

GreenON Solar TB issue

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Hi Deputy,

Wanted you to be aware that there is a discussion between TBS/MOECC/Energy on the GreenON Solar minute we have just been made aware of. As you know, Energy has expressed concern about this program and they have been in discussion with MOECC for many weeks on how to structure the program to mitigate (to the extent possible) those concerns. Until last week we had understood there was agreement on this proceeding, on the basis of a discussion that you and Martha attended with both ministries. Since then Energy has provided a note outlining their concerns to TBS and is now asking for a minute to be added to the TB approval, as follows:

“Direct the Ministry to report back to TB/MBC, prior to Green Ontario Fund entering into any participation agreements with program applicants related to the solar technologies incentives program, with details on how the program has been designed to minimize electricity system and non-participating ratepayer impacts and to align with new consumer protection measures under Ontario’s net metering regulatory framework.”

I understand neither TBS nor MOECC officials recommend including this direction, as there is already a minute directing MOECC to work with Energy on the program development and the above language is unnecessarily directive. DM Evans’ office reached out just now to seek Cabinet Office’s assistance in putting this issue to bed. I’m reaching out to PO on this now but wanted to flag given TB is starting shortly.

Thanks,
Karen

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