

June 13, 2011

To respected Organizations and
Businesses in Pennsylvania:

Greetings and thank you for your time!



This letter is on behalf of the **Solar Thermal Committee of the PA SEIA (Solar Energy Industries Association)**, a Solar trade organization.

PA SEIA is part of MSEIA, the Mid Atlantic SEIA. At its last policy committee meeting (4/8/11):

- **PA SEIA agreed to support an effort to encourage DEP Secretary Michael Krancer to set aside \$1 Million from existing PA Sunshine funds for Solar Hot Water (SHW) /Solar Thermal in PA.** PA SEIA also agreed to explore other continued subsidies funding for SHW.

Right now, 65% subsidies for commercial scale Solar Hot Water help us to barely compete against unusually cheap natural gas. 65% combined subsidy = 35% PA (up to \$50,000) and 30% federal. A \$100,000 Solar Hot Water project costs the business owner \$35,000 out of pocket.

However, with PA Sunshine program money about to be all spent this summer, natural gas fuel prices going DOWN (decreasing customer's interest), the costs of panels and materials for Solar Hot Water installations going UP, no current SRECs (Solar Renewable Energy Credits) for Solar Hot Water, and no talk of new subsidies, the future of the Solar Hot Water industry in PA and the green jobs they bring, looks very uncertain. Please see the background info.

You could HELP – if your organization wrote a letter of support for this effort to encourage DEP to set aside \$1 million from PA Sunshine funds for Solar Hot Water. Address letters to all 3 people:

- **Jeffrey M. Logan**, Executive Deputy Secretary for Administration and Management PA Department of Environmental Protection | JLogan@State.PA.US
- **Mr Thomas C. Bell**, Executive Director | Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority | Phone: 717.772-5942 | Fax: 717.783-2703 | TBell@State.PA.us
- **DEP Secretary Michael Krancer** | PA Dept of Environmental Protection Rachel Carlson Building 14th Floor | PO Box 2063 | Harrisburg, PA 17101 Fax 717 -705 4980 | Phone: 717-783-3004 | KYorby@State.PA.US

Please email us a copy (or fax: 610 520 1969) of correspondence that you write.

Thanks for your time and for all the good you and your organization do for ALL of us.

Sunny regards, Jan ☺

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