be issued for future solar installations participating in utility programs. Based on initial conversations it appears that multiple solar generators can be registered with MISO as one unit. The capacity credit will be calculated for each of the three summer months based on generation data submitted by the utility (must be from utility grade meters). The solar generation data from August would be used to determine the capacity credit for all months until data from next June was provided.

Program Design Subgroup:

Julie Baldwin reported that Staff is working on the report section with several program design options. This will be circulated to the subgroup for comments shortly.

Solar Tariff Subgroup:

Kevin Krause, MPSC Staff, reported that he is working on a model to estimate costs for several program options. This will be circulated to the subgroup for comments shortly.

Solar Expansion Models - Brad Klein, ELPC

Brad's presentation is titled: Michigan Solar – Next Steps

Slides are available here:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/Michigan_solar_presi_4-29-14_454792_7.pdf

National Solar Installer Perspective - Sarah Bertram, Sunrun

Sarah's presentation covered the following:

- Sunrun overview
- What does Sunrun look for in a market?
- Broader context for this working group

Sarah's slides are available here: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/14-0429_Michigan_PSC_solar_working_group1_454793_7.pdf