

Testimony of Tom “Smitty” Smith Public Citizen’s Texas Office Solar budget Request

Recommendation on Austin Energy’s FY2013 solar programs

Approved by

Local Solar Advisory Committee

on 8/2/2012, 11 yea, 3 nay, 1 abstain

The LSAC recommends a FY13 budget that accurately reflects current demand and historical spending, that ***the solar incentive budget be increased to \$10 million***, and that this committee will bring recommendations to improve the cost effectiveness of the programs.

We have only begun our work so our budget recommendation is preliminary and should be seen as a placeholder

Our goal is to grow the program to 10MW next year

6MW residential

4MW commercial

The current A/E request is only \$4 million

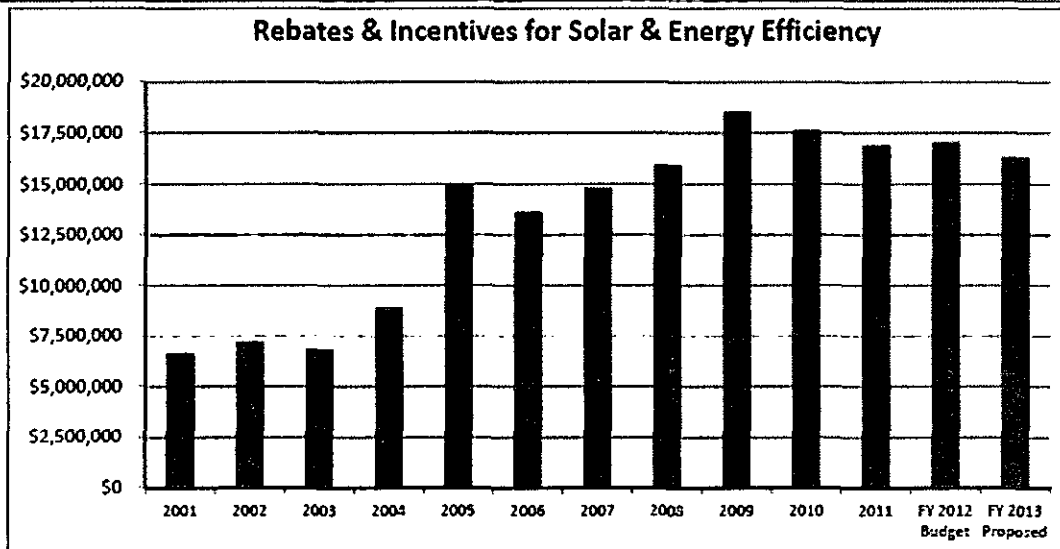
Our current spending for both programs is really:

\$5.685m for residential

\$3.065m for commercial (10 year payout on PBI)

We have discussed dropping rebate levels—but these are details to be worked out

| Solar PV Rebate Program 6-30-12 FY12 Participation Report | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Total Participation | Current | | Final Projected | % of Goal |
| | Month | YTD | | |
| Requests Received | 88 | 465 | 424 | 110% |
| Site Surveys Completed | 82 | 465 | 424 | 110% |
| LOI Issued | | | | |
| # of Residential | 79 | 428 | 424 | 100% |
| # of Commercial | 2 | 10 | 11 | 91% |
| LOI \$ Committed (YTD includes carry over \$ FY11 LOIs) | | | | |
| Residential | \$1,034,605 | \$5,685,989 | \$5,300,000 | 107% |
| Commercial (Estimated Annual PBI Payments) | \$6,312 | \$48,431 | \$223,000 | 22% |
| Final Inspections Completed | | | | |
| Residential | 58 | 248 | 346 | 72% |
| Commercial | 1 | 9 | 11 | 82% |
| Rebates and PBI Paid | | | | |
| Residential Rebates | \$790,742 | \$3,054,017 | \$5,300,000 | 58% |
| Commercial PBI Monthly | \$0 | \$18,136 | \$250,000 | 8% |
| Commercial PBI Estimated 10-YR | \$16,179 | \$412,930 | \$3,065,954 | 13% |
| kW Including T&D (AC kW @ PTC): | | | | |
| Residential | 358.1 | 1,374.4 | 2,222.6 | 62% |
| Commercial | 8.6 | 120.8 | 1,729.9 | 7% |
| Total kW Including T&D (AC kW @ PTC): | 366.6 | 1,495.2 | 4,743.0 | 32% |
| Total annual kWh - Res | 438,618 | 1,710,397 | 2,586,400 | 66% |
| Total annual kWh - Com | 12,165 | 154,880 | 2,013,000 | 8% |



| Fiscal Year | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 Amended | 2013 Proposed |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|---------------|
| \$ Rebates Issued (millions) | \$6.7 | \$7.2 | \$6.9 | \$8.9 | \$15.0 | \$13.6 | \$14.8 | \$16.0 | \$18.6 | \$17.6 | \$16.9 | \$17.1 | \$16.3 |