

Monthly Solar Installation Report Update May 5, 2016

AEG has received a number of inquiries regarding the status of the Monthly Solar Installation Report. The following is provided as an update regarding the status of issuance of these reports.

In the past, Honeywell developed the Monthly Solar Installation Report based upon when Final As-built registration package information was entered into QA/QC status. Thus, the report was a function of the number of Final As-built registrations processed in a month and was not necessarily reflective of the number of projects installed in the month.

Going forward and based on direction from BPU Staff, AEG will utilize the date a utility grants a project Permission to Operate (PTO) to determine the month in which a project was installed. However, this raises two issues as follows:

1. AEG inherited a backlog of Final As-built registration packages that had not yet been entered into Honeywell's database. Therefore, until AEG is able to work through the backlog of Final As-built registrations and enter the PTO date into our database, we are unable to issue a report that includes the PTO date for these projects.
2. Once we work through the backlog, any report issued by AEG would only reflect the PTO for projects that have submitted a Final As-built registration package. Therefore, any Monthly Solar Installation Report issued would need to be updated to reflect any additional Final As-built registration packages submitted subsequent to the issuance of the report that included a PTO for a month for which a report had already been issued.

AEG does not want to issue Monthly Solar Installation Reports that are incomplete or not reflective of actual activity in a given month. Therefore, we do not anticipate issuing a Monthly Solar Installation Report until we work through the backlog of Final As-built registrations which we anticipate will occur in June.

AEG is also exploring the timeframes for issuing the reports. Should we issue reports with a one month or two month lag or some other timeframe? As noted above, AEG strives to issue timely and accurate reports, however, the solar capacity installed in any given month is unknown to us until a Final As-built registration package is submitted. AEG is also exploring whether or not PTO dates could be provided by utilities which would eliminate the need to wait for a project to submit a Final As-built registration for the PTO date to be known.

These and other related issues will be discussed at the May 12th meeting of the RE Committee.