

April 3, 2009

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 06-NSHP-01

1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

To Whom It May Concern:

We are submitting the following questions and comments for the Staff Workshop on the Proposed Changes to the New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook.

The NSHP program has not received any reservations to date under the "solar as an option" program feature. Staff is soliciting stakeholder input on how to make this application process more attractive for applicants or whether it should be eliminated.

Please clarify. If solar is installed on a single home within a larger development where other home buyers could choose to add solar – does this count as a “solar as an option” applicant?

Does the developer need to pre-reserve for other homes?

If more than 10% or the homebuyers eventually decide they want solar, do they not qualify per NSHP rules?

Staff seeks input regarding the potential allowance of a wider azimuth range for the California Flexible Installation approach in conjunction with a revised default azimuth that represents a conservative performance level for this wider range. Staff is considering allowing an azimuth range of 90° to 270° with a default azimuth of 120°.

For California Flexible Installation criteria - please instead consider increasing the current azimuth range of 150° to 270° to allow an azimuth range of 120° to 300°, with a default azimuth of 180°.

Notification of a version change will be aligned with the public notification of the next incentive drop, and will allow a 30 day grace period after the new calculator is implemented to submit reservations using the previous calculator.

Please give more transparency into when the next incentive drop is expected to occur.

Regards,

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