

# **PSE&G Solar Loan Program**

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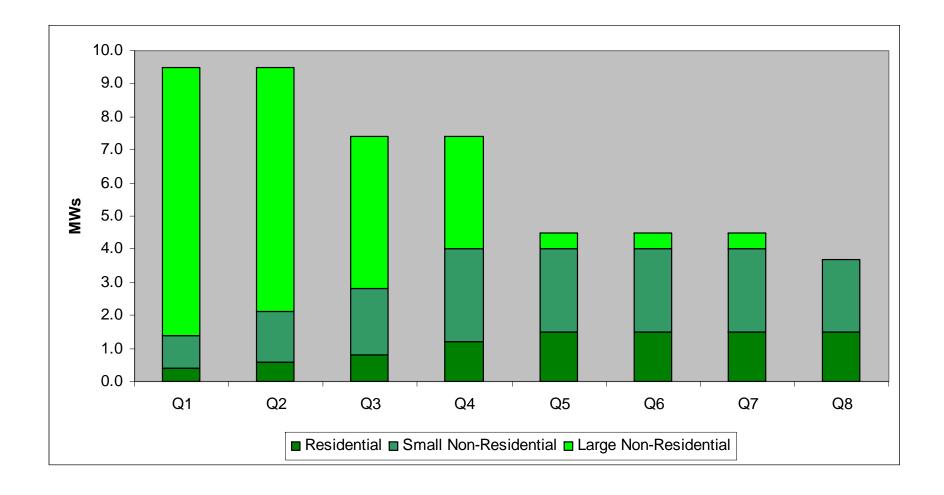


# Solar Loan Program II

- PSE&G term debt financing for 42 MW of commercial solar projects in our service territory, roughly \$121MM
- Accepting applications through Dec 2011
- Net metered projects only
- Follow on program to Solar Loan Program I (30 MW, \$104MM)
- PSE&G financed 21% of solar installations in 2009 in all NJ 11.6 MW out of 55.2 MW



# **Capacity Roll-Out by Segment**





#### Loan Terms

- Loan Repayment: SREC repayment option
- **Floor Price:** 15 year floor, upside exposure to Market Price
- Loan Amount: Determined by system's expected output
  - = NPV of expected SRECs @ floor price
  - ~\$2.98/w for larger projects, \$3.22/w <150 kW</p>
- Loan-to-Cost: Determined by installation cost
  - Typically 50% 60%, can be as high as 70%
- **Loan Term: 15 Years**
- Interest Rate: 11.31%
  - High IRR, Non-Cash, Removes SREC uncertainty, Payback < 2 or 3 years (with tax appetite)</li>



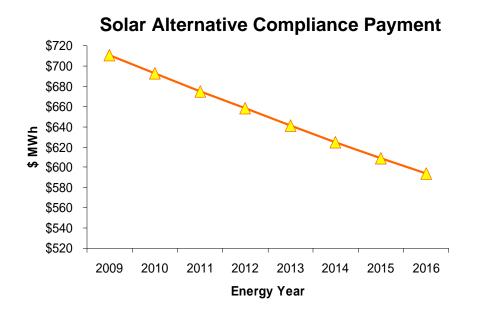
### **SREC Floor Price Schedule**

Floor prices depend on when an applicant submits an application:

Segment	Dec 2009 - Jun 2010	Jul 2010 - Dec 2010	Jan 2011 - Jun 2011	Jul 2011 - Dec 2011
Non-Residential				
up to 150 kWDC	410	395	380	360
Non-Residential >150 - 500 kWDC	380	365	350	330



# What is an SREC Worth?



The SACP is the penalty generators pay for not generating their required solar energy output. It is effectively a cap on SREC prices.

- Unless you have a contract you do not know. Neither does anyone else.
- Are you owners willing to bet their company's cash flow on the SREC market?
- Put another way, do they have an appetite for SREC risk?



- "Market Price" in the Solar Loan Program is the "Cumulative Weighted Average Price" (CWAP)
- This is an index managed by the Board of Public Utilities. It reflects all SREC sales, including those under long term purchase contracts.
- Spot price is the price of the last SREC sold.
- Spot is higher than CWAP right now. That could change in the future.



### **Collateral and Credit**

#### **Typical:** Plain Vanilla Loan

- 1<sup>st</sup> and exclusive lien on SRECs
- 1<sup>st</sup> lien on equipment
- Subordinations as applicable
- Recourse to corporate entity that owns the project

#### **Project Finance: PPA providers**

- For experienced developers and PPA GPs only
- Limited recourse possible
- Credit enhancements:
  - L/C
  - Reserves: Debt Service, O&M, Inverter
  - Controlled revenue account
  - Collateral assignment of project documents, ownership interest of GP and LP



# **Other Considerations**

Loans can be prepaid at anytime

If loan is paid of before the 15 year term PSE&G has the option to purchase SRECs at 75% of their Market Value

Benefits rate payers

Administrative fee at closing:

2.5% for projects up to 150 kW

1.5% for projects above 150 kW

