

Solar PV GreenON Meeting Summary - Dec 1

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Hi Andrew,

Below is a summary of the GreenON call that took place between MOECC/ENERGY on Friday to discuss solar PV.

MOECC were fairly clear they are comfortable with proceeding down the path of a solar PV program and provided the following rationale:

- MOECC and PO recognize the near and long-term importance of solar PV to Ontario's energy future.
- Expectations have been set in the solar sector over a number of months.
- MOECC feels the GHG numbers from supporting PV are fairly decent.
- The economics of net metering in the near term are challenged in light of Fair Hydro Plan.
- There is a concern to not to let the sector languish.
- There is political support for incenting PV.

ENERGY summarized its concerns regarding an incentive as follows:

- An incentive would be misaligned with ENERGY policy moving away from tailored procurements for targeted technologies.
- Sensitivity to incenting new generation in the context of Ontario's strong supply made up of a clean supply mix.
- Avoided GHGs would come at an elevated cost. There may be better value in incenting other non-generating technologies.
- Net metering already provides an implicit incentive which is borne by non-participants through the shifting costs within the ratebase/ fewer customers to pay fixed. system costs. An incentive for generation would be misaligned with The Ontario Fair Hydro Plan and ongoing efforts to mitigate ratepayer impacts.

Ø Recognizing the considerations that ENERGY has outlined, MOECC MO acknowledged that they want to proceed with a PV incentive for residential and commercial scale projects in a measured way, with the program scoped to mitigate the concerns raised.

Ø Details of the level of incentive and size of programing yet to be developed.

Ø There is interest in scoping incentive to where new load would be added to the system, such as:

- o Greenhouses
- o Highway lighting
- o Carport charging stations
- o Net zero communities

ENERGY and MOECC MOs to determine their level of comfort on what to be discussed/announced at CanSIA (i.e. considering an incentive or alluding to specifically residential and commercial scale incentives being developed). There was agreement that remarks would be shared once finalized, including the Minister's, Terry's and also Kaili's (although hers will not include any content on incentives).

Thanks,
Martin